

The minutes of the Committee meeting held at Dr. Rawkins' house on the 8th December 1977. Members present:- The Chairman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Holt, Mr Moores, Mr. Peirce, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stirrup and Mrs. Togni, and Dr. Rawkins welcomed the three newly-elected members to the Committee.

The Minutes of the meeting held 13th October 1977, were read and approved. The Secretary also read the Minutes of the A.G.M. held 3rd November last, so that matters arising could be dealt with.

Club luncheon. Due to an error in costing by Mr. Fitzgerald, he had now confirmed that the charge would be £2.16 inclusive of VAT and gratuities. After discussion it was agreed that the tickets should be £2.50 which was originally quoted to members and at this charge, we can cover the cost of the Committee's invitations to Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Galen, as well as the Secretary of the Cricket Club and Mrs. Ellis. The Chairman had said he would invite Mr. and Mrs. Ellis as his guests, as last year, but the Committee felt that apart from the fact that Dr. Rawkins cannot be present at the lunch, he should not bear this cost himself. While thanking Dr. Rawkins for his generous gesture, it was unanimously agreed that the Club should pay for their guests.

Increase in subscriptions. John Holt reported on the special meeting re subscriptions called by the Cricket Club, to consider the new rate and we had been advised officially that our subs. would be raised from £8. to £12-per annum, this of course, to include the provision of balls.

Matters arising from Mr. Stirrup's report.

The Committee agreed to various suggestions as follows:-

A trial arrangement to run golf-croquet fixtures in the evenings in early summer and it is hoped to devise a simpler method of running these events.

Booking for general play. It was unanimously agreed: to retain the present 2-hour sessions, but facilities would be available to book for 2½ hour periods if arranged around practice-times or after the 3-30 sessions provided there is no booking for the 3-30 period.

The suggestion from Robert Case for instruction sessions. The Committee will work on this scheme so that it can start at the opening of the season for a period of 6 weeks, on an agreed morning, possibly a Monday. There would be a sub-committee to work out the details, comprising Vincent Stirrup, Fred Moores and Robert Case.

Handicap for new members. The Committee will arrange a scheme of playing at least 1 game with new members, in order to establish their standard of play, so that a fair handicap can be given. New members may enter the tournaments but may not play until 4 weeks have elapsed, during which time an assessment of their standard of play can be made.

As agreed at the A.G.M. a social afternoon was held at the Club on December 6, at which 22 members attended. This seemed to be much enjoyed and a repeat was arranged for January 31 at 2-30.

The Secretary reported that Philip Dwerryhouse had had the cups engraved at a total cost of £2.35 for the 3 cups. It was agreed that for the coming season, the charge for entry to the singles tournament would be 20p. but that we should charge 20p. per pair for the doubles.

The Secretary had applied to the Council for permission to park in the Manor Pavilion car-park and their reply was awaited.

It was much regretted that the Chairman would not be able to attend the Club luncheon, and it was therefore agreed that a member of the Committee should be invited to become vice-Chairman, who would preside on the 9th March and chair meetings in Dr. Rawkings' absence. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Stirrup be invited to take this office and the appointment of vice-Chairman was accepted by Vincent Stirrup.

The meeting closed at 12 o'clock, with our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Rawkins for their hospitality.

V J Stirrup
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Committee meeting held 28th February 1978 at the Clubhouse at 10-30.

Members present: - in the chair – Mr. Stirrup (Vice Chairman), Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Moores, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Reid and Mrs. Togni.

The minutes of the meeting held 8th December 1977 read and approved.

Matters arising.

The Secretary reported that arrangements for the Club luncheon at the Belmont were well in hand and there should be a good turnout of members and friends for the occasion.

The Committee agreed the sub-Committee's proposed arrangements for the instruction course. As the sessions would be held at the beginning of the season, it was agreed that these should be held at 2-00 p.m. on Monday afternoons for six weeks. The arrangements covering tournaments, golf-croquet and the shot-game were discussed and all these items would be laid before the members at the Club luncheon, having been already approved in principle at the A.G.M.

