



# LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 At 1pm - Page's Park pavilion

**Committee Members present:** -David Ball (chairman), Roger Stroud (secretary), John Cundell, Malcolm Kirby, John Thorp, Sheila Guest, Sally Clay

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

David welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:50.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

Have been received from Len, Eve, Ross & Peter.

#### 3. Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015

There were no queries about the Minutes of the March meeting so David duly signed a copy of the minutes.

#### 4. Matters arising & review of Actions (if not included below)

An action carried out since the last Committee Meeting was to write to the Council (email to Ian Haynes) regarding the on-going issues of: -

##### **a) Parking cars close to the pavilion**

There was a general discussion and the committee feels that we need the position on this issue clarified. Comments made indicate that it seems acceptable to the Council to drive a car to the pavilion to drop off people / equipment but not acceptable to park the vehicle in Pages Park.

The committee generally felt that lockable posts should be installed to stop general access to the park with a key to clubs who use the park and Council staff who maintain the park.

##### **b) Footballs landing on the croquet lawns as a safety issue to our members**

This is still an on-going problem.

The committee agreed that Roger will again write to the Council (Town Clerk) requesting clarification of the pavilion parking issue and a resolution to the problem about footballs.

#### 5. Reports: -

##### **5.1 Secretary's report including correspondence to Club**

###### **5.1.1 Borrow two balls**

Roger asked if he could borrow two croquet balls since the purchase of two new sets of secondary balls gives us two spare sets of older balls.

This was accepted by the committee provided that the balls are signed for in a suitable book.

#### 5.1.2 Payment to the website service provider

Roger said that he is currently experiencing difficulty in setting up a Direct Debit for the monthly payment to '1and1', the website service provider. John C suggested that this should be set up using our club bank account. Roger said that he would like to sort out the current issues first and then he will contact the Treasurer to take steps to moving the Direct Debit to our club bank account.

#### **5.2 Treasurer's report**

John C handed out the accounts print produced by Len as at 10th June and there were no queries.

#### **5.3 Membership Secretary's Report**

John C presented the report and said that we have 48 members.

Malcolm said that he knows some people who are interested and will pursue their interest.

David said that Peter & Jackie Cole will be moving out of the area end of June and will request a pro-rata refund of a portion of their membership fee for 2015. John C said that this will be calculated at the time.

## **6. Fixtures: -**

### **6.1 League Matches**

John T said that this is all sorted out.

### **6.2 B Level**

This tournament is on Saturday 20th June. John C, who is organising it is arranging for the setting up of the lawns, facilities etc to start at 7:30am on the morning. John also said that there are 14 entries arranged into two blocks of seven and that members from the same club and husbands & wives have been put into separate blocks.

There will be lawn practice from 9:00am with a planned start of 9:15, and that it will be a busy day. The general arrangement will be that there will be no formal break for lunch and is allowing for 45 mins per match where there is no double banking and 50 mins where there is double banking.

### **6.3 C Level**

This is planned for Friday July 17th and John C said that the general arrangements will be the same as the B-Level tournament with a maximum of 12 players. The current status is that 9 players have enrolled with a possibility of 2 more players.

### **6.4 Friendlies**

John T said that most Friendlies have been already arranged except for the Friendly against Northampton - John said that he needs to speak to Marilyn (Northampton match arranger).

John also said that names are required for the Friendly against Buckingham CC on July 20th.

## **7. Lawns Maintenance**

John T said that we will put a lot of top dressing on Lawn 2 and that there is a need to aerate lawn 3 regularly.

## 8. Tables

The committee agreed that we would buy new tables and that we would ask Ross where the best price can be obtained when he gets back from holiday. In the meantime John T would also investigate prices.

## 9. Any other business

### **9.1 Len (raised by John C as Len is not at the meeting)**

#### 9.1.1 Microwave Oven

Len suggested we hold off re purchase of a microwave oven as he has may well have access to one shortly. If not - it was agreed by the committee that we will buy it in the near future.

#### 9.1.2 Replacement yellow Jacques Ball

Len questioned whether we need a third separate set of balls as the third lawn is only used infrequently and it would be possible to use one of the Dawson sets. After discussion it was agreed that we should purchase a new set of Sunshiny balls primary balls.

### **9.2 Roger**

Roger said that to encourage members viewing our web site he will put a competition on the web site with a prize.

### **9.3 David**

David said that there are no biscuits in our clubroom for members to have with their tea / coffee. John C pointed out that there are many packets of biscuits in our pavilion storage and explained to David where they are stored.