

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 1997.

PRESENT: The Captain, Mr A.Broad in the Chair, The President, Mr G.J.Musgrave, Messrs Ashworth, P.Broad, Doyle, Grove, Horton, Knowles, Lord, Merriman, O'Donnell, Shawcross, Sherlock and the Secretary Mr D.McGee.

The Captain opened the meeting and welcomed the new members to the Management Committee and he announced his Secretaries and their assistants for the coming year.

President	Mr G.J..Musgrave
Captain	Mr A.Broad
Past Captain	Mr J.Knowles
Captain Elect	Mr M.J.O'Donnell
Secretary	Mr D.McGee
Treasurer	Mr D. Shawcross
House Secretary	Mr J.Lord
Bar Secretary	Mr R.Horton
Greens Secretary	Mr E.Ashworth
Social Secretary	Mr P.Broad
Competition Secretary	Mr I.Sherlock
Handicap Secretary	Mr D.McGee
Assistant House	Mr J.Merriman
Assistant Social	Mr K.Grove
Assistant Competitions	Mr F.J.Doyle

SECRETARIAL MATTERS.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Monday 27th October 1997 were read and approved and signed by the Captain as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING.

* Letters of confirmation and invoices have been sent to Mr B.Kay, Mr A.B.Lomas, Mr J.Hilton and Mr M.J.O'Donnell for the hire of the Main lounge for Private Functions.

* The Secretary has written to Mr A.B.Lomas informing him that the Management Committee have agreed to donate £200 towards the cost of purchasing polo sweaters for the A Team.

* The Secretary has written to the Balfour & Houldsworth Golf Challenge Cup Committee to inform them that Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club wish to be considered as a venue for the Balfour Cup and the Junior Balfour Cup competitions.

* The Secretary has written to Miss V.Jackson informing her of the Management Committee's decision and to warn her of her future conduct.

* The maintenance contract for the fans in the clubhouse has been signed with Ventaxia Ltd.

* The Secretary has posted notices and purchased signs that tee pegs must be used on tees where there is a tee mat in place.

CORRESPONDENCE.

* A letter was received from Mrs M.Davies requesting permission, on behalf of the R.N.L.I., to hold a Ladies Open Team Event on Friday 18th September 1998. The Management Committee approved this request.

* A letter was received from Mr A.Clegg requesting permission to hire the Main Lounge for a Private Function on Saturday 28th February 1998.

The Management Committee approved the request at the usual hire charge of £25.

* A letter was received from Mr W.S.Wrigley at Dunlop Heywood raising various points concerning Knott Hill Reservoir. The main point was a request from Tameside MBC asking permission to lease the pond on the right of the 17th as part of a nature trail. The Management Committee agreed to Mr Wrigley's suggestion and the Secretary has written to Mr Wrigley requesting him to raise the necessary papers etc.

* A letter was received from Mr W.S.Wrigley at Dunlop Heywood regarding the purchase of the land behind the 10th tee. Unless certain criteria are met then the purchase of the land looks in jeopardy. The Secretary has written to Mr Wrigley asking that negotiations continue with Cordingleys.

* A letter was received from the Lancashire Ladies County Golf Association requesting permission to hold the South East Division Lancashire Handicap Inter Club Championship at Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club in 1999.

The Management Committee agreed to this request and Wednesday 5th May 1999 was agreed as the date for the competition.

* A letter was received from the Ladies Section concerning an increase in their subscription to the Lancashire Ladies County and the English Ladies Golf Association. They requested that the subscription levy be collected with the annual members subscription in March. After a short discussion it was agreed to look at this nearer the time.

NEW MEMBERS.

Full Playing Members

Mr M.S.Harris	proposed by	Mr E.Ashworth	seconded by	Mr P.Broad
Mr K.Lane	"	Mr A.Broad	"	Mr M.Doyle
Mr D.Gregory	"	Mr H.Widdall	"	Mr F.V.Oddie
Mr C.M.Hudsmith	"	Mr P.Broad	"	Mr I.Sherlock

TRANSFERS & RESIGNATIONS.

There were no tranfers or resignations.

SECRETARIAL MATTERS.

There were no Secretarial Matters.

FINANCE.

Accounts passed for payment in September 1997	£27,635
Receipts for the month of September 1997	£25,203
Current A/c (No.1)	£19,269 Cr
Current A/c (No.2)	£30,000 O/D
Loan A/c	£20,000 O/D
This made the Total Borrowings	£30,731 O/D

Accounts passed for payment in October 1997	£20,556
Receipts for the month of October 1997	£16,462
Current A/c (No.1)	£15,175 Cr
Current A/c (No.2)	£30,000 O/D
Loan A/c	£20,000 O/D
This made the Total Borrowings	£34,825 O/D

Mr M.J.O'Donnell presented the accounts for the last time and reported on the following matters.

* The new cash register and swipe cards were on order and should be ready for early January.

* Nothing had been confirmed in writing from Carlsberg Tetley regarding the new discount structure and Mr O'Donnell would follow this up as soon as possible.