Mr. Moores reported that in the course of the winter, the Cricket Committee had endeavoured to obtain estimates for the levelling and repair work require on No-3 lawn, but without success. However, in the course of our meeting, Mr. Ellis joined us briefly to say that they had just received an estimate for the work, which he shewed to the Committee, but he could not leave it for our detailed consideration, as the Cricket Committee had not yet. been able to study it. We shall be able to study the details later, but in the meantime it is understood that the cost will be in the region of £1000.

New balls will be required for the coming season and at Mrs. Cunningham's suggestion the Secretary will approach Slazengers to see if they can supply croquet balls in sets or individually.

Re-roofing Fund. Mr. Moores outlined a scheme for the collection of waste paper for sale and he was working on the best methods of putting this idea' into effect. He was already in contact with the Fortfield Hotel who seemed sympathetic and helpful concerning the scheme.

Mr .Reid reported that the Cricket Club had suggested that members could arrange coffee-mornings in their own homes in order to assist the Roofing Fund, but the Croquet sub-committee feel that it would be more satisfactory and would be preferred by our members, to hold a Croquet club coffee-morning at the Clubhouse on the lines of that held last year with considerable financial success. In this way, the majority of members would be able to assist in some way. It was therefore agreed that we would hold a coffee morning on Saturday the 1st April, and all members will be asked at the luncheon to give maximum help and support to aid the Fund.

A reply has been received from East Devon District Council, following our request to use the Manor Pavilion Car Park, as follows:- "Although the Council has agreed to such use by another Sports Club, it is felt that the use of the car park by a further organisation would only contribute to the problem of retaining this car park for its primary use in connection with the Manor pavilion and Arts Centre. I much regret therefore that I am unable to accede to your request" signed by the District Secretary.

The meeting closed at 12-00 p.m.

 **D Rawkins**

Chairman

Minutes of Committee meeting held 13th April 1978, at the Clubhouse.

Present, the Chairman and all members of the Committee, and Dr. Rawkins took the opportunity of welcoming the three new members to the Committee, Mrs. G. Cunningham, Mr. Peirce and Mr. Reid.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Matters arising: -

Club Luncheon. held 9th March at the Belmont Hotel. This was a very pleasant occasion and was much enjoyed by us all. Mr. Stirrup in the Chair, welcomed all members and friends, while regretting the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Rawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Holt. It was particularly gratifying to the Committee to see so many new members present, as well as several prospective members.

Coffee morning for Re-Roofing Fund. organised by the Croquet Club sub-Committee. This was held on the 1st April in the Clubhouse and was again a very successful occasion. Alan and Joan Reid and Freda Tovey wished to thank all members and their friends who supported the event and again it was significant and most pleasing that so many newcomers to the Club took part and helped wherever they were needed. The net financial result was just under £80 and Alan and his team are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

Before proceeding with further reports, Dr. Rawkins said he wished to inform the Committee and obtain their views regarding a financial offer which had been made to the Club, concerning the work required to be done on No. 3 Lawn and regarding which an estimate amounting to £1000. had been received by the Cricket Club. Two members of the Croquet Club would jointly lend an amount of £500 free of interest and repayable over five years, provided the work was put in hand and completed this season. Nothing could be finalised at present, as it is not yet known whether the Cricket Club is prepared to accept the estimate received. There was full discussion of the membership problem which, if all applications received were accepted, would number just over 50 members, but for the coming season if the levelling work goes ahead, will restrict us to two lawns. While the third lawn has never been of serious use for play this year, in the light of the instruction classes to be arranged, it would be useful as a practice ground. During the discussion, two Committee members stated that on the same terms as the original offer, they would be prepared to lend £100. each for the scheme, and all these offers were most warmly welcomed by the Committee. It is hoped to be able to make a positive decision at our next Committee meeting, when the reaction of the Cricket Committee to the loan offers would be known.

