

# Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club

## Minutes of General Committee Meeting 12.6.03

1. Present M. Brown, L. Buckingham, A. Bunn, J. Cundell, V. Jeffers, G. Lawson, D. Phelps.
2. Apologies R. Keightley, U. Pengelly, J. Slow.
3. Minutes of 1.05.03 Corrections a) J. Cundell was present b) Item 9 c) v. Delete 'jumble sale' - add 'raffle'. The minutes were then signed as a correct record.
4. Matters Arising
  - a) Chairman has joined the Croquet Association
  - b) Joan Slow has donated 2 small silver cups to be used as Club trophies. It was Agreed to use these for award at the AGM's to best singles and best doubles players. L.B. is to enquire about the cost of erasing the lettering. New bases will be required. Sincere thanks were expressed to Joan for her generosity.
  - c) Press secretary. Una Pengelly to be consulted by secretary regarding the extent of this role.
  - d) Refreshment supplies. Eve Buckingham is willing to deal with supply of materials (plates/cups/tea/coffee etc.) for everyday use. L.B. to convey our thanks.
  - e) 'Come and Try' session. £26 was paid by visitors. One temporary member joined. Two more are possible eventually. This was agreed to be an enjoyable event with public value.
5. Secretary's Report
  - a) Correspondence. Eleven items were reported to the committee. It was Agreed to try to book Northall Village Hall for the AGM on Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> November.
  - b) Membership. Five people have recently re-joined bringing the total to 31 (inc. 1 Junior) Attendances are down, especially on Thursdays.
  - c) Newsletter. Agreed another to be produced following this meeting in order to keep all members informed. Cost was briefly discussed. J. Cundell was thanked for his contributions of photographs and results. A Bunn Agreed to write short article on the Stony Stratford match.
  - d) Publicity. Items had been sent to local newspapers (sports editors). Contacts made with i) Dunstable USA to poss. recruit members and ii) Luton USA's croquet group; organiser identified and passed to A. Bunn for contact.
  - e) Miscellaneous i) Minutes archive. Several comm. members offered to provide a 'secure' file for these. It was Agreed not to stick them in a hardback book. ii) Archives. Erica + John Fogg continue to maintain archive materials and present it for the AGM etc. iii) Sec. is preparing outline 'job descriptions' for memb. sec./sec./newsletter editor etc. to assist when these tasks are handed over. iv) borrowing hoops + balls for practice at home. J.C. to prepare a notice and to oversee this matter. Only wire hoops and old set of balls to be used this way. v) J.C. will supply copies of photos for 20p (to Club funds)
6. Treasurer's Report
  - a) Financial situation. Len circulated copies of balance sheet. Income £1,839.01 Expenditure £328.33, with some recent changes not yet included.
  - b) Bank has changed to Alliance and Leicester.
  - c) Equipment i) 10 chairs @ £2.99 purchased ii) Tables to be obtained iii) Urn - no action iv) Gazebo - discussed but no definite information and no decision made. v) R.K. had provided a 2nd kettle and was thanked. v) L.B. to research cost of substantial sun-shade/umbrella for use at events.

Minutes Continued (Treasurer's Report)

d) keys Five available - new members may have one for a £2.50 deposit.

7. East Anglian C. Fed a) Newsletter and Directory of Clubs received and displayed  
 b) Coaching help may be arranged. Sec. to enquire further. Agreed  
 ask for sessions on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Wed/or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> August if possible.  
 c) Grants for equipment may also be available. Sec. to write for info.  
Agreed to ask for set of hoops for lawn 2 to replace those loaned by L+E.B.
8. L.L. Sports Council a) G.L. reported on recent meetings. Our Club has been granted £100 for chairs and tables. Agreed L.B. to attend the awards ceremony to receive the cheque (16.6.03) @ 7pm. Young players etc. of promise may submit applications for equipment. This could apply to M.H. who would benefit from a good mallet.  
 b) The Club had been advised to contact chairs of P.T.A.'s at schools, also School-Council chairs to offer demonstrations/trial sessions for pupils. Agreed i) to try to identify these folk and ii) to approach them at the beginning of the Spring Term in order to try to recruit more young players (or parents!)
9. Future Events a) Fixtures and Entries A. Bunn summarised all the entries for matches and tournaments. Nat. Trust (Anglesey Abbey) 2 players / Stony Stratford away 8 players / Dunstable 8 players / N. Trust Ickworth 5 players.  
 b) A team of 4 have been entered for All England G.C. Handicap. R.K. and D.P. are keen. Others available to play should be offered the opportunity. Regional play-offs Aug 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> and finals at West Park Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>.  
Agreed we need to identify our 4 best available players and they must have handicaps set.  
 c) Grass-roots i) Play-off for our team of 8 to take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. ii) Regional match on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Northampton iii) Final at Solihull 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
 d) Club Knock-out Competition Singles Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. [if wet following week]  
 Doubles Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> "  
 Entries by Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.  
 e) Luton U3A Agreed A.B. to invite them for one Wed. am. session in August or Sept. Eleveners but no lunch provided.  
 f) "Come and Try" - no further session this season.
10. Club Development a) Coaching - see 7 b) above  
 b) Handicap setting - J.C./L.B. to arrange this on 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Agreed Notice in Newsletter.  
 c) Referee training - G.L./R.K. and I. Davis, only interested.  
Agreed sec. to send names + thanks to Bill Artiss
11. Any Other Business a) V.J. offered larger notice-board. b) Garden Party. L.B. to provide tickets £2.50. He suggested vol's meet at library to plan. c) Raffle for Keech Cottage Ch's Hospice to be organised by M.B. + T.B. Donations of prizes welcomed. d) Garden games - committee members offered.
12. Next Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7, Taylor's Ride. 7.15 for 7.30 pm.  
 Thanks were expressed to Diana and Jim for hospitality and meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed The Clerk

Chair

Date 18/09/03