

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BROADOAK HOTEL,  
ASHTON, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1973.

THE CAPTAIN (C.W.Cooper) presided and there were approximately 160 members present.

BUSINESS: The Captain welcomed all Members present and reminded them that only the matter on the Agenda could be discussed.

He then called upon Mr.Robert Frost, who suggested that it was unfair that older Members would have the advantage of the schemes, as the younger generation could not afford to pay the sums involved. He proposed a levy of £50. per Full Playing Member, which, he said, would realise £17,500.

Mr.N.Casson, in seconding the Resolution, said that if many members took advantage of the schemes, there would be a serious loss of revenue in the future and the younger members would have to shoulder this extra burden by way of greatly increased subscriptions in years to come.

Mr.L.Butlin replied on behalf of the Committee, giving a full history of the objectives we needed to achieve and the conditions pertaining to the application for grant to the National Sports Council. He stated that all methods of raising the necessary capital had been explored and that the first suggestion of a levy had been turned down by the Committee for a number of reasons. It had been felt that it would bear unfairly on elderly members who were now on reduced subscriptions and on fixed incomes, Life Members, new Members who had paid a £40 entrance fee and younger Members with new family and mortgage commitments. A Levy could only lead to numerous resignations. Mr.Butlin then went on to explain in great detail the various schemes outlined in the circular sent to all Members at the end of November and he appealed to everyone to participate in the scheme which was applicable to his own personal circumstances.

Numerous Members spoke from the floor and eventually a vote was called for.

At this juncture Mr.Wellock rose to point out that under Club Law, no Resolution could be put to the Meeting as the Notice of Meeting did not contain a specific Resolution, proposed and seconded by Members.

This was accepted by the Chair and it was decided to ask for an expression of opinion by the Meeting.

The result, on a show of hands, showed 14 in favour of a compulsory levy and an overwhelming majority against.

The Meeting closed at 10-0 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding.

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