

**Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Lenches Sports & Recreation Club held in the  
Club Pavilion at Ab Lench Road, Church Lench on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008**

**Present:** Neil Curnock Sarah Roberts (Treasurer)  
Dave Burns (Secretary) Simon Badger  
Rod Stroud Ian Tyrrell (Chairman)  
Charlie York-Brooks Tom Cain  
Liz Powell Members (9)

**Apologies:** Mandy Bell, Patrick Twist, Jerry Cain, Carol Yates

**(1) Opening Address.** Mr. Phil Badger, the President of the LSRC opened the meeting by thanking all those present for their attendance. .

**(2) Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting held on 24th May 2007** were circulated by the secretary. It was proposed by Liz Powell and seconded by Neil Curnock that they be accepted as a true record and following a unanimous decision they were duly signed by the Chairman.

**(3) Matters arising.** None.

**(4) Resolutions from Members.** There were none.

**(5) Chairman's Report.** The Chairman gave a brief report covering

1. The club is in good order both in terms of sports participation and finances.
2. The club has now entered a consolidation phase, where it is important to continue fundraising to ensure that improvements to follow growth can be made. Notable improvements this year were the completion of the safety fence at a cost of £16000 and the provision of floodlighting on the last tennis court. Grants were recognised with thanks to Awards for All (£10000), VCT Trust (£1250), WDC for £2500, Welcome to our Future (£4700), Marc Selby through sponsorship (£3000), Councillor Lee (£250) and the Lenches Tennis Club (£3000). These were all allocated to specific projects, some of which have still to be completed.
3. Volunteers make this all happen. He was particularly pleased with the magnificent efforts which have led to thriving youth sections in all sports and congratulated all involved in this. There are no paid employees. He asked the meeting to applaud the efforts of all the volunteers.
4. The opening of the Orchard by the Duke of Kent had helped to publicise not only the orchard, but the LSRC.
5. Dave Burns was thanked for his work in saving the LSRC over £3000 in water drainage charges by negotiation with Severn Trent.

**(5) Treasurer's Report.** SR gave an explanation of the accounts which had to comply with financial regulations and be submitted to both the Charity Commission and Company's House. She thanked everyone involved in the very necessary fund raising and stated that at the end of the financial year the LSRC had £5469 in the bank, Fundraising had raised £12783 last year. No questions were received from the floor. It was proposed by Maggie Stroud, seconded by Ann Cain and unanimously agreed that the accounts be accepted. The accounts were then signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

**(6) Secretary's Report.** 9 LSRC Committee meetings had taken place during the year April 2007 to March 2008, financial statements and reports which were prepared for these meetings had been included in the Minutes. Two Extraordinary meetings had taken place. An LSRC Trustee had sat on the Lenches Club Committee as a liaison representative for the year. Six meetings took place with the Community Development manager from WDC.

The Pavilion had been let out for five external meetings and to two Art Groups on Wednesdays. A Junior Team from Inkberrow hired the MUGA throughout the winter. Evesham ladies football team used the MUGA for three months. Cricket Teams operated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Cricket season, and one adult and one junior football team operated in the Football season. Kwik Cricket commenced following the Summer coaching courses. The Cubs were formally constituted and have been using the two junior pitches from September to march on Sunday mornings, with four league games on Saturday mornings during the period covered. Tennis courts were in regular use.

The Safety Fence was completed during the year. Repairs have been made to the mower deck and the last set of floodlights installed. Anti slip material fitted to steps. Dustbins inserted into wooden surrounds to make them look more attractive. Orchard now part fenced, with separate section fenced off for the bees. Container approach concreted (great improvement). Two picnic tables made and installed. Third set of floodlights completed. Unforeseen repairs to sewage pump system cost £1500. Chain link worth £1012 was stolen which needed replacing (not insured). Major accident to pavilion in January covered by insurance. Work almost complete. HRH the Duke of Kent opened the orchard on 20<sup>th</sup> June. New signage bought and implemented

Three fundraising dinners had taken place, and the Third Summer Ball took place in July. Our insurance has been renewed and for another year we have received 100% rates relief. We have 141 LSRC foundation members covered by 110 adult and 31 children. Current membership of the 50 club stands at 56.

**(7) Election of Trustees**

Dave Burns was due to stand down under the rules and was prepared to stand for re-election. Ian Tyrell and Simon Badger were due to stand down and were unavailable for re-election. Proposed Ian Tyrell, seconded Tom Cain that Dave Burns be re-elected. Carried. Proposed Dave Burns, Seconded Maggie Stroud that Dave Keep be elected Trustee. Carried. Proposed Phil Badger, seconded Marlene Badger that Tom Cain be elected chairman. Carried. One vacant position remains.

**(8) Section Reports**

**Cricket.** NC reported that the Cricket Team had ended up third in the Worcester League, but have changed to the Cotswold League for this season. Weather had affected play a lot in 2007 and the semi final of the Jack Grove League for that season will be played this May. There are plans to erect cricket nets, and thanks were expressed to Simon and Phil Badger for the ground keeping and CYB for all his assistance.

**Football.** TC reported that the Lions had finished league leaders and had been promoted. The team are becoming more organised and raising their own funds.

**Tennis.** RFS reported that Tennis had a very good year, and in particular wished to thank Ann Quickenden and Chris Pugh for their coaching efforts. Coaching courses produce a substantial amount of income and Ann has over 1100 on coaching course throughout the year. Chris is central to the after school tennis club success. The Ladies Section won the Evesham League for the second time. £2000 was raised from the Summer School coaching. LRSC Tennis dinner in October was very successful.

**Cubs.** Liz Powell reported that the Cubs had a very good first year. Charter standard achieved and special mention at league meetings as a centre to be emulated. Clare Elwell awarded WDC volunteer of the Year. New coach recruited and expect to increase the number of teams next year.

**Orchard.** David Yates reported that the clearance was almost completed, and that it is hoped to build the new shelter this year.

**(9) Any Other Business.** Dave Burns proposed a vote of thanks for Ian Tyrrell for his Chairmanship over the past three years. Seconded SR and carried unanimously. Ian Tyrell as his last act as Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Simon Badger, who has been involved with the LSRC since it's beginnings in 1996 and was taking a well earned rest. Seconded Sarah Roberts and carried unanimously.

**(10) Closure of Meeting.** The Chairman thanked all those for their contribution and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.