

HARWELL CROQUET CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 23rd March 2012 at 12:00 in the Harlequin Room

Present: Mike Duck (Chair), Roy Platon (Treas), Steve Fisher (Sec) Ken Gotch, David Moren-Brown, Prue Adams, Gerald Mitchell, Steve Boddy, Jim Bartlett, Mary-Elizabeth Shewry, Barbara Anderson, Liz Morris

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies: Judy and Norman Goodall, Helen Walker, Kevin Colton and Peter Mansfield.

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM

The minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

New bench - The concrete base has been laid and the bench purchased by HLRA with a contribution from us. It will be our responsibility to keep it clean as it is in a position which will suffer from bird droppings.

Notice board - Jim will take a photo to display on the board and provide a few leaflets.

Action - Jim

New mallets - Gerald kindly offered the club Ana's mallets so there will be no need to purchase new ones. Gerald is also working to refurbish other mallets.

Extra keys - Two more keys will be cut. Action - Gerald

4. Reports

a. Chairman (Mike Duck)

Mike that it had been a good year and that the new ladies from Chilton have had a positive effect upon the life of the club.

b. Secretary (Steve Fisher)

Steve reported that the web site does not work properly with some versions of Internet Explorer - he will try to fix it. Meanwhile he has sent an-email with a workaround.

c. Treasurer (Roy Platon)

Roy reported that the balance was down a little this year because of the bench.

He indicated that there was no need to increase the subscriptions so they stay the same at £20 if Harwell is your main club otherwise £15.

d. Association representative (Mike Duck)

Mike reported that we were near the middle in the SCF league. We were knocked out of the Longman in the first round by Dyffryn (5-2).

e. Golf representative (Jim Bartlett)

Jim reported that we were in the lower half of the golf league.

f. Equipment representative (Gerald Mitchell)

The alignment tool has not been found. There have been a number of thefts so we might presume that it has been stolen. The meeting decided that a new one should be purchased Action - Roy. The meeting discussed whether or not we should bring the hoops in as they would be quite expensive to replace. Mike suggested that we should bring in just one set as a compromise. However there was a large majority in favour of bring all hoops back in. Gerald will mark the hoops to identify their correct position on the lawn.

5. The coming season

a. Club sessions

It was decided to keep and keep the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions as they are - starting at 10:00. People should try to arrive on time. Monday will now be from 16:00 and Friday (instead of Thursday) afternoon/evening from 14:00. On the first Tuesday of the month there will be lunch at a local pub.

b. Charity One Ball

A letter from Kevin Carter had explained about this event which raised £2678 on behalf of the Breast Cancer Campaign's 'Sports Club Challenge' last year. Blewbury will be running a heat and it was suggested that we might join in with them.

c. Longman Cup

We have entered again this year - the first game is against Watford on May 19th.

d. Founder's bowl

This will probably be a Swiss all-play-all (with 6 entrants). It was agreed that those entering must commit to playing their games.

e. Golf croquet cup

This will probably be a two-section Swiss, as there are expected to be at least 10 entrants, with the two section winners meeting in the final. Again we need commitment to play the games.

f. SCF Association League

We will play again this year.

g. SCF Golf Leagues

This year we are entering two non-handicapped leagues - one doubles only and one with both singles and doubles games. We will play in ten games overall.

h. Solstice

Jim reported that the Solstice competition would be held at Ryde this year. He recommended it as a good event.

i. Blewbury & Harwell Croquet Clubs July Weekend Handicap

This will be held at both clubs on the the Saturday and on the Sunday morning. The finals will be at Blewbury on Sunday afternoon.

j. Friendlies

Jim plans to arrange six or seven Golf Croquet friendlies during the season.

6. Election of officers

No change

7. Any other business

Steve said that there was a problem with the web site on recent versions of IE 9 - click on the torn sheet of paper at the top to select it or use a different browser and the problem should go away

Jim said that he planned to organise a one day internal golf event in Spring as well as the one in Autumn.

Jim said that he would be happy to coach especially at the start of the season.

The lawns will be marked out next Wednesday.

Steve was approached by "Spice Thames Valley and Solent". They would like to offer croquet to their members. Jim will follow this up. Action - Jim.

Jim will write a news item for the MyHarwell web site - Action - Jim.

Jim suggested that we should buy a container for the kettle and food items - Action - Jim

The meeting closed at 13:10