



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 6th September 2017 At 2pm - Page's Park pavilion

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

Minutes

1. Welcome

At 2pm we had a presentation by the two ladies (Antonella & Louise) who are starting up the 'Pages Play Cafe' using the pavilion main room as a base.

The club will be predominantly a play club for young children with possible involvement of grandparents on a Wednesday afternoon.

Len suggested making the Wednesday social club 9.30 to 11.30 so that the room can be prepared for the new club. This was agreed.

2. Apologies for absence

All present

3. Minutes of meeting held on 9th August 2017

The minutes were signed by Malcolm as a true record of the meeting.

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

There were no matters arising.

5. Reports: -

5.1 Secretary's report including correspondence to Club

Nothing to report.

5.2 Treasurer's report

Mary has had meetings with the bank concerning removing her private details from the club's account which has been resolved successfully. She will prepare a statement describing these for committee members including current balances.

5.3 Membership Secretary's Report

John C reported that we currently have 46 members and that almost all new members have resulted from personal contact.

6. New Licence

John C reported that Roger was initially following up with the Council (Ian Haynes) and whilst sending several emails and phone messages was not successful in getting a response. Latterly, this has been followed up by Malcolm with several emails - whilst not getting a specific response, Ian has acknowledged that he is aware of the need for him to do it.

Malcolm will shortly send Ian a gentle reminder.

7. New Shelters

The new shelters with their purpose fitted bases have been erected and the exterior has now been painted. Shortly, the interior of each shelter will be painted with matt clear.

John C will circulate note re painting the huts interior - 12th Sep 9.30am.
Len has obtained quotes for signs to be affixed to the shelters. He is also getting quotes for covers for the huts during the winter. After discussion it was felt both these options were not required. Some members feel that a coat peg in the shelter may be useful. Malcolm agreed to obtain these for fixing on 12th September.

8. Fixtures: -

8.1 League Matches

All completed except for the level league match at Enfield on 18th September.

John T did comment about unusual handicap levels in some clubs.

8.2 Friendlies

Have been a great success and enjoyed by all taking part.

Two further friendly's at Northampton & Chelmsford.

9. Lawn Maintenance

John C reported that we are looking to the second week in October for our members to scarify the areas of the lawns damaged by our mistakes at the beginning of the season. This to be scheduled for Tuesday 10th October. The necessary materials have been requested from Ian Haynes. John T described how we can further level our lawns using a combination of sand / topsoil and a ladder.

10. Club Garden Party & Fun Day

John C reported that the final figure will be for 36 attending. Val added that we will cater for 40. John C also said that we ought to do tea & coffee in the pavilion as well as the food; the decision not to do tea & coffee last year caused some chaos.

The event starts at 10am and ends at 4pm with lunch about 12.30 - 1.00pm.

11. Sports Council

Roger said that we have received two reports from Tom, our representative on the Sports Council and added that Tom does this job each year maintaining our club profile on the Sports Council. In addition, each year we usually get a grant from the Sports Council which is welcome revenue. Roger added that we should congratulate Tom at our AGM for the excellent job that he does for us.

12. AGM

Roger said that our AGM is only a few weeks away so preparations are already being made. Northall Village Hall was booked for the event in early 2017 and Mary will be looking at the correspondence to check on the arrangements for collecting the key.

Roger will shortly be asking Mary and Malcolm for the treasurer's and chairman's reports to include in the information pack which is sent out to each member.

13. Any other business

13.1 Sheila

Sheila commented that there is some confusion about the dates for the singles & doubles tournaments at the end of September. The doubles will be on the 30th September and the singles on the 23rd September. John C apologised for the mistake. He added that because of the number of players both events are likely to be two day events.

13.2 John Cundell

John said that both the John Fogg trophy and the LJB 70+ trophy are up for review as we rarely get enough interest for players to take part. John suggested that we think about whether we still want these competitions and if so, the format they should take. There was a general discussion about having a season long singles knock-out tournament and Ross offered to organise it for the 2018 season.

13.3 Mary

Mary said that as the year end is approaching, all expenses should be sent to her as soon as possible. John C will request this in the next newsletter.

13.4 John Thorp

Need help on 'setting up' for the singles & doubles competitions. For these competitions John C will give a time when it is known how many players there are. John T added that it is important that the swisher is used every time we come up & play if there are wormcasts present.

13.5 Ross

Northampton won the A-B trophy and the money raised went to 'Breast Friends' charity.

13.6 Sally

Sally commented that there are some players who do not stick to our 'drawn peg' system for social play. John C added that if a new member is drawn to play in a singles, maybe it might be better to swap so the new member plays with an experienced player in a doubles match.

Sheila added that she would like 'Lawn Etiquette' to be improved by non-players walking round the edge of the lawn rather than across it.

13.7 Malcolm

Malcolm raised the subject of the social club - John C said that the start date will be in the next newsletter.

The meeting was closed at 4.10pm.