

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BROADOAK HOTEL
ON THURSDAY 4th MARCH, 1971 at 7-30 p.m.

PRESENT: The Captain (J.W. Stephenson) in the Chair, the President (J. Harrop) and approximately 105 Members.

The Captain opened the Meeting and welcomed those present. He then requested Members to stand in silence in respect of those who had died during the year, which included two Life Members (Mr. J. Whitehead and Mrs. R. Wood) also Messrs. N. Slater, S. Hall and F. Jones.

The Secretary was requested to read the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 7th March, 1970. These were accepted a true and correct record.

MATTERS

ARISING: No matters were raised.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Mr. L. Butlin gave a detailed Report of the Financial situation and break down on figures for the accounting year under review and the comparison with the previous year.

Certain increases were unavoidable under present conditions.

The Reserves had been increased by £1,000 as promised to Members last year.

AUDITOR'S
REPORT:

Mr. I. Macleod, on behalf of himself and Mr. I Taylor, stated that the books, vouchers and Statement of Accounts had been examined and found to be in order.

MATTERS RAISED: The increased costs of maintaining the Course over the last few years was queried. Mr. Butlin gave a further explanation of this and a detailed run-down of certain items. The maintenance of Machinery was a big factor and it was thought a wiser proposition to keep plant well maintained instead of purchasing so many new items of Machinery: the latter had risen sharply in proportion.

The fact that Bar Takings were down in spite of increased Membership and higher selling prices required explanation. This was thought to be because there had not been so many Social events held during the year.

The prices of drinks in the bar was censured by a number of Members and the percentage margin of profit disputed on certain commodities.

Mr. F.W. Greenhough (Bar Secretary) was then called upon to give a Report on the Profit Margins and the price increases to the Club during the last financial year.

The information afforded to the Members was still not acceptable to a number of persons present and a suggestion made that the Committee consider the matter further.

The Accounts were then adopted.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT:

The Secretary gave a resumé of the work accomplished during the year and the changes which were envisaged for 1971/2 Season.

The protection of our interests appertaining to the Land which we lease from the Estate of Lord Deremore and the fact that the lease expires in another few years must be of great importance to us for some years to come.

Contracts had been signed for the purchase of a small plot of land behind Gorsey Lane Farm and agreement that no building whatsoever be erected on the site (within the lifetime of the three ~~parties~~ donors). What use we could make of this was debateable at the moment, but, at least, we were preventing any closer encroachment on the Course at this point.

The proposed changes of length of the Fourth and Fifteenth holes was explained and the playing of the holes as par four instead of par five strokes. This would result in the standard Scratch 69 and Par 70 being more comparable and the number of 'five' holes on the Course, would be reduced by two.
Water was now available on the Course for the use on Greens and would be a most welcome improvement to their condition and maintain same.
Tribute was paid to the Captain for his ideas and the effort which he had made in this project during his year of office.

PROPOSED
INCREASED
SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Mr. L. Butlin proposed and Mr. Carter seconded that Subscriptions be increased as recommended by the Committee, and as given in detail on the Annual Meeting Notice. Mr. R Lees and Mr. J. Buckley proposed and seconded respectively that these be amended in respect of Boys between the ages of 17 and 20 years, eligible to all competitions to £15.00 and Lady Social Members to £6.00.
This amendment was carried.
The other subscription increases were agreed as per the agenda.

SOCIAL
COMMITTEE
REPORT:

Mr. I.F.W. Kerr gave a resumé of the activities of the Committee and was pleased to announce that the £211.85 Balance in Hand, was to be handed to the Treasurer for the credit of the Development Fund. He mentioned efforts would be organised in the new Season and it was the Committee's intention to continue to see that further amounts were placed to this Fund and requested good support from all Members at these events.

NEW
CAPTAIN:

Mr. A.N. Howard was then proposed as Captain for the ensuing year by the Captain (J.W. Stephenson) and seconded by Mr. F. Robinson. Both spoke of his past efforts as a good Committee man and excellent qualities.
The proposition was carried with warm accord and musical honours.