Reports. Mr. Stirrup said that it was proposed by his sub-Committee that the instruction course should open on Monday the 8th May and would last for one hour and the first meeting should take the form of a short talk on the game. A notice will be posted inviting the names of members wishing to participate in the course and it is proposed that there should be one instructor to each three students. Players will be advised to learn something of the theory of the game from the Croquet Association publication "know the game".

Golf-Croquet. During the period of the instruction course (6 weeks) the sub-Committee suggest golf-croquet tournaments: should be played fortnightly, commencing May 9 and 23, and June 6 and 20, on Tuesday afternoons. It is hoped that members will assist where possible by joining a rota for running these social events.

Fred Moores' Report. Fred will be attending the General Committee meeting this week and will bring up the matter of new balls, of which we require two new sets. The Secretary had enquired of Slazengers but they do not now manufacture croquet

equipment. Jacques' list price has been received and the cost will, be £30. per set or £7.50 for individual colours.

Waste paper collection. Fred has been pursuing his arrangements for the collection and disposal of waste paper and is receiving good support for this method of raising money. He has been able to make a satisfactory arrangement with the Fortfield Hotel regarding bringing the collection lorry as close to our collection shed as possible, and we hope that Fred's energetic efforts will bear good fruit.

Mrs. Cunningham suggested that as Mr. Hicks had offered to give a demonstration of the game for the benefit of members, he should be asked if he was still willing to help in this way, and we should of course, be very pleased to make an arrangement to suit his convenience.

The Secretary reported on the present position of membership and with the acceptance of 13 new members, we should be in the region of about 53 members, some of whom however, will no doubt as in previous years confine their play to golf-croquet. A waiting list for membership is now in operation.

Members; would all be sorry to learn that due to the necessity of a hip operation, Marjoria Sherwin would have to revert to non-playing membership, for the current season.

The meeting closed at 12-30 and the next meeting would be on the 18th May, at. 10-30 in the clubhouse.

D Rawkins

Chairman.

Minutes of meeting held 18th May 1978 in the Clubhouse. Present - Dr. Rawkins, Mr. Holt, Mr. Moores, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Togni. Apology for absence received from Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Stirrup. Minutes of the last meeting were read. and approved. Matters arising

Proposed loans to the Cricket Club for levelling No. 3. Lawn. Dr. Rawkins reported that the loans offered. to the Club by members of the Croquet Section had been warmly welcomed by the General Committee and the Chairman said that confirmation in writing of these proposed loans had been passed on to the Treasurer of the General Committee. For the record, the loans and terms would be as follows

Mr. Robert Case and Lady Frances Fermor, a joint loan of £500. Dr. Rawkins £100 and Mrs. Cunningham £100, all such loans to be interest-free and repayable within five years. The Chairman reported that following the above loans offers, the General Committee were prepared to provide the balance of the amount required to complete the necessary work, on the assumption that the cost would be in the region of £1000. With regard to the estimate already received, amounting to £1000. Mr. Moores said he was in touch with another contractor in order to obtain another estimate and would hope to report on this at the next meeting. Fred also reported that the General Committee had agreed to the purchase of two new sets-of balls and these had been ordered. In this connection, the Committee were advised that the groundsman could supply the balls, presumably on a commission basis to himself. On principle the Croquet Committee did. not like this idea and would not pursue it.

Instruction course. In the absence of Mr. Stirrup, Mr. Moores reported that the series was going well and members were making good progress with the arranged syllabus.

Cricket Social Committee. The General Committee had asked that two members of each section should join this Committee. However, the Croquet Committee had already accepted the services of Mr. and Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Freda Tovey to form a sub-committee for social events, and they had been very successful with the coffee mornings already held to raise funds for the Re-roofing project. In the absence of Mr. Reid at this meeting, this matter was left in abeyance until Mr. Reid could be present to discuss this suggestion.

