



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

2018 - 19th Annual General Meeting

Minutes

1. Welcome by the Chairman

Malcolm opened the meeting at 7.30pm, welcoming everyone who had come especially in such bad weather.

2. Receive apologies for absence

Roger had received apologies from Tom Miller, Enid Miller, Irene Davis, David & Lyn Thompson, Len & Eve Buckingham and Shelagh Bagni.

An attendance sheet had been passed around showing that there were 26 members present, plus our auditor, Graham Crick.

3. Approve minutes of the 18th AGM (10.11.2017)

Malcolm asked the members if there were any queries with the minutes of the 2017 AGM.

There were no queries so Malcolm signed a copy of the minutes.

David Ball proposed that we accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting; this was seconded by Ronnie Richardson and members agreed with the acceptance.

4. Adopt reports of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (inc. Annual Accounts)

The reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer had been circulated to all members during October - Roger said that we have an expectation that members will have read these reports, so the Officers are not going to read them out at this meeting.

Malcolm said that in addition to his report he thinks that 2019 is going to be an exciting year for us if the proposed building development goes ahead. We have a copy of the latest plans here on a table for members to look at if they wish.

Malcolm then passed over to Mary, our Treasurer. Mary said that the final audited accounts had been circulated to members and asked members if they wished to raise anything. Ross Bagni said he had noticed that there was an expenditure of £50 for the cost of hall hire for the AGM, whereas we get the main room in the pavilion at no cost. Mary explained that the £50 refers to the cost for Northall Village Hall in November 2017 as the invoice was paid during the 2017 / 18 financial year.

Ross also commented that we had paid two lawn rental bills to the Council (£1,500 & £1,573.50) - Mary confirmed that during the previous financial year the annual invoice from the Council was not received during 2017, carrying it forward to the current financial year.

Roger then said that he would like to add some additional comments further to his report. He said that it has been noticeable that during the current season, how well some of our newer members are playing, and recommended that these players would benefit from additional coaching, especially on tactics. Roger congratulated John Boon & Rose on their successes during the current season.

Also, Roger said that recently there has been a lot of work done on our lawns by the Council ground staff. Hopefully this will much improve our lawns for the 2019 season and that if we can develop the quality of our lawns this will attract some of the top players to competitions on our lawns.

Ross proposed that we accept the three reports and Helen seconded this proposal - the reports being accepted.

5, Approve the membership fee recommendation for 2019

Malcolm proposed that we add £5 to the membership fee each year to allow for the annual increase to our invoice from the Council. This would make the membership fee £80 for the 2019 season. Some members present did not agree with this proposal. Ross suggested that should we consider any increase being in line with inflation? Malcolm added that our increase should be in line with any increase on our annual rent to the Council and also that as we improve our lawns, we could well be looking at very significant costs, so we will need available funds to carry them out and that next year we will be a few members down. Malcolm asked members present vote on his proposal; the result of the vote was in favour of wanting the £5 increase each year. Florrie seconded Malcolm's proposal so it was agreed to increase membership each year by £5.

6. Appoint an auditor

Malcolm thanked our auditor, Graham Crick, who was in attendance at the meeting, for auditing our accounts this year. Graham agreed to continue as auditor. Roger said that he will write a letter thanking Graham for his past work and for continuing as our auditor.

7. Elect the Officers – Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Malcolm now handed the meeting over to Roger to carry out the election of officers.

Roger said that he had received one nomination from Diana Phelps nominating: -

Chairman - Malcolm Kirby

Secretary - Roger Stroud

Treasurer - Mary Kemp

Diana also nominated all of the present committee members to continue in 2019.

As there were no other nominations for Chairman, Malcolm took the chair again and asked members for a proposal for all three officer posts and the continuance of all present committee members . Rose proposed the three officers and all committee members nominated to continue which was seconded by David Ball and agreed by the meeting.

8. Elect the general committee members

Covered in (7) above.

9. Presentation of awards

Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club Winners 2018

John Cundell organised the prize-giving, including getting the names engraved onto the cups & shields.

Our Chairman Malcolm Kirby presented the awards: -

Mix 'n Match Handicap Doubles

Runners Up	John Boon & John Thorp
Winners	Roy Kemp & Malcolm Kirby

Mix 'n Match Ladies Doubles

Runners Up	Judith Pengelly & Caroline Stroud
Winners	Rose Gillett and Una Pengelly

Handicap Singles

Runner Up	Rose Gillett
Winner	John Thorp

Doubles

Runners Up	Ross Bagni and Roger Stroud
Winners	John Thorp and Rose Gillett

Singles

Runner Up	Jean Ball
Winner	David Ball

Peter Davis Trophy

Runner Up	Judith Pengelly
Winner	John Boon

After the prize-giving for our own club competitions, John Cundell spoke about the success of members in the Croquet Association 'B' - Level and other competitions.

Jean Ball won the B-Level at Blewbury; and came 2nd in the B-Level at Wrest Park.

David Ball came 3rd in the B-Level at Northampton, 2nd in the B-Level at Edgbaston and won the B-Level at Ashby.

Roger Stroud came 4th in the B-Level at Wrest Park, 3rd in the B-Level at Ashby and won the B-Level at Northampton.

Both David and Roger, each winning a B-Level qualified for the B-Level Championship Finals which took place at Camerton Peasedown croquet club, near to Bath, in October. There were 18 players who played in atrocious weather conditions over two days. David came 11th; Roger made it to the semi-finals and came 3rd which was an excellent result.

Ross Bagni won the Wrest Park singles handicap competition beating Eric Audsley in the final.

10. Any other Business

Malcolm proposed that we donate the funds raised by the raffle to the Remembrance Day funds at this special time of the 100 years since the end of World War I - a vote was taken and it was agreed by a majority vote to donate the funds.

Judith Cundell raised the subject of our annual dinner and asked if there could be a vote on whether it will be at lunchtime or in the evening. The vote was taken and it was agreed by a large majority to hold the annual dinner in the evening.

John Cundell asked if any member was interested in taking over the role that was carried out by John Thorp - being our club contact for arranging fixture dates with other clubs. John C emphasised that the job has been simplified by use of our club electronic diary as this would avoid double booking dates. John said for each member to think about it and let him know if interested.

Helen Wilkinson said that she has visited John and Carole Thorp at their new home in Lincolnshire. She added that it is in a rural setting with beautiful views. John has joined a nearby croquet club and Carole has joined the local tennis club playing three times a week.

David Ball thanked the committee for the work carried out throughout the year.

11 Closing Remarks

Malcolm thanked everyone who brought food for our party, all those who helped set up the hall for the meeting and to Tony Stammers for his assistance with the raffle.

He added that the annual dinner will be in March which is yet to be organised and reminded people about the social club which meets during the winter at Pages Park Pavilion each Wednesday morning at 9.30 to 11.30.

He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.