

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Minutes of General Committee Meeting 27.02.03

1. Present M.Brown(sec.),L.Buckingham (treas.),A.Bunn,Jn.Cundell,R.Keighley, U.Pengelly.
2. Apologies D.Phelps,V.Jeffers,G.Lawson,J.Slow.
A card to be sent to Joan who is ill. L.B.agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of the chairman.
3. Minutes of 28.8.02 Agreed as a correct record and signed.
4. Matter Arising Wall-planner - M.B. had been unable to obtain this. A.B. will obtain one. This to be used to list matches,tournaments and Club events.
5. AGM-Matters Arising a)Two officers to join Croquet Assoc.as non-tournament members - Agreed G.L. to be asked with R.K. as reserve. M.B. to be 2nd. member. b)Publicity Leaflet. Julian Brown to be thanked by Chairman ;he has supplied 400 copies. M.B. to supply and attach stickers. c)Club Trophy L.B. will continue to look for sponsor. Cost circa 60-100 pounds.If unsuccessful the Club could purchase a trophy. d)Venue Research. L.B. tabled a summary comparing Page's Park,Aylesbury Vale Golf Club,Leighton Middle school and Dunstable Cricket Club. ~~He~~ ^{The committee} concluded that P's P. was the best option and it was noted that AVGClub would offer accommodation in case of emergency.

Correction

6. Secretary's Report a)Correspondence.Items from the Mayor,Blue Diamond Cruise Club,Sport England courses,clothing supplier and Beds. Libraries data-base were tabled. b)E.A.Croquet Federation.i)AGM and Conference at Bury-St.-Edmunds on 16th March. R.K. Agreed to attend as Club rep.. ii)Membership fee due-£15.iii)Information re tournaments received and passed on to A.B.
b)Newsletter.Thanks to John Fogg who printed the Jan. edition.No. 2 to be circulated during March.
c)Membership. 7 paid-up members so far. M.Field has resigned, M.B. rang to express regrets.
7. Treasurer's Report a)Bank Account. Balance approx.£683.L.B. still trying to get a copy of the monthly statement sent directly to him - both go to the sec. at present. b)Raffle at AGM raised £63.20 (£44 in 2002) c)Sessional Rent. L.L.Town Council have agreed an hourly rent of £2.00 for the lawns during 2003. d)Expense claims should in future be made on a pro-forma upon the advice of the auditor.L.B. has prepared these. e)Insurance Certificate. has been issued,dated September and will therefore be renewable towards the end of the season. f)It was Agreed that membership fees for 2003 be paid to EACF (£15) and LL Sports Council (£5).

8. The Croquet Association a)Renewal/membership forms,fixtures calender and regulations for tournaments have been received. b)Invitation to consultation conference at Cheltenham on 9th March received.Unfortunately no-one present available to attend.

c)Legal Status of Sports Clubs. Document outlines an alternative to Registered Charitable status for "Community Amateur Sports Clubs". This would be useful if the Club wished to raise public funds for a project. d)Child Protection.The C.A. Advisory document was briefly discussed. If under 18's do become members then it was Agreed the Club should adopt a policy on the matter. A discussion the arose about members taking non-related/non-member children around our lawns as an introduction. Such children are not covered by our insurance.It was Agreed that we advise our members that only children with a responsible adult be allowed to play- this advice be published in the newsletter. Meanwhile R.K. will sound other Member Clubs out when he attends the EACF AGM. When our Club takes part in events organised by other groups, we need to check that their insurance covers unaccompanied children 'having a go'.

9. L.L.Sport's Council We have continued to be represented at these monthly meetings. Next one is March 3rd. Useful for contacts and information at times. It was Agreed that L.B. should apply for a grant to purchase some more stacking chairs.

10. Future Programme a) Opening Session. i) Agreed to be Sunday 13th April, 2.30 - 5.00p.m. Mayor (or dep.) to be asked to 'strike the first ball'.
ii) Lawns/equipment. L.B. will negotiate with park-keeper re marking out. M.B. will book lawns and prepare clubroom. E. and L.B. will purchase cups, plates etc. for season from the wholesaler.
iii) Invitations/refreshments. It was Agreed that only members with their friends/potential members be invited. Refreshments therefore to be simple - e.g. tea and cake. A.B., U.P. and others will help with this.
iv) Pavilion. M.B. will speak to L. Hindson about its use if necessary on this occasion and at the 'Open Session' (see c) below).

b) Sessions 2003. Agreed these to be as last year i.e. Wed/Thurs. 10-12 noon, Sat. 2.00-5.00pm and Sun. 2.30-4.30pm.

c) Come and Try Session. Agreed to hold this on Sunday May 11th 2.30-5.00pm. Charge £2 Tea and light refreshments to be organised by A.B. and group of volunteers. Children, with responsible adult, free of charge.

d) Matches and Tournaments. A.B. kindly agreed, once again, to act as fixtures secretary for which she was warmly thanked. The following were Agreed i) Dunstable U3A away on July 19th. ii) Stony Stratford to be invited for a Wed. or Thurs. in June. iii) Other Clubs. R.K. to note any nearby clubs which would like a match, Luton U3A (whom we played in 2000) is a possibility. iv) Grass Roots Tournament A.B. will be contacted direct this year.

v) EACF National Trust Tournaments. If there is competition about places there could be a play-off to send the best players. Dates are:- Anglesey Abbey, doubles, Sat. July 12th/Ickworth, singles, Sunday 7th Sept.

vi) All-England Golf Croquet Handicap. We shall register a team of four. Area heats will be 18/19th August, finals at Wrest Pk. 22nd/23rd Sept. M.B. to register our entry with the CA " £3 per player.

11) Publicity a) Tiddenfoot Open Day. March 2nd M.B. to set up a table from about 9a.m. L.B. and others might be able to attend at times during the day to speak with the public.

b) Leaflet. Two copies to go to each member for recruitment purposes. Extra copies for libraries to A.B. (Stewkley), R.K. (Wing), M.B. (L.B) to L.B. for sports shops, J.C. for Sports Centres. M.B. will send, with letter, to Middle and Upper Schools sports staff.

c) Newspapers/Council Publications and databases. M.B. and J.C. to contribute to these as appropriate. *U.P. to contact U3A Newsletter* ← 6

12. Any Other Business a) Short Croquet Leaflet. J.C. to scan several copies for the info. of members.

b) Golf Croquet Coaches Course. To be held at Edgbaston on 12th and 13th April. L.B. interested, members to be informed as we need some more Club Coaches. (Book with Jennet Blake 01865 882838)

c) Referee courses. Bill Arliss will organise a course locally for 6 or more people. *if requested.*

13. Date of next Meeting Thursday 1st May, 7.30pm at Audrey Bunn's home.

Thanks were expressed to Eve and Len and the meeting closed at about 10p.m.

Signed Alf Jones

Chairman

Date 1/5/03