

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held Saturday May 2nd 1953 at 7 p.m.

Present: - The Captain and all members of the Committee

The Captain gave his reason for calling the meeting which was his transfer from the district a fortnight hence when he is to take up duties at Ellesmere Port. The Committee regretted the circumstances from the Club's point of view but congratulated Mr Turner on his promotion and wished him every success in his new sphere. It was agreed by Mr A Hobson to be acting Captain in Mr Turner's absence.

Mr Woods raised the question of the fee for temporary membership of about 6 months. It was suggested and agreed that a full year's subscription be paid without entrance fee. If the temporary member leaves within 6 months he is repaid pro rata. If he stays the full year he pays the entrance fee in addition to the subscription.

The Treasurer asked how the Game-Fees were coming in and he informed the meeting that of the members who had paid to date 80 per cent had paid the Game-Fee in full.

Mr H Schofield had asked permission to play in the Club's Mixed Foursomes with a Junior Lady Member and permissibility of this is to be considered at the next meeting.

Signed

A Hobson
21/5/53

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held Saturday May 21st 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - All Members of the Committee with the exception of Messrs T H E D Turner (Captain) and J H Firth.

The Handicap Secretary's and House Secretary's Reports were given and approved.

The Greens Committee Minutes were read and signed as correct.

The Minutes of the Committee Meetings held April 16th and May 2nd were read and signed.

In business arising the Secretary reported that he had obtained Bar extensions for Coronation Day June 2nd, to 11.30 p.m. and Mixed Foursomes Day June 27th to 11.45 p.m.

Regarding the land at Dirk farm the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Whitson informing him that the Club was interested in obtaining the use of the land and enquiring for details of rental, tenancy &c.. Mr R Wood, Mr A Hobson and the Secretary were prepared to meet him to discuss the matter if required.

Mr Cooper the Handicap Secretary complained about the few who were taking advantage of

the extended time for entry to Saturday Competitions. It was agreed to give the matter and extended trial.

Business arising from the Annual Meeting May 2nd.

A complaint regarding booking of Caddies was discussed and it was decided that: -

“Caddies may only be booked on the day required through the Caddie-master who will allocate the Caddies in turn from his Rota at a fee of 2/6d per round or part of round”.

The Secretary’s action in placing a letter on the board asking for Competitors in Captain’s and similar matches to avoid busy times at weekends was approved.

Correspondence was submitted relating to: -

Balfour & Houldsworth Junior Competition (left in Mr Dale’s hands); Appeal from Whitstable (tabled); Sports Turf Research Institute (Tabled); A J Hoskison resigning (accepted with regret); Mrs Ball permission to cross course (granted); Colourties (tabled); Newton re Shelters (tabled).

A further letter was read from the Steward applying for permission for his wife and himself to have Monday as their weekly day-off together. This was agreed on a month’s trial and subject to Mr Jones arranging for proper services in his absence and subject to special occasions.

Accounts submitted by the Treasurer were passed for payment.

Applications for membership were received from: -

FULL

Mr J Costello	22 Poplar Grove, Ashton –under-Lyne
Mr J Lowe	231 Rose Hill, Ashton-under-Lyne
Mrs A F Williams	“Rosemount”, Newmarket Road, Ashton-under-Lyne
Mrs T Potts	4 Atlas Street, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne
Mr J A Walsh	279 Broadoak Road, Ashton-under-Lyne
Mr C Ashworth	43a Katherine Street, Ashton-under-Lyne
Mr R H Pyett	31 Woodlands Road, Ashton-under-Lyne
Miss A J Lawrance	239 Rose Hill, Ashton-under-Lyne
Mrs G Greenhough	442 Stockport Road, Denton

HONORARY

Mrs J Costello	22 Poplar Grove, Ashton –under-Lyne
Mr J Gaunt	16 Weymouth Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

These were balloted for and accepted subject to the Secretary and Ex-Captain satisfying themselves of the suitability of the above as Members and subject to the applications of Mr Ashworth, Mr Pyett, Miss Lawrance and Mrs Greenhough remaining on the board for the requisite period.

The Secretary referred to the dangerous state of the Men’s Locker-room floor and submitted estimates from Marshalls, Batty and Bingham and E B Hartley. It was agreed that the estimate of £17-18-0 from Batty and Bingham should be accepted.

The Stewardess had applied for One dozen table cloths and a price of 15/6 each had been obtained from Mr Thewlis but Mr Cooper was to go into the matter and report.

The two Coronation Spoons loaned to the Ladies Section are to be replaced.

It was decided that there shall be no practising on the course on Competition Days according to R & A Rules.

It was agreed that an extra light be installed near the entrance door in the Gents' Locker-Room.

The Treasurer enquired whether Mr J Humphreys should pay a pro rata subscription pending his leaving the District and this was agreed.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Members in arrear with subscriptions for 1952/53 informing them that future Membership cannot be considered until last year's subscription had been paid.

The Secretary is to put up a Notice stating that: -

“A ball on putting-green may be lifted without penalty and replaced not nearer the hole if in an old hole-mark or if an old hole-mark interfere with the play”.

Signed

A Hobson 22/6/53

Chairman