



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 17th August 2016

At 1pm - Page's Park pavilion

Committee Members: -Malcolm Kirby (chairman), Roger Stroud (secretary), Len Buckingham (treasurer), John Cundell, Mary Kemp, John Thorp, Ross Bagni, Sheila Guest, Sally Clay, Val Jeffers

Minutes

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

3. Minutes of meeting held on 1th June 2016

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

5. Reports: -

5.1 Secretary's report including correspondence to Club

Roger explained that he had sent several emails to the Town Clerk (Mark Saccoccio) and although Mark had replied to each one we were no further forward in arranging an initial meeting regarding our new licence. It was agreed by the committee that Roger would ring Mark to try to move it forward.

5.2 Treasurer's report

Len said that we had made about £230 from hiring our lawns out

5.3 Membership Secretary's Report

John C reported that our membership was back up to 45, having picked up some new members from Dunstable. John added that most new members come from personal contact.

6. New fence & other outstanding work

There has been positive comments from everyone regarding our new fence.

Malcolm is following up the problem that some youths are climbing over our gates by discussing with Ian Haynes use of sticky, non-dry paint on top of the gates.

Malcolm is also continuing to discuss the provision of steps down to lawn 3 which is recognised as a potential hazard.

Ian Haynes has found two benches within their yards and has asked us if we would like them and where do we want them?

7. Fixtures: -

7.1 Murphy Shield

John C has arranged with Guildford (our opponents in the final) on the date of 20th September; this has to be confirmed with Surbiton, the neutral lawns where the final will be played. John added that Surbiton has seven lawns and a good clubhouse.

Our team planned for this final is David, John C, Jean & Richard.

7.2 League Matches

John T reported that we have not done well this season.

7.3 Friendlies

John T reported that these matches have gone well this year and we have had players who have never played matches before this season. In addition, John had organised a draw for partners which was liked by most players.

8. Lawn Maintenance

A general discussion by the committee revealed that many decisions are dependent upon the terms in our new lease. Also, that we will probably need some top dressing

9. Club Open Day

After some discussion, there was a reluctance to use the marqui as the main room in the pavilion could be used by people if necessary. The date agreed was Saturday 3rd September from 10am to 4pm. John C said that he will circulate an email to all members

Malcolm said that he will ring David regarding food arrangements.

John T suggested that it would be worth putting up a sign near rail station to the croquet lawns. Also, there is a big notice board in Astral Park where we may be able to put a sign for our club.

10. Any other business

10.1 Len

Regarding the post of Treasurer, there are no volunteers yet.

10.2 Malcolm

Malcolm suggested an idea to have a stall in town centre when there is an opportunity?

Meeting closed at 2pm