Waste paper collection.

It was agreed that a notice should be posted, reminding members that their waste paper was needed to help the collection fund and they should. contact Fred Moores if assistance is required for collection.

Mr. Hicks. Dr. Rawkins reported that Mr. Hicks had given a very interesting demonstration when he came to the Club for this purpose recently, but the Chairman was rather disappointed that more members had not taken the opportunity to see this great player in action.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Peirce very much on behalf of the members, for the full list of the current membership, which he had had. cyclostyled and addressed to each member, which, with telephone numbers and handicaps would facilitate members being able to contact one another.

Dr. Rawkins said the Committee would wish to congratulate Iris 'Dwerryhouse on her success at the recent Budleigh Tournament in winning the Walters Long Handicap Cup, and all members would be very pleased at her victory, which was felt to be a Club as well as a personal achievement.

Fred Moores reported that the groundsman, Roger Cornelius had asked if he could play in the Club Singles Tournament - he is, of course, not a member of the Club and this

could create difficulties. After discussion it was agreed that the matter be referred in the first instance to the General Committee and we would consider their views at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12-30 and the next meeting was arranged for August 22, at the Clubhouse.

V J Stirrup

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Vice-Chairman

Minutes of a Committee meeting held in the Clubhouse on the 22nd August, 1978

Members present :- Mr. Stirrup (in the Chair), Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Holt, Mr. Moores, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Reid and Mrs. Togni. Apology for absence was received Dr. Rawkins. Minutes of the meeting held 8th May 1978 were read and approved. Matters arising

Report from Fred Moores regarding the re-levelling work on No.3 lawn. he had obtained an estimate from a second contractor, after examination of the work to be done. This estimate amounted to over £2,000 as against a figure of approximately £1000 received from the original contractor. This firm had now been instructed, to proceed with the work and to confirm that this would be completed in time for the opening of the 1979 season. With regard to the loan promised to the Club by members of the croquet section, it is hoped that Dr. Rawkins may be able to clarify the matter of responsibility for repayment of these loans, with Mr. Ellis, before the next Committee meeting. XX

New chairs, ordered last year and not yet received. Fred has ascertained that the chairs ordered cannot now be obtained - incidentally they were to have been received from Russia! However, new canvases had been obtained and it is hoped that old chairs can be repaired.

XX The Secretary reported that there will be a meeting of the General Committee on the 11th September at 6-30 p.m. in the Clubhouse, at which neither Fred Vincent nor John can be present. As the Croquet section wish to obtain as much information as possible regarding the re-levelling work and the matter of the loans to cover this work, it is important that a member of our Committee should attend and the Secretary will ask Dr. Rawkins if he will be able to do so.

Fred reported that silver cups are held at Barclays Bank and he will make enquiries of the Bank as it may be that cups held there are not the property of the Croquet section.

Instruction course. Vincent reported that the sub-committee had done a lot of preliminary work for this course and although it got off to a good start, the numbers attending fell away from an opening number of around 20, to a figure of 5 on the last day. Therefore this experiment was apparently not very popular, although necessary for the beginners.

Cricket Social sub-Committee. The General Committee had. requested. that two members from each section should be appointed to the social sub-Committee. Mr. Reid was consulted on this and it was agreed that he should ask his co-members, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Tovey if they would serve on this sub-committee, in order to promote social events.

Military Whist Drive. Alan Reid outlined his plan to run a military whist drive in the clubhouse. He will post a notice asking members for their support. The date proposed was 27th September at 2 o'clock - cost 35p. Names of members and friends to be placed on the list, and. also names of ladies who would be willing to provide a few sandwiches and cakes for the occasion.

Tournaments. Vincent reported that there had been a very small entry for the doubles- and he asked the Committee to consider whether this event was worth running in future. Singles. At the moment several players are tying on points in one block and. it may be necessary to arrive at the semi-final stage in this block by a knock-out.

