

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Club on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1954 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present about 40 members.

Presided over by Mr J Harrop (Captain).

The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The Captain welcomed the members and commented on events during the last half-year. He referred to Mr Sowerbutts's generosity in providing Rose Trees and Wed Killer and personal thanks were extended to him therefor.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held October 1953 were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Special General Meeting held February 27<sup>th</sup> 1954 were also confirmed.

The Financial Statement was given by Mr J H Firth as Acting-Hon Treasurer in place of Mr N L Wright who has been ill since February.

This was succeeded by the Auditors' Report given by Messrs W G Baker and H F Haselden.

Questions were asked regarding the reserve for the Tractor and Land and Buildings Reserve.

The Accounts were then duly adopted.

It was decided to record the thanks of the members to the Secretary for forgoing the usual Honorarium.

Votes of thanks were then extended to the Treasurer, Mr N L Wright, and Acting-Treasurer, Mr J H Firth, the House-Secretary, Mr H H Cawthron and the Honorary Auditors, Messes Baker and Haselden.

The Secretary then presented his Report which was adopted.

A vote of thanks was also extended to him.

The Social Secretary's Report was given by Mr Battersby who referred to the assistance given to him by the Lady Captain and Ladies' Secretary. He gave detailed results of the various Social efforts held during the year.

Thanks were extended to him and the Social Committee.

Messrs Battersby and P A Jones were duly elected as members of the Social Committee for the ensuing year

The Captain announced the results of the April Medal and presented prizes, Winter Four-Ball to Messrs Battersby and Burton and to Messrs Leech and Broucher for the Four-Ball Bogey held to-day. Thanks were extended to the donors Messrs F J Rowley and H Baguley.

In any other business reference was made to the poor state of the Tractor. After proposals had been made regarding a replacement Mr Sowerbutts suggested that the old Tractor Chassis could be used for trailer purposes.

Mr Powrie complained about the present arrangements for the latest starting times for competitions particularly on Saturdays and suggested that the starting-time should be abolished and left to the discretion of the entrants. This is to be considered by the Committee.

Questions were asked about the putting-up of the Competition Sheet at 6 p.m. in Summer and 5 p.m. in Winter. It was thought that the present arrangements were satisfactory.

Mr R Lees enquired regarding the proposed Inter-Club Matches and whether they could be treated as Official Club Matches without green-fees.

Mr R Lees asked for an improvement to be effected to the steps at the 13<sup>th</sup> and for a road suitable for the use of trolleys. He also referred to the ditch past the road at the 4<sup>th</sup> and enquired whether it could be levelled.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain.

**Signed J Harrop.**