



LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

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Minutes of Special General Meeting

21st September 2000

At 49 Rosebery Avenue

1. Present Joan Slow - chairing; Nick Brett ; Margaret Brown - sec ;
Audrey Bunn ; Margaret Dilley ; Marion Farmer ; Barbara Marriage ;
Diana Phelps ; Jean Walmsley ; Bob Walmsley - treasurer.
2. Apologies M.Field ; J.Floyd ; J.Jones ; M.Lawson ; G.Lawson ; G.Martin ;
J.Pengelly ; U.Pengelly.
3. Welcome The chairperson welcomed members and thanked Margaret Dilley for
her hospitality.
- 4 Secretary's Report 1) The minutes of the inaugural meeting (March 16th 2000)
were read and agreed/signed.
2) The Secretary reported on general progress since the
inaugural meeting (attached).
5. Treasurers Report A written Financial Statement was presented and explained
to members. After discussion it was agreed that the club should be viable at
about 35 members at which level it seems to be stabilising. There will probably
be about £200 available for improving equipment or extending sessions etc., plus
funds for insurance, administration etc.
6. Appointment of Auditor Suggestions were discussed and it was agreed that B.
W. would ask Mrs.M.Cliffe if she would agree to be nominated at the A.G.M., and
to audit the first 6th months account. If not, J.S. will ask Cllr.C.Hinchcliffe.
7. Constitution The secretary explained that the draft constitution was based
upon a Croquet Association model and it had been discussed and amended by the
club committee.
The meeting then approved the document paragraph by paragraph, making
further amendments as agreed. The final version is attached for information.
Secretary to check that the Croquet Association would offer support if
clause 8(d) had to be invoked (re-expulsion of member)
The adoption of the Constitution of the Club was formally proposed and
passed unanimously.
8. Confirmation/Appointment of Officers The secretary and treasurer were
confirmed in post, and Joan Slow agreed to act as chairperson, until the A.G.M.,
in November when elections will take place.
9. Confirmation/ appointment of committee members A.Bunn, M.Dilley and
J.Walmsley were confirmed as committee members. The Secretary outlined the need
for further members who could take on extra responsibilities as the club developed
and asked members to urge people to join the committee.
- 10 Future Plans A general discussion of plans for the future development of the
Club followed. The following points were agreed:-
 - a) The 1st A.G.M. will take place on November 16th. if possible
 - b) The proposed wine and cheese event will take place after the A.G.M.
The committee will organise the detailed arrangements, such as venue.

Barbara Marriage and Marion Farmer agreed to help on the committee in
relation to the above. B.M. will try to arrange a hall booking.

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c) Future playing sessions will be as this year plus a two hour session on Sunday afternoons which will improve the opportunities for younger working people to play. Those wishing to play Association Croquet should feel free to arrange with others to do so.

d) Shutter Keys. will be obtained and provided for all active full members who wish to hold one. The cupboard key will be stationed inside the Club's room.

e) If the Croquet Association offer a "preliminary - coaches" course, the club should attempt to ensure that some members take it so that new members may be properly introduced to the game.

f) The club should be able to enter regional competitions and take part in games (home and away) with neighbouring clubs next season.

In order to do this, someone needs to be appointed as Fixtures Secretary. This will be attempted at the A.G.M.

11. Any Other Business The coaching sessions had been much appreciated and further coaching was requested.

12. Chairpersons' Closing Remarks Joan hoped to be able to play regularly next season now that she has recovered from her fall. She is very pleased that the club has been established and thanked everyone involved in helping it to thrive. Thanks were expressed to the chairperson and to our hostess.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

M.J.Brown
Hon. Secretary

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Signed (Chairperson)

Date *13/6/02*