* Mr C.Boyle had enquired if the carpet in the shop could be renew as it was starting to wear quite badly. 4 quotations had been received and it would cost £578 to carpet the front area of the shop only. Mr O'Donnell would follow this up.

* Mr M.Doyle still owed money from the Committee golf trip and dinner.

Mr O'Donnell would write to Mr Doyle for the outstanding amount owing.

The Captain thanked Mr O'Donnell for his outstanding work as Treasurer and this was reiterated by the Management Committee.

HOUSE & BAR.

There were no minutes to report.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr J.Lord reported on the following:

- * The Central Heating Engineer had still not arrived after promising to visit the Club to sort the problems out with the heating. Mr Lord would chase him up once again.

- * Complaints had been received regarding the gentlemen's locker room.

Mr J.Merriman had met with the cleaners and instructed them to thoroughly clean the locker room once a week including the showers. Mr Merriman would purchase a strong detergent to clean the tiles in the toilets and in the showers.

BAR.

Mr R.Horton reported there was no current stock report to hand.

Mr Horton reported that the 9 gallon cask bitter sales were slow and this could be costly. It was agreed to order cask bitter in the winter period, only when there was a function or a dinner dance taking place.

GREENS.

There were no minutes to report.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr E.Ashworth reported on the following:

- * The application for the bore-hole had been submitted to the NRA. Due to an error by the local newspaper the second advertisement did not appear consecutively and Mr Ashworth did not know whether the application would be nullified. A decision was expected shortly from the NRA.

- * Mr Ashworth had approached Mr Wrigley regarding outline planning permission for the extension to the greenkeepers shed. Unfortunately Mr Wrigley couldn't do the planning application as there would be building regulations to contend with. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Secretary would contact Mr R.Langton for advice.

- * The Captain queried the letter presented by Mr D.Hufton at the AGM. It was agreed that he was totally out of order to present it at the AGM. Mr Ashworth thought it was insulting and out of order. Mr O'Donnell disagreed but thought the contents were not a complaint and some of the comments were constructive.

- * Mr J.Merriman enquired about the tee mats and the use of tee pegs. He suggested a strip of mat be added to the surface of the mat to give a better teeing surface.

Mr J.Knowles suggested that tee pegs should only be used on the long holes and the wear and tear to the mats on the short holes be monitored. Mr M.O'Donnell suggested a sawcut in the mat to make teeing up easier. Mr E.Ashworth disagreed with these suggestions and proposed that things should remain as they are. It was proposed by Mr K.Grove and seconded by the President that tee pegs be used only on the long holes. A vote was taken and the proposal was passed by 8 votes to 6. The Secretary was asked to post notices to this effect as soon as possible.

- * Mr F.J.Doyle enquired if a bunker was going to be sited on the right of the 8th green. After a short discussion it was agreed that the suggestion should be rejected once again.

COMPETITIONS.

There were no minutes to report.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr I.Sherlock reported on the following:

- * The club Turkey Trot competition was a success.
- * There were 100 entries for Huddies Christmas Competition.
- * There were 54 entries for the Boxing Day Bucket.
- * Mr M. O'Donnell enquired why the competition results were no longer published in the Ashton Reporter newspaper. Mr I.Sherlock would rectify this in the future.
- * Mr J.Merriman queried the starters for Open Days etc: Mr F.J.Doyle suggested that an official starter was employed. It was agreed to investigate this for the new season.
- * The Captain announced that Mr B.Thickett would continue as the Junior Organiser. The Captain and President suggested that a £50 donation be given to the Juniors for their Annual Prize Night presentation. This was agreed by the Management Committee.
- * Mr M. O'Donnell queried why the Junior Section had no balance sheet. It was agreed that this should be rectified and it would be brought up at the Junior AGM in January.

HANDICAPS.

There were no minutes to report.

SOCIAL.

There were no minutes to report.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr K.Grove reported on the following:

- * The Bonfire night was a success socially but on the night suffered a loss of £137.
- * The Annual Dinner Dance was a success.
- * Christmas Party night will be held on Saturday 13th December 1997.
- * The New Year's Eve Dinner Dance has been over subscribed.
- * The Drinks facility has now been fully completed.

The Captain thanked Mr K.Grove for all his hard work as Social Secretary over the past years.

VISITING SOCIETIES

The Secretary reported that 12 bookings had been received for 1998.

The Secretary also reported that advertisements for visiting societies would be published in the National Club Golfer newspaper from January to June 1998 at a cost of £400.

SUGGESTION BOOK.

There were no comments from the members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

* Mr R.Horton read a report from the Manchester Evening News newspaper regarding Swinton Park G.C. The main point raised was the renewal of the club licence and the need to give voting rights to the lady members. Ther Secretary reported that our licence was due for renewal in March 1998 and would make enquiries as to the view of the Licensing Authority in Tameside.

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

DATES OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Calendar Meeting
Sub Committee Meeting
Management Meeting

Tuesday 16th December 1997 at 7.30pm.
Monday 5th January 1998 at 8.00pm.
Thursday 15th January 1998 at 7.30pm.

CAPTAIN..........DATE.....15.1.1998.....