Mr. A.N. HOWARD then thanked all those present for the honour bestowed on him and promised of his best during the year. He further stated that he was most concerned as to our Lease on the Land and the fact that we must have Cash in Hand to negotiate with, when the time was right.
He was proposing to reform the Social Committee and felt sure money could be raised by this means, as well as adding to the attractions of the Club.
He went on to thank the Ex-Captain for his work during his term of Office.

The Ex-Captain (Mr. J.W. Stephenson) then thanked the President, Officers and Committee for their support. He thanked one or two Members who had been primarily concerned on the practical side in bringing the Water to the Greens; also the three donors for their generosity in defraying the costs of the land we were to

acquire behind Gorsey Land (sic) Farm,

Thanks were due to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. Butlin, for his services and Mr. Stephenson remarked that Mr. Butlin was a legend in his own right.

Before closing his thanks, reference was made to the General Secretary (Mr. P.W. Carter) for his hard work and industry during the past year and also to the assistance given by the Secretary's wife (Mrs. Joyce Carter).

PRESIDENT: Tribute was then paid to Mr. J. Harrop for his work during his two years of Office. He had been a most helpful person to everyone in so many ways.

The President (Mr. J. Harrop) thanked the Ex-Captain for his kind remarks made in respect of Officers and Members of the Committee. For his own part, he felt anything he could put back into the Club by means of effort, was a repayment for all the happy years and fellowship he had enjoyed.

He welcomed our Past President (Mr. Rupert Wood Senior) who at the age of 82 years was still assisting us in the capacity of Legal Advisor. He was a Founder Member in 1913. (Transcriber's Note: He wasn't).

Mr. Harrop then proposed and Mr. Wood seconded Mr. F. Cooper be our next President. This Resolution was carried unanimously with musical honours.

NEW PRESIDENT: Mr. F. Cooper replied and thanked those present for this honour and assured the Members he would carry out the duties with the dignity and decorum befitting the Office.

CAPTAIN ELECT: Mr. J.A. Fiddian and Mr. R.H. Meeks proposed and seconded Mr. C.W. Cooper as Captain-Elect. Both remarked on his loyal service and long membership of the Club. The proposal was carried and Mr. Cooper thanked the Members and promised 100% effort on his part.

TREASURER: Mr. J.A. Fiddian and Mr. R. H. Meeks proposed and seconded Mr. L. Butlin as Treasurer for the ensuing year. This would be Mr. Butlin's seventeenth year in this honorary position with the Club and most grateful tribute was due to him. The proposition was carried and Mr. Butlin accepted the office once more and stated that he would carry out the duties to the best of abilities, as before.

SECRETARY: Mr. N.S. Dale and Mr. J.H. Hopkinson proposed and seconded Mr. P.W. Carter be re-elected as Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year. Tribute was paid to Mr. Carter's efforts and the assistance given to him by his wife.

COMMITTEE: After ballot the following were elected to serve on the Committee: -

THREE YEARS: Messrs. J.T. Frost, I.F.W. Kerr and F. Robinson

ONE YEAR: Messrs. J. Grundy and W.S. Wrigley.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Mr. I.F.W. Kerr was elected Social Secretary and Messrs. W.S. Wrigley and R. Ferris as Members of the Social Committee.

AUDITORS: Messrs. I.A. Macleod and W Pickles were elected honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The following points were raised for further consideration by the Committee: -

- (a) Mr. R. Lees requested that an informal meeting be called by a Notice on the Board giving date and time this would take place in the Club House, so that changes in the lengths of holes and alterations of strokes as mentioned in the Secretary's Report could be further discussed.
- (b) Mr. N. Wrigley pointed out the shortcomings of the Course in Winter and whether, in fact, we should play from the Competition Tees in Medal Rounds all the year round.
- (c) Mr. W. Roberts thought the temporary holes cut in front of the Greens had not, in fact, been used enough during the winter months.
- (d) Mr. A.J. Dixon requested the Committee to consider the Life Membership of Mr. L. Butlin, in view of such long service to the Club.
- (e) The Secretary requested further names be handed in from Members who were willing to donate prizes and who had not put their names on the list.

The Meeting then closed with a VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding.

Signed A.N. Howard Captain
Date 2nd March 1972.....