

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
FRIDAY, 3rd. FEBRUARY 1967.**

PRESENT: The Captain (F.J. Rowley) in the Chair, Messrs., Hartley, Fiddian, Meeks, Hitchen, Howard, Hopkinson, High, Butlin, Lewis, Jones and Stephenson.

An apology was received from R. Clegg who was unable to be present.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer presented a very comprehensive statement of the Cub's financial transactions during 1966. Comparative items of income and expenditure with the previous year were examined, analysed and explained in a most professional manner.

After thanking Mr. Butlin for his report, the Captain invited questions. Answering a question, the Bar Secretary, (J.A. Fiddian) gave as the reason that the gross profit on bar takings were 2% down on the previous year, that an increase of ½d. a bottle on certain beers had been borne by the Club, so bringing prices in line with those charge elsewhere, also the increase in bulk sales to members at Christmas Time of wines and spirits had contribute to this result.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS: Following a long discussion on future financial policy it was Proposed by F. Robinson and Seconded by H. Hopkinson, that the subscriptions for both Full Playing Men and Ladies be increased by £2.0.0d per annum, Junior Members by £1.0.0d. in each grade. It was agreed this ~~be~~ proposal be recommended (sic) to the general body of members and put on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

ENTRANCE FEES: It was a greed after a proposal by P.A. Jones, seconded by G. High, that the Entrance Fee for new members be increased by such an amount that it would be the same as the Annual Subscription due from both Full Playing Men and Lady Members.

GREEN FEES: It was unanimously agreed to suggest at the A.G.M. an amendment to increase Green Fees as and from the 25th March 1967, as follows:

A.G.M. Saturdays and Sundays and recognised Bank Holidays.....£1.0.0d.
AMENDEMNT: Playing with a member (only one visitor per member)..... 15.0d.
Weekdays..... 10.0d.
Weekdays with a member (only one visitor per member)..... 7.6d.

It was agreed that the members who had not yet paid their subscription for 1966/7, namely Messrs. Calverly, Kaye, I. Roberts, J.T. Roberts, A. Scholes and B.S. Walker be sent a final demand, failure to conform will mean expulsion by default.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed...F.J. Rowley.....Captain.
Date 9/2/67.....

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
THURSDAY, 9th. FEBRUARY 1967.**

- PRESENT: The Captain (F.J. Rowley) in the Chair, Messrs. Lewis, Clegg, Hartley, Jones, Fiddian, Meeks, Robinson, Hitchen, Howard, Hopkinson, Butlin, High and Stephenson.
- MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
- MATTERS ARISING: Letters expressing their appreciation were read from the newly appointed Lady Life Members, namely Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Wood.
- The minutes of the special meeting were read and approved.
- FENCING: During the Greens Committee report, the question of the fencing off of the ground immediately in front of Well Bank Avenue was discussed. It was agreed, the Secretary, Treasurer and Greens Secretary inspect the site and the Secretary in conjunction with the Treasurer, write to the Town Clerk of Ashton-under-Lyne asking if the Corporation will defray the whole or part of the cost of fencing this opening.
- GENERAL COMMITTEE: Bills presented for payment amounted to £622.0.9d.
- It was agreed, the door dividing the Secretary's Office from the bed-room in the Stewards Quarters, be sound-proofed. The request to provide a Filing Cabinet for the sole use of the Ladies Section was refused, but the Committee would have no objection to the Ladies purchasing one themselves and removing the old chest of drawers from the Secretary's Office.
- WAGES TO GROUND STAFF: It was agreed to pay the Ground Staff the latest Agricultural Wage Award of 6/- per week.
- NEW MEMBERS: It was resolved to form a Sub-Committee to interview possible new members. A letter would be sent to those applicants for membership, who were unknown to the Committee, inviting them to attend along with their proposer for interview.
- FAIRWAY GOLF BALL MACHINES: Owing to the continued poor return from the Golf Ball Machines, it was agreed to terminate the use of these and request their removal.
- TRANSFERS: R. Shepherd transferred to Social Membership, J. Holden to Full Playing. Mrs. J. Holden transferred to Full Playing Lady Membership.
- RESIGNATIONS: The following resignations were accepted with regret: -
J.O. Bolt, J. Bryan, F. Larmuth and Miss J. A. Cordingly.
- Five applications for membership were placed on the waiting list.
- CORRESPONDENCE: Following a complaint from two Lady members that they had been driven into whilst playing, it was agreed the Secretary write to the members

responsible, namely W. Wrigley, S.G. Butlin, S. Flinders and O.W. Roberts, pointing out the error of their ways and request their observance of the Golf Etiquette in the future.

A further complaint, deploring the dirty state of the Toilets in the Ladies Locker rooms was received from Mrs. N. Dale. Whilst this matter had been attended to, the House Secretary was asked to take steps to see that there would be no grounds for justifiable complaint in the future.

VISITORS: Permission to play their Annual Match with the Yorkshire branch, was granted to the C.I.S. Golfing Society, on Thursday 27th. April 1967.

The Secretary was instructed to write and agreed to play a team from the Constabulary at Ashton-under-Lyne some evening during June on a date to be fixed later.

Stating that this would be his last Committee Meeting as Captain, the Captain paid tribute to his Officers and Committee for their support during the past year. Replying, both R. Clegg and P.A. Jones, complimented the Captain on his hard work during the year and for the efficient and businesslike manner he had conducted the meetings.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding. Date of next meeting 9th. Feb. 67.

Signed.....R.H.Meeks..... Captain.
Date 9/3/67.....

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON THURSDAY, 23rd. FEBRUARY 1967.

PRESENT: The Captain (F.J. Rowley) in the Chair, Messrs., Jones, Hartley, Howard, Hopkinson, Meeks, Robinson, High, Fiddian, Hitchen and Stephenson.

Apologies for their non-attendance were received from Messrs. Clegg, Butlin and Lewis.

The Captain, in giving reasons for the Meeting, stated that he had, during the past few weeks, noticed a certain laxness on the part of the Ground Staff. After speaking to Brookes on the subject, Brookes intimated that he was contemplating retirement before his 70th. birthday. On investigation it appeared that as Brookes was now 69 years of age, some preparation to replace our Head-Greenkeeper should commence without delay.

Before inviting discussion, the Captain paid tribute to the valuable service rendered to the Club by Brookes, extending over a period of nearly forty years and this should be borne in mind when arriving at a decision.

HEAD-GREEN KEEPER: A very lively discussion took place, each member of the Committee being given opportunity of stating his views on the situation, which, it appeared

was appreciated, could be fraught with pitfalls.

It was agreed, the Captain should enquire from Brookes a definite (sic) date he wished to retire and inform him that the Club were prepared to give him a pension at such time of £2.0.0d. per week, paid monthly in arrear. Meantime would he be agreeable to work under the supervision of a new Head Greenkeeper until retirement, should the Committee be successful in acquiring anyone to fill this position, thereby facilitating a smooth changeover.

Should the answer from Brookes be satisfactory, the Secretary was instructed to place advertisements in the following papers: - Golf Monthly, Greenkeepers Journal, the Reporter Group, Oldham Chronicle and various Scottish Newspapers. The advertisement to read as follows: - REQUIRED Head Greenkeeper, state age, and experience. Pension Scheme Available. Enquiries to Hon. Secretary, Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club.

Having been observed sitting in the Captains Chair, J.A. Fiddian was called upon to pay for "Drinks Round" despite the failure of the Secretary to furnish the Minute appertaining to such a situation.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed.....R.H. Meeks.....Captain.

Date 9/3/67.....