

LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on November 15th 2000 at Northall Village Hall

1. Present There were twenty seven members and guests present. We were pleased to be joined by Mrs L.Hindson, Leighton-Linslade Town Council and Mr J.Bevington from the Wrest Park Croquet Club.
2. Apologies were received from Mrs.I.Davis, Dr.J.Jones, Mrs.J.Lyons and Mrs.B.Weare.
3. Welcome Mrs.Joan Slow, chairing, welcomed everyone. A number of people who had made particular contributions to the formation of the club were thanked as were all the members who had played an active part, helping each other with understanding the rules and methods of play in what had been an enjoyable, exciting and successful first season.
4. Minutes of the Special General Meeting The minutes of 21st Sept. 2000 were read by the Secretary and agreed. They were signed as a correct record.
5. Treasurer's Report Copies of the audited accounts had been circulated. Some of the balance will be spent on sets of alternate coloured balls so that two games may be played concurrently. Membership fees for 2001 may be paid following this meeting. A reminder notice will be sent out early in the year so that fees are collected by the beginning of the season in April.  
Acceptance of the report and account was proposed by G.Lawson, seconded by I.Stevens and agreed.
6. Appointment of Auditor Thanks were expressed to Mrs.M.Cliffe who had audited this year's accounts. She has agreed to be nominated as auditor for 2001 and this was gratefully accepted.
7. Secretary's Report This had been circulated. There were no questions. M.Dilley proposed and D.Phelps seconded the adoption of the report and this was agreed.
8. Election of officers Chair - Joan Slow; Hon. Sec.- Margaret Brown; Hon. Treasurer - Bob Walmsley. There were no other nominations and the officers were elected by general agreement.
9. Election of General Committee Eight members had agreed to be nominated and were elected by general agreement. They are Eve Buckingham, Audrey Bunn, Margaret Dilley, George Lawson, Margaret Lawson, Irene Stevens, Peter Stevens, and Jean Walmsley. The need to appoint a "fixtures secretary" was raised and it is hoped that a volunteer can be found for this to assist the secretary.
10. Recommendation re - 2001 subscriptions Taking into consideration
  - i) the need to buy extra equipment
  - ii) the opening of an extra session at a cost of about £200 over the season
  - iii) the loss of some members
  - iv) the probability of being able to recruit a number of new members
  - v) the hopes that another grant could be obtainedthe treasurer recommended that we maintain the subscription at £35 for the 2001 season. After discussion, this suggestion was agreed.
11. 2001 Playing sessions Members will be given the opportunity to express their preferences for days/times of sessions before the first committee meeting.

12. Visitors The resolution proposed by Jean Walmsley was discussed and after seconding by Len Buckingham, was agreed as follows:-

"Members may invite their private guests to play. Children and full-time students shall be free. All other guests shall pay £2 per session. Names of such visitors must be entered in the visitors book" This does not alter the arrangement, previously agreed, whereby people wishing to "try the game" should pay £5 for 2 sessions before deciding whether to join.

13. Adoption of Handicap Scheme Martin Field had proposed that we adopt a handicap scheme but had agreed that this should be deferred until enquiries had been made from the Croquet Association about any official golf croquet handicapping method. Nick Brett pointed out that the information was available on the W.W.Web. The committee to look into this matter.

14. A.O.B. a) An appeal to assist the Hunstanton club, whose clubhouse has burnt down, was made. Tony Brown ran a 10p a time game to raise funds for them and a box for donations was provided.

b) The secretary has begun collecting archive material which was displayed for members.

c) The first meeting of the new committee will take place at 49, Rosebery Ave. (the home of Margaret Dilley) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th Feb 2001

15. Closing Remarks The Chairperson repeated our thanks to Linda Hindson and to the groundsmen. She also thanked John Bevington for his help with coaching and presented him with a token. Joan commented on all the enjoyment and friendships which had been engendered during this first year and hoped that the club will go from strength to strength in the coming year.

The meeting was then closed and a social evening followed.

T. I. Brown.  
Hon. Sec.

Signed B. Blow Chairman

Date 21. 11. 01