

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1971.

PRESENT: The Captain (A.N. Howard) in the Chair, the President (F. Cooper) and Messrs. L. Butlin, R.H. Meeks, J.W. Stephenson, J.T. Frost, F. Robinson, R. Scowcroft, C.W. Cooper, J. Grundy, N. Howard, G.R. Windsor, I.F.W. Kerr, W.S. Wrigley, F.W. Greenhough and P.W. Carter.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS Mr. Butlin Reported that the Subscription Notices had now been handed to the
ARISING: Secretary for him to complete and address.

A discussion took place as to the availability of the Bar facilities to the participants of the Hartshead Pike Competition organised by the Ashton Rugby Club, but these facilities could not be offered to the Rugby Club. Parking would only be allowed at the farthest perimeter of our Car Park.
The captain reported that he had made certain enquiries and it was thought that owing to the small number of entries, this event may have to be cancelled altogether. In any case, the numbers were such that they would not generally interfere with us.

PRESIDENT &
NEW MEMBERS The Captain then formally welcomed the new President and new Members of the
OF COMMITTEE: Committee and assured them of his co-operation, trusting that they would, in turn, give of their best, as he felt sure they would,
He reminded all Committee Members that any discussions and decisions must not be discussed outside committee, particularly those matters of a confidential nature.

Appointments:

The Captain announced his Officials for the Season which were as follows: -

Green Secretary: - R.H. Meeks
Assistants: - N. Howard and J.T. Frost
Bar Secretary: - F.W. Greenhough
House Secretary: - G.R. Windsor
Assistant: - J. Grundy
Handicap Secretary: - R Scowcroft
Assistants: - F. Robinson & W.S. Wrigley
Social Secretary: - I.F.W. Kerr

The Policy for the year would be a substantial money raising effort and that our Bank Balance & Reserves would be considerably increased.

Mr. R.H. Meeks promised to assist in completing the Wages whenever Mr. Butlin was away from the area during the season.

MATTERS ARISING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE

BAR PRICES:

Mr. Greenhough gave further observations and quoted margin percentage profits.

Mr. Frost advised that Brandy prices should be increased and Licquer (sic) Whisky Prices be reduced.

This would be attended to by Mr. Greenhough.

The Bar Secretary promised to enquire as to the feasibility of serving beer from the Barrel and the possibility of the cellar being refrigerated to accommodate this change.

CHANGES IN THE LENGTHS OF CERTAIN HOLES AND THE PAR ALTERATIONS:

The General Secretary advised the Committee to think carefully as to calling a further Members' Meeting to discuss these points, as we were governed by our Constitution as to the calling of such meetings. This was discussed and the President reminded the Committee of their powers and that they were an elected Management Committee.

Owing to the preparation of the Score Cards and the new Tees, it was Resolved that these changes be carried out, as planned, for at least one year, experimentally, and Members could then be given the opportunity of passing comment, perhaps at a Prize distribution evening.

The General Secretary would post a suitable Notice for the information of Members, and after further discussion with the Captain and Treasurer as to the wording of same.

The measurement of the holes would be confirmed for Score Cards and Tee marker purposed.

The playing off Competition Tees for Medal Rounds of eighteen holes was agreed upon in Winter and Summer conditions.

The playing of temporary Holes during the Winter, as advised by the Greens Secretary was confirmed.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Mr. Butlin was requested to leave the room whilst the Committee Members discussed the conferring of Life Membership upon him. He was called back to the Meeting and informed by the Captain that Members present were pleased to unanimously grant him this offer, with grateful thanks.

Mr. Butlin thanked the Captain and his colleagues, saying that he was very pleased to accept and was an honour which he would cherish.

CAR PARK SPACES:

The Captain proposed and it was agreed that two further Car spaces be reserved for the use of the Treasurer and General Secretary near to the dining room windows.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT:

The General Secretary Reported on the progress made to date, as to the printing of the Calendars. The copy still required by him was "Last Year's Prize Winners" which was to be attended to by Mr. Scowcroft, and the names of the "Junior Captain and Committee" which would be obtained by the Captain. The Secretary stated that owing to staff difficulties at Messrs. J. Andrew & Co. Ltd., the setting of the type and progress was behind schedule, but he would press them to carry on with these matters as soon as possible.

HANDICAP
COMMITTEE:

Mr. Scowcroft brought up certain changes in the new Calendar which would be attended to, and the Committee rules that Tuesday Medals would not be taken into account when obtaining qualifiers for the Payne Bowl.

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

The Greens Secretary Reported that all the 125 trees recently ordered had now been planted. The current report from Messrs. Fisons was read, in which the Greens were stated to be disease-free and in good condition. The Fairways left room for improvement and further work was required. The Practice area would be treated as recommended.

The purchase of fertilisers amounting to approximately £270. was approved.

The new ground required deep spiking whilst the weather was dry.

The bridge in the vicinity of the 5th and 8th holes and the plank between the 5th and 6th would be attended to.

The Captain requested that the Car Park be cleaned up and made more presentable.

The gap in the hedge to the right of the 16th green near the electrical sub-station would be closed.

