

## Minutes of a Special General Meeting held at the Club on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: 64 Members. Presided over by Mr T H E D Turner (Captain).

Apologies were received from Mr A Hobson (Ex-Captain) and Mr H H Cawthron who has been seriously ill and Messrs H H Broadbent and Dr A Wynroe.

The Captain opened the Meeting by inviting the members to drink with him following which he presented the monthly medal prizes won by Mr H Burlingson and Mr G A Greenhough.

In opening the Special Meeting the Captain said that in the Committee's opinion the present was the time to increase the income of the Club. Last year there had been a loss of £200 and since then there had been disappointing results from the Dinner and competitions which barely covered expenditure. The subscription list opened following last year's Meeting had proved disappointing. Future expenditure was likely to be higher and it was hoped to create a reserve of £200/300 each year. The Club House had been purchased at a cost of £2,100 for which an overdraft had been necessary and it was hoped to clear this over a period of 20 years. Considerable repairs both internally and externally were required and many improvements and possible extensions are in mind such as a Common-room for Lady and gentlemen members. It was possible that also that two holes would be lost due to building and it may be necessary for course re-construction at a cost of probably £2,000. Consideration had been given by the Committee to the method of increasing the Club's income and it was found after allowing for resignations an increase in subscriptions would be inadequate and it had been decided to submit the resolutions, notice of which had been given, applying for a game-fee as from March 25<sup>th</sup> 1953.

The Captain then put the resolution to the Meeting as follows: -

"A member shall pay a fee of 3d for each game played by him or may alternatively pay an annual sum of 25/-d in lieu thereof such sum to be due in advance on 25<sup>th</sup> March."

"A lady member shall pay a fee of 3d for each game played by her or may alternatively pay an annual sum of 20/-d in lieu thereof such sum to be due in advance on 25<sup>th</sup> March."

(The above to become additional Rules)

The Captain further explained that the game-fee, if passed was to be charged whenever a member took a club or clubs and ball on the course and also for all competitions but was not applicable to Junior Members. Mr Wright, Treasurer seconded the motions and gave detailed figures of the present financial position.

Much discussion then took place on the proposals; some member spoke against the idea of a game-fee in principle and preferred an increase in subscriptions. They were reminded of the Captain's previous remarks that the net gain therefrom would be negligible.

In response to a question regarding a resolution to increase subscriptions the Captain said that he could not accept a Notice of Motion in this respect and that the Meeting could only vote for or against the resolutions as submitted.

The Secretary further explained that the Committee as a body had been against the idea of a game-fee in the first instance but had been converted as a result of figures supplied after exhaustive enquiry. It was intimated that an increase in subscriptions of 2½ guineas for men and 1½ guineas for ladies would result in a much smaller net gain than the proposals now submitted.

The Notices of Motion were then submitted. 37 members voting for and 27 against and the Captain declared that they were duly carried.

A further Notice of motion was proposed and seconded as follows:

“That visitors’ charges shall be 3/6d per day on week-days and 5/-d per day on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays and that Rule 14 be amended accordingly.”

This was carried unanimously.

The Captain then declared the Meeting closed.

**T H E D Turner 2/5/53**

**Signed**