

## Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club

### Minutes of a General committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

1. Present: \_ George Lawson (Chair), Margaret Brown, Len Buckingham, Sally Clay, John Cundell, Erica Fogg, Edna Hickman, Val Jeffers, Richard Keighley, Diana Phelps.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 19/02/2004 were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:
  - a. Equipment. LB confirmed that both sets of hoops had been refurbished to a high standard. RK to write a letter of appreciation.
    - RK had written to EACF to enquire if the Club could buy the loan set, but no reply to date.
    - The urn had been installed. Problems being sorted out.
    - LB proposed to ask a friend to make a Club mallet to a high spec for inspection, which was agreed. If satisfactory, more could be ordered at a considerable saving.
  - b. Sports Council GL agreed to attend future meetings in his discretion.
  - c. A Golf Croquet Coaching Course for higher handicaps is to be held at Blewbury on 4<sup>th</sup> July.
4. Secretary's Report:
  - a. There was no relevant correspondence to report.
  - b. Newsletter. RK and JC proposed to publish the next edition towards the end of May. Future contributions most welcome.
5. Membership Secretary's Report:
  - a. 30 paid up members so far. All of 2003 membership except for Matthew(injured), Dorrie(moved away) and Joan Slow.
    - 1 new member, Catriona Spencer.
  - b. Come and Try on 2/5/04. 5 couples had been sent info. The event had been publicised in the local press, village newsletters and by posters.
  - c. U3A . The recruitment initiative had failed so far.
6. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Subs of £ 1305 had been received. Balance of Club Funds :£2155.90.
  - b. Expenses of £157.03 incurred. Equipment-£76.63 CA and EACF fees-£78.
  - c. Expense sheets requested.
7. Club Programme:
  - a. A soggy Opening day had still been enjoyable. Photos in LBO and Citizen. Linda Hindson, now

Deputy Town Clerk, had also attended and RK asked to write to her to appreciate her support of the Club.

- b. Catering arrangements discussed for Come and Try(VJ) and Friendly match on 9/5/04.
- c. Garden Party. DP very kindly offered to host this again on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August!

8. EACF Golf Croquet Handicap League.

- a. Our Club is in the South section with fixtures against Southchurch Park at Southend on 20<sup>th</sup> May, at home to Letchworth(18 or 11 June??) and away to Burnham on Crouch(w/b 12 July).
- b. Each match comprises 18 games. All games 13 point with a 30 min time limit. If draw, play for next hoop.

9. Friendlies:
- a. Versus Winslow at home on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, with the return on 5<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am.  
(Team: Judith and Una Pengelly, Peter Stevens and Margaret Brown. Reserve: Diana Phelps)
  - b. Versus Stony Stratford at home on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am, with the return on 13<sup>th</sup> July.
  - c. Versus Dunstable U3A on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at home, at 2.30pm.

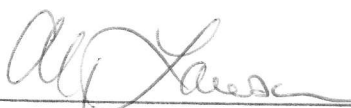
10. Tournaments:
- a. National Trust. 2 teams entered for Pairs competition at Anglesey Abbey on Saturday 10 July. Entry fee: £5.  
4 players entered for Singles at Ickworth on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Entry fee: £3 per pers
  - b. Grass Roots  
Minimum entry of 8 per Club, paying £5 each. Club rounds to be completed by 30 July. Area Final likely to be on 8<sup>th</sup> August with Grand Final on 12 Sept at Solihull. Closing date for entries: 26 May.  
Club play offs on 24<sup>th</sup> June, with 4 to go to Area Final.
  - c. Centre Stage. Similar to Grass Roots( handicaps 5/6) but for players with handicaps 1-5. Minimum group of 4, paying £6 each. Final: 11/09. Closing date: 26 May.

11. Publicity:
- a. Committee Members were advertising the Club's existence in local parish newsletters.
  - b. EF asked those taking part in Away fixtures to take some action snaps with disposable cameras.
  - c. CA had posters on their website available.

12. AOB:
- a. Rule Changes had been announced for Golf Croquet. Details for Noticeboard.

b. Linda Hindson had instructed the Groundsman to mow the cage.

17. Date of Next Committee Meeting: **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2004** at DP's home.  
The Chairman thanked Jean and Richard Keighley for their kind hospitality and the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

  
Chairman

2/6/04