New Zealand Test Tour Raffle. The Secretary reported that there were still 6 books of 5 tickets each unsold and she suggested, that rather than return any unsold books to the Croquet Asscn. the Club should purchase these books, the cost to come out of the Croquet tea fund and this was agreed (£3).

Other Business. Mrs. Cunningham reported that the method she had introduced at the last golf-croquet tournament had been well received and members had voted to continue this new arrangement. However, Mrs. Cunningham, felt that the shot-game as well as the original golf-croquet game devised by Len Fletcher, should continue to be played from time to time, and particularly that the shot-game should be arranged at the beginning of the season, as a practice method. It was agreed that there should be a shot-game arranged for September 8th, at 2-00 pm.

Waste paper collection. Fred. reported that the first collection had been completed by the waste paper company amounting to 1½ tons, for which the Club expected to receive £12. per ton and members were giving good support to this project.

Fred Moores asked for the Committee's views on opening a list for the groundsman's benefits, as in previous years, as it is understood that Cornelius is leaving at the end of the season and has not been very co-operative as far as the Croquet Section is concerned, the Committee were not in favour of opening such a list. However, if individual members wished to make a contribution they were of course, at liberty to do so.

The Chairman informed the meeting that, Mrs. Togni had indicated that for personal reasons, she did not wish to stand again as Hon. Secretary and this decision was accepted with regret by the Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12-30 p.m. Next meeting 21st September, at 10-30 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

D Rawkins

Chairman.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 21st September 1978 in the Clubhouse.

Members present :- Dr. Rawkins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Holt, Mr. Moores, Mr Pierce,, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stirrup and Mrs. Togni.

Minutes of the meeting held 22nd August were read and approved.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Chairman said that in addition to the retirement from the Committee Mrs. Togni, Mr. Stirrup had expressed his wish to resign at the end of the current Season and. The meeting accepted Mr. Stirrup's decision with much regret.

Matters arising from the last meeting

Re-levelling work. The original estimate received, amounting to approximately £1000, had been accepted by the Cricket Club and the work would commence, weather permitting within the next few days.

Loans by members of the Croquet Section. Dr. Rawkins explained that repayment of loans for the re-levelling work is the responsibility of the General Committee of the Cricket Club. Repayments will be made in equal annual payments over five years, such payments to be free of interest. The Croquet section have no responsibility for these financial arrangements.

Mr. Pierce, (standing in for Mr. Moores) attended the Cricket Club meeting held 11th September, and reported that the Re-Roofing Fund appeal has reached £13,000 and has been closed. The Cricket clubhouse has been let for the winter months to the Fortfield Bridge Club at an annual rental of £400.

It will therefore be necessary to ascertain which day or days in the week might be free, in the event that the Croquet section might wish to hold certain functions during the winter.

Silver Cups. Mr. Pierce reported that the Cricket Club were aware of certain cups being held at Barclays Bank and Mr. Moores will enquire of the Bank whether any of these cups are the property of the Croquet section.

Military Whist. Mr. Reid outlined the arrangements, for this function to be held on the 27th September. There was not a big response so far, but it was felt that this experiment should be regarded. primarily as a social event.

New Zealand Test Tour. The Secretary reported that as agreed, the Club had taken the remaining 6 raffle books and all books and money (£15) had now been forwarded to the Croquet Association.

Future Club membership. On the assumption that all three lawns will be in good order for play next season, the Committee considered the question of membership. It was agreed that this figure could be raised from the present 53, to a maximum of 60 but that any applications beyond that should be referred back to the Committee for consideration.

Tournaments. Vincent reported that the doubles winners were Iris and Philip Dwerryhouse. The semi-finals had been reached in the singles and the final should be played off within the next few days. It was suggested that in view of the very poor response again this year that the doubles might be dropped for the present. However, after discussion it was felt that members should be encouraged to enter the event, with or without a partner and that the matter should be aired at the A.G.M.

