



# LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
At 7.30pm - Page's Park pavilion

Committee Members present: -Malcolm Kirby (chairman), Roger Stroud (secretary), John Cundell, Judith Pengelly, John Thorp, Ross Bagni, Sally Clay

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome

Malcolm opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed committee members to our second committee meeting of 2018.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Sheila Beal, Val Jeffers & Mary Kemp.

### 3. Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

There were no comments about these minutes so Malcolm signed and dated a copy of the minutes.

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

Malcolm said that he is due to see David Ball regarding our selling the large marquis.

### 5. Reports: -

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

Roger said that he had confirmed with the Council regarding the Mayor carrying out our official opening on Saturday 7th April. Roger also confirmed that the pavilion room has been booked for all our 2018 committee meetings & our AGM in November.

Relating to correspondence received from EACF league organisers, the 3+ league rules are now acceptable - we had sent comments to the league organisers regarding the previous version of the rules for this competition.

#### 5.2 Treasurer's report

In Mary's absence, John C reported that Mary has paid all outstanding bills and is up to date with social club funds. John also reported on the various recent discussions regarding the use of a Sports Council grant. The Sports Council has a rule that grants cannot be used as revenue; Tom has been working closely with John C regarding the use of a grant to help purchase a set of competition balls which cost £750 - a grant of £400 would be of great assistance. Mary has completed the required grant application form to the Sports Council.

#### 5.3 Membership Secretary's Report

John C reported on behalf of Judith Cundell - it looks as though we will have 43 members of which 24 have so far paid their membership for 2018.

### 6. Opening Day (7th April)

Roger confirmed that the Mayor, Councillor Syed Rahman is booked to carry out our official opening. John C reminded us that on that day we will wear whites.

## 7. Fixtures: -

### 7.1 Murphy Shield

John C said that we have entered this tournament and in our first round we will be playing either High Wycombe or Roehampton in May. If we win our first round we could be playing Guildford in our next round.

### 7.2 B-Level

John C (who organises this event) said that we have 12 positions and currently 14 applicants. The new ruling means that regarding selection, on the designated allocation date, the 12 to be selected will be based on those applicants with the highest index.

### 7.3 C-Level

John C reported that entry details for this competition will be sent out in April.

### 7.4 League Matches

John T reported that he cannot make progress until league organisers send info on teams & dates which will not be until after the EACF AGM later this month. John also added that we have entered in the new competition, the 3+ league. Ross said that he will organise either the 3+ or handicap league

### 7.5 Friendlies

John T reported that we have booked an away friendly with High Wycombe.

## 8. Lawn Maintenance

John C said that we need in the next 3 weeks to clean the clubroom, have the lawns mowed and mark the lawns out and proposed that we get as many volunteers to come to the lawns on Tuesday 20th March at 9.30am. John went on to say that the Council groundsman, Doug, has been unable so far to mow the lawns due to the recent weather. John also described the water damage problem in the clubroom where rain is getting in above the flashing. When the weather improves we need to re-seat one of the scorers huts.

## 9. Newsletter / Membership Forms & renewals

John C reported that the second newsletter of 2018 would be circulated to members within a few days and that the playing session times do now show '10 onwards' for Wed & Thurs.

## 10. Annual Lunch

Malcolm reported that for our annual lunch there are 32 people and confirmed that the timing is 12.30 to sit down at 1pm. Malcolm also explained that there is no prior table allocation and on arrival you get your place card and put it where you want to sit.

## 11. Any other business

### 11.1 John Cundell

John C and Ross Bagni spoke about the new season-long knockout competition. Ross agreed to set up the competition details which would be included in the newsletter. He also agreed to police the event. It was agreed that the competition would be awarded The Peter Davis Memorial Trophy to be kindly donated by Irene Davis. John also gave the dates for the remaining Wednesday Social meetings.

Malcolm agreed to contact Ian Haynes concerning a contact promised to us in January to be made by a consultant appointed by the Town Council, to discuss our requirements concerning future development of the Pavilion. To date no contact has as yet occurred.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

