

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 18.09.03

1. Present M. Brown/L. Buckingham/A. Bunn/J. Cundell/V. Jeffers/D. Phelps
2. Apologies R. Keighley/G. Lawson/U. Pengelly
3. Minutes of 12.06.03 - Agreed.
4. Matters Arising:-
  - 4b Silver cups are being refurbished in Sheffield and should be ready for the AGM.
  - 5a Hall booking for AGM to be confirmed - Wednesday 19th Nov.
  - 5e Loans of Town Council hoops and balls. J.C. to put up notice re this. It was noted that these wire hoops and two sets of balls remain the property of the Town Council.
- 10.6 Handicapping. J.C. reported that 23 players are 'h.capped' so far. Problems have arisen when playing in competitions as other clubs' methods differ. J.C. suggested that more handicap games be played at the Club next year. It was Agreed to place this matter on the agenda of the first 2004 Committee meeting.

11b Garden party raffle proceeds sent to Pasque Children's Hospice fund. Letter of thanks received for £50.

5. Secretary's Report
  1. Correspondence re coaching - no response/hoops borrowed from EAC Federation with a view to purchase later.
  2. Membership. Is now 35, inc. 2 temporary and 2 non-playing members. D. Skennerton will be moving shortly. Attendances have been, until end of August, Wed 226/Thurs 126/Sat. 180/Sun 188.
  3. Publicity. Just one item in local papers, no photos.
  4. Lawn Bookings. 2hrs booked for am Sat 20th Sept./First two weeks of Oct. still under discussion.
  5. Newsletter. Short N.L. to go out re results and prep. for AGM asap.

Treasurer's Report. 1. Financial Situation. L. outlined the situation and passed around a statement. Income so far £2,166.51/Expenditure £937.38. Balance at bank £1229.13. There was a discussion about the way food is financed at events e.g. the garden Party. A.B. felt we should revert to members bringing individual contributions in agreement with the catering group. After discussion it was AGREED that we should remain flexible according to circumstance. The possibility of obtaining a lease from the Council for the lawns was raised but AGREED not to follow this up at present. The committee AGREED that we recommend the membership fee and sessions remain unchanged for 2004.

2. Equipment. L. is following up purchase of a small fridge for the clubroom. The matter of a large vacuum flask for events was raised.

3. Audit of Accounts. Sec. had asked that the audited accounts be available in time to go out with the AGM papers 21 days before the meeting. L. explained that this was probably not possible and that they would have to be distributed at the meeting.

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Fixtures . A.B. reported on the completed programme. She felt that matches against other local clubs had been particularly enjoyed. It was AGREED to contact other clubs to widen this feature of our Club programme. A match with Dunstable U3A has been provisionally booked for 3rd July at P's Park. Audrey is stepping down from this role and the committee. She was thanked for all her work. R.K. has agreed to take on booking matches and competition entries in 2004. Teams for matches will be arranged by a mixture of signing up and play-offs as circumstances warrant. M.B. felt that, although we should send good players to matches it should not exclude the less able. It was AGREED that the handicap system should assist in this.

Knockout Competition. 1/3 of members had signed up. J.C. has distributed timetables of the matches.

7. AGM Arrangements 1) Job Descriptions. M.B. distributed notes on the roles of Sec./Memb. Sec./Newsletter and Publicity officer for consideration and information. It was AGREED that these be separate to make the Sec's job more manageable. There was a general discussion about officials and committee-members for 2004. Several people are to be approached informally. ALL members are invited to stand for election. Most members of the committee are willing to stand again but a new secretary is required. J.C. would be willing to produce the newsletter but a compiler will be needed. M.B. is willing to retain membership sec. job.

2) Proposal. It was AGREED to put the following to the AGM "It is proposed that anyone who enters a competition on behalf of the Club will normally be expected to pay the entry fee."

3) The contentious matter of entry fees for play-off events (e.g. Grass Roots) to be referred to the new committee. AGREED

4) Meeting to start at 7.30. Invited guests were listed.

8. End of Season Party V.J. and group will arrange food. T. Brown to be asked to run raffle. L.B./M.B. and D.P. will provide games and quizzes.

9 Any Other Business 1. Hitting out of sequence - need to sort out ruling before the knockout competition.

2. J.C. suggested that an extra comm. meeting is needed mid-season e.g. early July. Refer to new committee.

The meeting ended at 9.30 with thanks to J.C. for chairing and to Margaret and George Lawson for their hospitality. We all wished George a speedy recovery.

Signed

*Alf Laws* - Chairman

Date

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