Mrs. Cunningham reported on the continued success of the golf croquet sessions held in the latter part of the season, each week in the mornings. It was agree that these have been very popular and with the agreement of the A.G.M. should be continued next season. Although on these occasions there is no revenue for teas, the raffle has always

been well supported and provides income. However it must be remembered that in order, to get the idea off the ground, Mrs. Cunningham herself has most generously provided prizes and In future, this departure from our usual practice of not giving prizes, will require to be funded out of our resources.

It was agreed that the A.G.M. should be held on Monday the 6th November next at 10-30 a.m. in the Clubhouse, to be followed by a short "end-of-season" social hour. The Secretary will post a notice to this effect, as well as inviting names for Committee to be proposed and seconded prior to the date of the meeting.

Next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, the 26th October at 10-30 in the Clubhouse.

V J Stirrup
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Chairman.

Minutes of Committee meeting held 26th October 1978 in the Clubhouse.

Members present :- Mr. Stirrup (in the Chair) Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Holt, Mr. Moores, Mr. Peirce, Mr. Reid and Mrs. Togni. Dr. Rawkins was unable to be present and sent his apologies. Minutes of the meeting held 21st September last were read and approved. Matters arising :-

Re-levelling of No-3 lawn. Mr. Hunt of D. Hunt Ltd. the contractors, informed Fred that although the work done so far did not look very good, he assured him that when completed, it would be quite satisfactory. Fred underlined the fact that no money would be forthcoming unless the work was completed to our satisfaction.

Silver Cups. The cups held at Barclays Bank were named as the Balfour Cup, the Handicap Cup and Ladies' Challenge Cup. It was agreed that we should endeavour to find out who originally presented these Cups. It was felt that Dr. Rawkins, a personal friend of the Manager, might be able to see the cups for identification. John Holt confirmed the Committee's belief that all cups held by any section of the Club were finally the property of the Cricket Club as being the executive body. It was thought that Mr. Ellis could supply this answer.

Military Whist Drive. A very good result reported by Alan Reid and there was a profit of £14. although there was not a big turn-out. There was a discussion on whether we should retain such profits for our own purposes. Point made by John Holt that the money should go to the Cricket Club, especially in view of the fact that they are responsible for the repayment of loans. However, the Committee felt that if we wished to run a special function for purposes of our own, such as additional equipment, then we should be entitled to do so, especially if we had, as always, made a good effort to run and support functions for general cricket club purposes.

Club luncheon. The Secretary reported that Iris had obtained an approximate price from Mr. Fitzgerald of the Belmont hotel, which would be not more than 20% above last year's cost, which would then amount to about £2.50. After discussion it was felt that we could just about cover ourselves, allowing for possibly 4 guests as last year, if we charge members £2.75. He would enquire if we could have the function on Thursday the 5th April 1979, although Mr. Fitzgerald had suggested the 27th, 28th or 29th March.

Tournaments.

Vincent gave the names of this year's winners

Singles - Reg. Peirce.

Doubles - Iris and Philip Dwerryhouse.

and he will report to the members on the instruction classes, which were organised to be of assistance to new members.

Most improved player. This award will be considered by the handicapping committee and will be announced at the A.G.M.

Award for outstanding service to the Club. The Chairman announced that it was unanimous decision of the Committee that this award should be given to Mrs. Togni.

Golf-Croquet Report. This had become a very successful social function and was very popular, being played this season mainly in the mornings, as an experiment. However, Mrs. Cunningham, the organiser said that from time to time next year, the old method of play should be used, as well as Robert Case's shot-game. If golf-croquet is to be played on a regular basis, subject to agreement at the A.G.M., it will be necessary to have a rota of organisers and this arrangement should be implemented at the A.G.M. Further, if

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Clubhouse, 6th November 1978, at 10-30 a.m. Committee present :- Dr. Rawkins (Chairman) Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. F. Moores, Mr. R. Peirce, Mr. A. Reid, Mr. V. Stirrup and Mrs. K. Togni, and 33 members.