The possibility of tipping cinders to make a path between the first fairway and green would be examined.

BAR
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary stated that once again he had to Report that no Stocktaking figures being available. Suggestions that we should change the Stocktaker were again made and Mr. Greenhough would make further enquiries.

Mr. Gibson was still in our employ, as Monday evenings had become rather busy and he taken the change over to Decimal currency very easily. The position was, therefore, left in abeyance.

The President raised that a number of Members resented a Lady serving in the Smoke Room Bar.

The matter was considered, the Bar Secretary stating that she was one of very few applicants and was most efficient, therefore the matter would be left as it stood.

HOUSE
COMMITTEE:

Congratulations were due to the Organiser and Staff of the Committee Members' Dinner to the Captain.

The Steward and Stewardess were given leave of absence to take the holidays due to them as from Monday, March 15th to Friday, March 19th. Mr. Brookes and Mr. Gibson would be in attendance.

A Notice would be posted as to the opening of the Club House on Sunday evenings from 4-0 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. and 9-0 p.m. to 10-30 p.m. as from Sunday, 11th April, 1971.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £917.43.

The printing of the Annual Meeting Accounts and Ballot papers had only cost £5.50, being a considerable saving to the Club.

The increased Insurance charges were agreed, as outlined by the Treasurer. The Fidelity Bond Insurance would be cancelled (sic), as we held a deposit from the present Steward.

£1,000 had been loaned to the Club for a short period without any interest charge (sic) by a Member who wished to remain anonymous.

The Gaming Machine receipts were again down on the previous year, and it was agreed that a Sub-Committee would meet shortly to discuss with Mr. Hague, the possibility of renting a new Machine and selling the present one.

The cheque from the Social Committee would be put to the credit of the Development Fund.

The Treasurer and Secretary were invited to meet the Social Committee in the near future.

The offer of a cash loan to the Club by Mr. Liddle would be left for the time being, but any prizes would be appreciated.

SOCIAL
COMMITTEE:

The Social Secretary gave a resumé of Events to take place during the current year, and these were approved in principal (sic).

PROVISIONAL
MEMBERS:

The Committee Resolved that any such member should be requested to pay the Full Entrance Fee fixed at the time of acceptance.

RESIGNATIONS
&
NOMINATIONS:

The Resignations of Mr. W. Green and Mr. J. Naul (full playing male Members) and Mrs. R. Naul (full playing Lady Member) and Mrs. N. Howarth (Provisional Lady Member) were accepted.

After the usual Ballot the following were accepted as from 25th March 1971: -

Full Playing Male

D.I. Buckley	proposed by	R.A. Holden	seconded by	N. Berry
C.H. Bown	proposed by	A.N. Howard	seconded by	H. Greaves
<u>Provisional Members</u>				
T. Finningan	proposed by	A.N. Howard	seconded by	P.W. Carter
M. Connell	proposed by	A.N. Howard	seconded by	P.W. Carter
Junior Boy				

W.G. Fiddian Social Member	proposed by	J.A. Fiddian	seconded by	P.W. Carter
I. Whitehead	proposed by	P.W. Carter	seconded by	G.V. Ambler
Mrs. I Whitehead	proposed by	P. W, Carter	seconded by	G.V. Ambler

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr.W.J. Barnes of Macclesfield could not be granted Country Membership until such time as he joined another Club.

The Manchester Architects' Golf Union was granted permission to play the Course on Friday afternoon, 23rd April 1971 at the usual charges, as also were the Ashton Medicals per Dr. W.J. Jackson, on Thursday 6th May.

Pfizer Ltd. were granted permission to use a room on 15th June 1971 at the usual fee of £3.00.

The Ladies' Section extended greetings to our new President and Captain and thanked the retiring officials for their co-operation.

The treads on the stairs leading to the Ladies' Locker Room would be attended to. The Ladies' Powder Room would be re-decorated.

The Club House would be available to the Ladies on Tuesday, April 27th when a Coffee Morning would be held.

The General Secretary was requested by the Captain to extend to the local Member of Parliament and his wife, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Ashton-under-Lyne, invitations to be present at the Annual Dinner/Dance to be held at the Midland Hotel in November, 1971.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The purchasing of Golf Nets would not be proceeded with.

Mr Wrigley would submit his ideas to the next Committee Meeting upon where a suitable Practice ground might be allocated on the Course.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for Presiding, closed the Meeting, the next Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8th April 1971.

Signed A N Howard Captain
11-3-71..... Date

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
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BUSINESS: CHANGES IN LENGTH OF HOLES AND PAR RATING.

The Committee Resolved to meet Members on this matter at 8-0 p.m. on

Tuesday, April 6th, 1971 in the Club House and the General Secretary was asked to display a Notice to this effect on the Notice Board.

The matter of the two new Fruit Machines and rental of same was explained by the Captain, Treasurer, Secretary and Mr. F. Robinson.

The General Secretary Reported on the progress made in obtaining the Calendars for the 1971/72 Season and the postponement of Subscriptions due date.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting.

Signed A N Howard Captain
..... 11-3-71 Date
