

## Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club

### Minutes of a General committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2004.

1. Present: \_ George Lawson (Chair), Margaret Brown, Len Buckingham, John Cundell, Val Jeffers, Richard Keighley, Diana Phelps.
2. Apologies for absence: Sally Clay, Erica Fogg, Edna Hickman.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29/04/2004 were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
  - a. Equipment.
    - RK had sent letters of thanks in respect of the urn and the hoops.
    - Still no reply from EACF to proposal to buy the loan set of hoops. RK to e-mail and also ask about borrowing club mallets.
    - No progress in respect of making a club mallet.
  - b. Affiliate Club status.
    - For an annual fee of £25, any croquet club not a Member club of the Croquet Association in 2003 could apply for affiliate status. It was agreed to apply, but the decision would require ratification at AGM.
  - c. Linda Hindson.
    - A note of thanks had been sent to her.
5. Secretary's Report:
  - a. Correspondence.
    - Face East (with a report of the AGM of EACF)
    - The Pasque Charity(Keech Cottage).
  - b. Newsletter
    - RK and JC proposed to publish the next edition on or about 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Future contributions most welcome.
6. Membership Secretary's Report:
  - a. Come and Try on 2/5/04. 22 visitors had turned up, of which only 3 were not local. Interest was being followed up. A reduced sub would be offered as the season progresses.
  - b. The choice of dates for opening of season and Come and Try had been well received.
7. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Balance of Club Funds :£2116.34
  - b. Expenses of £263.03 incurred, including entrance fees for Grass Roots and NT-Ickworth which were recoverable from those playing.
8. Club Programme:
  - a. Coaching. It was agreed to raise this at the AGM with a view to arranging a coaching session early next season, if sufficient interest.
  - b. Garden Party.To start at 3pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Members to pay £2.50- no charge for their guests. Raffle in aid of Keech Cottage. Forms to go out with July Newsletter.

9. EACF Golf Croquet Handicap League.

- a. First match against Southchurch Park at Southend on 20<sup>th</sup> May had been won 11-7. Report in LBO.
- b. Home fixture against Letchworth on 11 June. Team selected of Eve and Len Buckingham, Sally Clay and Judith Cundell. John Cundell to be Scorer and Timekeeper. George Lawson to be referee. Afternoon tea to be provided.
- c. Next fixture away to Burnham on Crouch on 6th July.

10. Friendlies:
- a. Match v Winslow at home on 9<sup>th</sup> May had been won 6-5. Return on 5<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am.
  - b. Match v Stony Stratford at home on 9<sup>th</sup> June postponed to Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. Away match still on 13/7.
  - c. Dunstable U3A on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at home, at 2.30pm.

11. Tournaments: a. National Trust

- Pairs teams of VJ/DP and MB/SC selected for Anglesey Abbey on Saturday 10 July. Entry fee: £5.
- 3 players accepted for Singles at Ickworth on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Team ; MB, VJ and DP/SC to play off. Res. RK. Entry fee: £3 per person

b. Grass Roots

A team of 8 had been entered, at a fee of £5 per player. Club play offs on 24<sup>th</sup> June, with at least 4 to go to Area Final.

- c. All England Handicap. A team of 4 entered by RK with a minimum of 1 to go to Area Final on 14 August. Any Club play offs by 23 July.

12. Publicity: Those involved in matches/tournaments encouraged to prepare short reports for LBO and Newsletter.

13. Frequency of Committee meetings. RK questioned the need for so many full meetings once the season was underway. Small sub-committees for team selection and catering might suffice. Some support for this proposal, but...

14. Date of Next Committee Meeting: **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2004** at GL's home at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked Diana Phelps for her kind hospitality and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

*Ally Hayes*  
29/7/04