Before proceeding with the last minutes, the Chairman informed the meeting with regret, of the death recently of Mrs Michelmore, who had been a founder member of the Croquet Club in its present form. Dr. Rawkins had contacted the family by telephone and had ascertained that Mrs. Michelmore's funeral was to be entirely private.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and approved. Matters arising :-

Club luncheon. This annual event was very successful and for our fifth annual celebration, your Committee has provisionally booked the Belmont Hotel for the 5th April 1979 and the tickets would not be above £2.75.

Manor pavilion car-parking. We had requested the Council to extend this facility to our Club, as was enjoyed by the Bowls Club, but this had been refused, on the Council's argument that this privilege could not be extended further. However, we shall pursue this matter and again make application for the coming season.

Season just finished. Dr. Rawkins said that although the very bad weather had marred the opening, the last three months had fully compensated and given us some wonderful weeks for play which, in fact, was still continuing - surely a record. The Chairman expressed his great regret on behalf of all members that Mr. Stirrup and our Secretary Mrs. Togni, were resigning from the Committee this year, and we thank them both very much for their work for the Club. Dr. Rawkins proposed that Mr. Alan Reid be invited to act as Vice-Chairman in place of Mr. Stirrup and this was agreed by the meeting.

Nominations. All new nominations had been accepted by the Committee, namely:- For Hon. secretary - Mrs. C. Verity.

For General Committee :-Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs O. Tovey, Mr. N. Kirtley, so that the new Committee would be composed of the following members :-

Dr. Rawkins (Chairman), Mr. Reid (Vice-Chairman) Mrs. C. Verity (Hon. secretary) Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr. Holt, Mr. Kirtley, Mr. Moores, Mr. Peirce, Mrs. Tovey, and the Chairman welcomed the new members to the Committee. In connection with future nominations, the Committee asked that if it was felt that a limit should be placed upon the size of future Committee, a paper ballot should be held, and this was agreed.

Cup awards.

- Singles - Reg. Peirce.
- Double. Iris and Philip Dwerryhouse.
- Most improved player – Iris Dwerryhouse.
- Outstanding service to the Club - Kathleen Togni.

The Chairman congratulated all the winners and presented the cups.

Reports. Vincent Stirrup on the Tournaments. The Singles were well-supported and was run in two blocks as last year, but when the closing games had to be played there was a rush to get them finished and Vincent again asked members to proceed with their matches as early as possible. The Doubles event was very disappointing, consisting of only 4 pairs, with one couple having a bye into the final. It seemed to Vincent that with so small an entry the event hardly seemed worth running. However, it was a pity to drop this tournament and members without partners will be encouraged to enter their names for pairing by the tournament organisers. It was disappointing that the ladder had not been used at all this year and members should use this method of playing one another,

at all levels of ability. Vincent expressed disappointment at the support given in the latter stages of the instruction class. His team of helpers had given much time and thought to this course and he felt that more interest might have been shewn for their efforts; Mr. Kirtley said he felt sure he spoke for the new members who had, taken part in the series, when he said how greatly the classes had been appreciated and this opinion was supported by several members who had taken part. However, Vincent thought that next year possibly instructors might take one new player each for assistance and this idea might prove more popular. This matter will be considered before next season opens. Mr. Kirtley thanked the instructing members for all the work they had done to help beginners

Before taking Fred Moores' report on the releveling work now being done, the Chairman said he would like to inform members of the generous offers made by four members of the Club, as a result of which £700. has been loaned to the General Committee, to be repaid annually over a 5 year period free of interest. Following this offer, which was gratefully accepted by the General Committee of the Cricket Club, the balance required, of £300. is being provided by the Cricket Club and the meeting expressed it's appreciation of the loans made to the Club by members.

