

# HARWELL CROQUET CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010

The meeting was held in the Harlequin Room at 12:15

Present: Mike Duck (Chair), Roy Platon (Treasurer), Steve Fisher (Secretary), Jim Bartlett, Steve Boddy, Gerald Mitchell and Helen Walker

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Peter Mansfield and Anna Mitchell

## **2. Minutes of the 2009 AGM**

These were accepted without correction

## **3. Matters arising**

None

## **4. Reports:**

### **4.1. Chairman**

Mike had nothing to report that would not be covered by the agenda except to comment that golf croquet is increasing significantly within the club.

### **4.2. Secretary**

Nothing to report

### **4.3. Treasurer**

Roy reported that our balance has increased but noted that the secretary had not claimed the costs of paying for the web site.

### **4.4. SCF League organizer**

Mike reported that we were not bottom! Oxford University beat Hamptworth.in the final.

## **5. The coming season**

### **5.1. Club sessions**

It was decided that we should continue with Wednesday mornings as now from 10:00 but that as we had been failing to get enough people to play in the evening we would instead use the Blewbury lawns from 14:00 till dusk on Thursday evening primarily for association games. Individuals, though not members of the Blewbury club, will not be charged for this.

## **5.2. Longman Cup**

We were knocked out at home to East Dorset (4 - 3) in the second round, but will try again.

## **5.3. All-England Handicap**

Anybody wishing to play should apply through Blewbury

## **5.4. Founder's bowl**

The draw and process method was used. The final between Jim and Gerald remains to be played. This year the organiser will impose time limits by which a round must be played.

## **5.5. Golf croquet cup**

A number of games remain to be played. This year we may change the format depending upon how many people wish to play.

## **5.6. SCF League**

### **a) Association**

The results for the Northern division were:

Position	Team	Played	W	D	L	Games	Points
1	Oxford University	5	3	2	0	14	8
2	Aldermaston	5	2	1	2	11	5
2	Blewbury	5	2	1	2	11	5
4	Eynsham	5	1	3	1	9	5
5	Harwell	5	1	2	2	7	4
6	High Wycombe	5	0	3	2	8	3

Our win was against Aldermaston.

Hamptworth were top of the Southern division but were defeated 2-1 by Oxford in the play off.

### **b) Golf**

This was our first year in the golf league. We lost 5-3 to Dogmersfield and beat Ryde 5-3 both on games. We lost narrowly to Hamptworth by 2 hoops. This is a good start.

## **5.7. Armada**

This has been rather under-subscribed in the past. It is a one day event – July 31 £5 per person via Jim.

## **5.8. Solstice**

Last year this was hosted very successfully by Harwell and Blewbury . It may come back here again in 3 years time. This year it will be at Phyllis court on Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 5.9. **Friendlies**

1. White Horse - Golf Croquet at Wantage 14:00 June 3rd. (Normally 8 people for a friendly)
2. We went to Winchester last year (association) we should invite them back .
3. The Hamptworth Golf & Country Croquet Club has grown from having 2 croquet lawns to 4 lawns and, in celebration, has invited Blewbury Club to a grand one-day friendly tournament, on April 16th of both Golf Croquet and Association Croquet. We can send a group of up to 16 players, and playing ability is not important. Some will play only GC, some will only play AC and some will play both. Some Harwell players could be accommodated.
4. Finals of charity one-ball competition at Winchester: 8th & 9th May. In support of Macmillan Cancer. It has been suggested that we should arrange heats on May 1st..

## 6. **Consideration of points raised at SCF meeting**

The document was discussed. Steve will send a formal reply to Jim after discussing with Mike.

## 7. **Election of officers:**

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and SCF Association League organizer were all re-elected. It was agreed that Jim would look after the SCF Golf League.

## 8. **Any other business**

1. Lawns should be ready from Easter Monday – to be confirmed nearer the time.
2. Gerald suggested purchasing a tool (around £70) to set the hoops accurately. This was supported and **Roy** will endeavour to acquire one before they sell out.
3. Gerald reported that some of our hoops have the wrong spacing at the top. He will try to grind them to the correct width. We could also consider buying new hoops (around £200 a set) and could request help with the cost from the Harwell RecSoc. Action **Gerald** (or **Mike** if we decide to purchase a new set or two and apply for some of the cost).
4. It was suggested that it would be good to have a bench again. Metal would keep well – but would it be safe? **Jim** will look into it
5. It was pointed out that it would be good to have a trophy cabinet – not just for us but for the other affiliated clubs. **Mike** will speak to Tony about it.
6. **Steve** will contact people to find their interest in and general availability for the various events
7. It was pointed out that our notice board looked rather bleak. **Steve** will enliven it

The meeting closed at 13:55