

<b>Date held:</b> 3rd June 2021	<b>Date issued:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	<b>Subject:</b> LGC Seniors – general matters (see agenda)	
<b>Held at:</b> Chez Wright	<b>Prepared by:</b> NFB		
<b>Present:</b>	Bob Howes Neil Wright	Tony Brader Norman Beaumont	<b>Distribution:</b> Those present
<b>Agenda:</b>	Clubhouse development Succession of officers Post-match meals End of Season presentations, AGM & Christmas Party Finances Hill Valley Captain's costs AOB & IOB		
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1	<b>Clubhouse development</b>  It would appear that planning approval for the proposed relocation of the clubhouse is likely to be refused because, among other things, of objections by Leicestershire Highways (access was always known to be a difficult issue). It would also seem that there is little appetite for the extravagant proposals amongst the rank and file of the membership. A list will be compiled of potential supporters of a proposal to call an EGM (30 signatures required according to the articles of the club management structure) to discuss a motion to rebuild the clubhouse on the existing site.	BH	TBA
2	<b>Succession of officers</b>  Neil is pessimistic about being able to continue playing and, in any event, doesn't wish to continue as Secretary beyond the current term of office (season). Neil is happy to arrange the fixtures for the forthcoming winter series (more or less a repeat of previous year) and the 2022 inter-club matches. Bob is happy to serve a second year as Captain and Tony is equally happy to continue as Vice-captain until October '22 before taking over as Captain. Tony would 'look over Neil's shoulder' as the 2022 fixtures are arranged and would then be in a position to 'job-share' the secretary's duties next year with Bob taking over as Secretary at the end of his Captaincy (Oct.'22). A sound structure along these lines, demonstrating continuity, will be put before the next AGM in October.		
3	<b>Post-match meals</b>  The Elms have confirmed that they are able and happy to accommodate post-match meals (consistent with any current Covid regulations). This facility will be used for the first time for the inter-county knock-out match (the rules of the competition require a post-match meal) on Friday 25th June (i.e. after the scheduled removal of the Covid restrictions). The practice will then continue through the July matches but visiting clubs will be given the option of eating or not.		
4.	<b>End of Season presentations, AGM &amp; Christmas Party</b>  It is unlikely that suitable facilities for these functions will be available at the club and so alternative venues will be required. The Elms has been suggested but it is felt that this wouldn't be appropriate for presentations and speeches etc. A late season away day at Greetham Valley in Rutland is already planned for 30th September and so, in the absence of a better alternative, the EOS AND AGM will be combined with this event. Approval (anticipated) from Greetham Valley will be sought.	BH	

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	Bob will make some enquiries regarding the possible use of the Wycliffe Rooms in Lutterworth and talk to Tony Parris (club member and caterer) to see what can be provided by way of a Christmas party there and get a rough order of cost. Consideration also to be given to the need for entertainment (in addition to the ever popular pantomime traditional put on by the LGC Seniors am-dram society).	BH	TBC
<b>5.</b>	<b>Finances</b>		
5.1	Half-way house refreshments  LGC Seniors have traditionally provided tea and cake for team matches and this has been greatly appreciated over the years. This has always been achieved at reasonable cost by the purchase of a couple of cakes relatively cheaply, provision of our own tea and coffee etc. and volunteers providing the service. Things have changed this year with the club caterers now providing half-way house facilities meaning, of course, that we can no longer operate in our traditional manner. The club have been happy to provide the tea and cake at the reasonable rate of £3 per head. For the first game of the season we charged our home team members £6 a head but it was felt that this was somewhat onerous (possibly in addition to the cost of post match meals when allowable). And so it was decided that team members were to pay for their own refreshments but the cost of the visitor's would come out of the senior's coffers and this was the case for the next 4 home matches at a total cost of £142.50. There are a further 7 home matches scheduled for this season (including the final game against the Ladies section) and so the potential cost will be in the order of a further £300 which is clearly unsustainable. The main source of income is the winter roll-up match fee and this generally covers our normal level of expenditure but won't support the tea & cake. Other clubs (Oundle amongst others) charge an annual 'membership fee', typically £5 and it is felt that we should now follow suit. A motion to that effect will be put to the membership at the next AGM.		
5.2	At present there are only two signatories for our online banking facility (Bob & Norman). Whilst this has been operable it is felt that a third would provide flexibility and so Barclays will be approached to arrange for Tony to be authorised.	NFB	TBA
<b>6.</b>	<b>Hill Valley</b>		
	Having withdrawn from the event, Roy Emmett subsequently found that he was able to attend and requested reinstatement. Unfortunately, Roy's place had been taken up. Neil has subsequently reserved an additional room (cancellable up to 7 days prior to the event) but is by no means certain that he will be fit enough to play. Neil will contact to Roy and explain the situation and advising him that he will need to pay for a single room (£145 including prize fund).	NW	TBA
<b>7.</b>	<b>Captain's costs</b>		
	If the Captain plays in every match and given the usual post match socialising he will be spending something in the order of £450 in a season. This is generally accepted by successive Captains but it ought to be recognised that it could be off-putting to some future potential officers. It should be noted, however, that there is no absolute requirement for the Captain to play in every match, temporary captains can be nominated on a match by match basis and this could soften the financial and time burdens.		

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8.	<b>AOB</b>		
8.1	Secretary's honorarium.  A nominal sum of around £60 has traditionally been allocated to the secretary to cover his expenses, nominally postage and telephone. (It should be noted, and appreciated, that a large part of this allocation has been returned to the coffers in the form of a donation). The advent of email and cheap (if not free) telephone calls has changed all this and so Neil suggests that the time has come to abandon this tradition.		
8.2	General discussion regarding the fault code on Neil's dishwasher was, regrettably inconclusive but Google is to be consulted.		
	<b>Post meeting note!</b>  The idea of a £5 annual sub was bounced off a couple of members to test reaction – one thought that it was a perfectly acceptable proposal but the other could imagine concern being expressed by those who were unlikely to play in any of the summer matches		