

## **Minutes of the Harwell Croquet Club AGM - 8 March 2006**

The meeting was held in Building 455 on the Harwell Site and commenced slightly early at 12:10.

Present: Mike Duck (Chair), Roy Platon (Treasurer), Steve Boddy, Steve Fisher, Helen Walker, Gerald Mitchell and John Munro.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Jolyon Kay, Jim Bartlett and Brian Simpson

### **2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM**

No minutes were available

### **3. Matters arising**

In the absence of minutes there were none

### **4. Reports**

**Chairman** - reported that the year had been 'quiet'. There had been no Founder's Cup nor entries to the All England Handicap. In the Longman Cup we were defeated 7-0 by Blewbury.

**Secretary** - was not present

**Treasurer** – circulated a balance sheet showing that our balance had increased from £274.96 to £375.46 though this did not show a payment of £32.50 by Mike Duck for lane marking. There was a discussion about purchasing another mallet as we only have one decent for use by those who do not have their own. It was considered to be a good idea but no decision was made. The question of the annual subscription was raised. It was decided to leave them unchanged at £20 for those having Harwell as their primary club and £15 otherwise.

**SCF - League Organiser**. Mike reported that we were not quite bottom though we had been obliged to concede a match because of difficulties in getting enough players.

### **5. The coming season**

#### **1.1. Club Sessions**

The Wednesday morning session will continue for retired members. This starts at 10.00

After some discussion it was decided that we would also have regular club evenings starting at 16:00 on Thursdays. Mike had confirmed with Tony Betteridge that we would not be disturbed by other use of the sports field on that evening if we were to inform him of our intention to use that slot. It was noted that though this was not convenient for Blewbury players it was overall considered to be the best day.

Members might also bear in mind that there will be no Saturday afternoon cricket matches this year.

#### **1.2. Longman cup**

This will probably either be away to Bristol, or at home to Parkstone or Blewbury

### **1.3. All-England Handicap**

Members will, if they wish, enter this directly or via the Blewbury club

### **1.4. Founders cup**

This event was not held last year. We will hold it this year as a singles competition. Nobody offered to replace Mike as organiser.

### **1.5. SCF League**

We will continue with this with Mike organising.

## **6. Election of officers**

Mike continues as chairman

Steve Fisher was chosen as secretary (and subsequently had to reconstruct the minutes)

Roy continues as treasurer

Mike continues as organiser of the SCF league

## **7. AOB**

Mike explained that there had been a fire at the Caversham club, which had resulted in a loss of all their equipment. It was decided to donate a set of balls. Roy pointed out that RAL had a basic croquet set which was unused. However as the equipment was considered to be more suitable for garden play and it was not evident how to donate something which did not belong to the Harwell club it was decided to leave this set for future historians.

There was some discussion about ensuring that members did not drop off the list held at the police lodge. No specific action was defined.

Mike had received an offer from West Berkshire Council to have the club added to its public database. Steve F was asked to pursue this and possibly add it to a corresponding Oxfordshire database.

**The meeting closed at 13:05**