Fred Moores' Report. Fred said because he was not entirely satisfied with the appearance of the work done so far, he had asked Mr. Hunt, of the contracting firm of D. Hunt Ltd., to come to the site and give his opinion. This Mr. Hunt did and he had assured Fred that when complete the work would be entirely satisfactory. Fred agreed that the difficult weather had been a factor so far, but Mr. Hunt was informed that unless and until the work had been completed to our satisfaction the amount of the agreed contract would not be paid.

Members were told that no new groundsman had yet been appointed and if this situation continued, it will be necessary for Committee and members to help with scarifying and fertilising the lawns. Therefore it was agreed that at the end of the meeting Fred will take names of members who would be willing to assist, as it is absolutely necessary for this work to be put in hand as soon as possible.

Alan Reid's Report. The coffee mornings held by the section had been very successful and well supported, with generous help from members, with profits. of over £90 and £80 respectively having been achieved. One other successful function had been held - a military whist drive and, as always with our Club, it had been a very pleasant occasion - which had been the main object, although there was not a big turnout - nevertheless a profit had been made. Members had said they would like another to be held and Alan and his sub-committee will run a military whist drive on Monday the 27th November at 2-00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Alan also drew members' attention to the B.B.C south-West film, which will be shewn on "Spotlight South-West" on Tuesday, December 19, at 6-30 p.m. which includes film of Sidmouth, with some of our members playing croquet.

Mrs. Cunningham reported that the golf-croquet held in the mornings during the summer had been very popular and it was agreed that these might be continued next year in the mornings, when parking is a little easier and we do not need the clubhouse for teas. Many members like to play the original form of golf-croquet as well as the shot-game and the Committee were also in favour of this. However, members were reminded, that all these events require organising and a notice will be posted next season, giving the proposed programme and dates of regular events, and members willing to assist will be invited to enter their names against a convenient date or dates. The Chairman took this opportunity of thanking Gee Cunningham for her work connected with the new golf-croquet and also for providing prizes on each occasion. The Committee feel however, that in future if we run all three forms of croquet as social occasions and if prizes are given they must be provided from Club resources - that is to say, from tea-money, for it

is a fact that we have no other form of income. Therefore at the golf-croquet mornings, a raffle had been held and this certainly took the place of afternoon tea profits Mrs. Cunningham said. she would be willing to give a cup for golf-croquet, but at this point, Dr. Rawkins said that we had recently learnt that there are three silver cups held in the bank, one being the Balfour Cup and another given by the late Dr. Colclough. The Chairman hoped to be able to examine these cups soon, which are at present in locked boxes, with no keys available, and the Committee could then consider how they might be used.

Other business.

Freda Tovey asked if there could be occasional afternoons for a "get-together" meetings in the winter, as last year and members agreed that they would enjoy these social occasions. The first one will be arranged shortly by the social sub-committee. Fred reminded members that the collection of waste paper was still continuing and he would be pleased to collect paper, magazines, etc. if members were unable to bring their contributions to the Club. Fred will also find out what it might cost to have our distinctive semi-circular bench on lawn 1 repaired. Mrs. Corbett had offered two metal chairs to the Club which we shall be glad to have and we thank Elsie for her gift. Robert Case rose to thank the Committee on behalf of all members for their hard work for the benefit of us all, which was greatly appreciated. Dr. Rawkins thanked Robert for his kind, remarks and in turn, he would like to thank the Committee and members for their loyal support and much help during the year, thus making the season, as always, a very pleasant one for us all.

Finally, Dr. Rawkins thanked Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Galen for their valuable help in providing teas during the season and he hoped that these ladies would accept our invitation to the next Club luncheon.

The meeting closed at 12-15 p.m., with a very hearty vote of thanks to our Chairman from Alan Reid, which was carried unanimously.

Next Committee meeting, 4th December 1978, at 10-30 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

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Chairman.