

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON THURSDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1971.

PRESENT: The Captain (A.N. Howard) in the Chair, the President (F. Cooper) and Messrs. J.T. Frost, L. Butlin, F. Robinson, C.W. Cooper, W.S. Wrigley, N. Howard, N. Howard, F.W. Greenhough, J. Grundy and P.W. Carter.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J.W Stephenson, I.F.W. Kerr, G.R. Windsor, R. Scowcroft and R.H. Meeks.

The Minutes of the last General Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS
ARISING: Various items were narrated upon by the Captain, including the proposed purchase of a Boiler from Messrs. T. Fish & Sons Ltd., and the Committee decided that the Minute be rescinded and the purchase made from Messrs. H. Taylor & Sons Ltd., which would include burner and Boiler and the latest type of equipment throughout, this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

HANDICAP
COMMITTEE: In the absence of the Handicap Secretary, Mr. Robinson read the Minutes which were approved. He then partially drew up a list of persons to carry out the duties of Starters on Open Day, P.W. Carter and R.H. Meeks to commence these duties at 8-0 a.m.

The Manchester Junior Golf Alliance had been a success enjoyed by all Competitors, although it was regretted that owing to the Steward and Stewardess being on holiday, no official catering had been afforded. The General Secretary had had difficulty in obtaining food, owing to many local shops being closed. The number of meals requested was 43, so 50 persons were catered for, and it was through voluntary assistance that extra food was supplemented and served.

The Committee agreed that a sign should signify the Competition Tee when playing the 6th.

The request of Mr. N.S. Dale for a grant of £20 to assist in the meals provided at Junior Matches, was left in abeyance until further details could be provided.

The question of the Juniors competing in a Junior League was queried, owing to other sections of the Club already playing in Matches. Further discussions on this matter would take place in due course,

It was Resolved that a "Hole in One" should only be officially recognised when the Tee Shot had been played from the official teeing area and this shot had been witnessed by another player who had an official handicap.

Three more "Hole in One" shots were recorded by G. Musgrave, E. Dickenson and J. Gregory.

The Committee agreed that Rule 1(f) be altered to read "A Ball on or over the 4th Fairway when playing the 11th holes, in front of the marker post, be deemed "Out of Bounds"".

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

In the absence of the Greens Secretary, Mr. J.T. Frost presented the Minutes of the last Meeting, which were read and approved.

One new mower would be purchased when further details had been obtained.

Two Water Meters were not functioning properly and the supply was not available. The question of the payment of the rent on these would have to be considered, without offending the officials of the Water Board.

The idea of purchasing a mobile water tank or carrier would be investigated by Mr. Frost: this impliment (sic) would be used on the Course for weed killing purposes.

Members were to be requested to refrain from purchasing golf balls from caddies and casual persons, as this was thought to be encouraging unauthorised persons to search for balls on the Course

Members were also to be requested not to remove balls from holes with their putters, as this was damaging the holes.

The General Secretary stated that he had had a further letter from Mr. Wilson along with the requested references, upon his appointment as Head Greenkeeper to commence work at the end of August. Any assistance in providing accommodation would be appreciated.

The Committee Members were given sight of an interview list showing details of each applicant, and which had been used by the interviewing panel.

The wages of K. Briggs would be reduced to a basic amount of £19.00 per week of 40 hours, and all Staff would now be put on a basic wage, with overtime only at special request of the Head Greenkeeper and Greens Secretaries.

The Harrow with tow bar had been purchased from Mr. Wrigley at an amount of £40.00.

The Captain the explained to the full Committee how earlier in the month he had contacted the General Secretary and Treasurer and together they had seen Mr. Wrigley about Land which he rented from the Water Board. They had agreed upon a figure of compensation to Mr. Wrigley, amounting to £500, providing that the Lease was made over to the Golf Club to our satisfaction.

Later in the week, the Captain, General Secretary and Treasurer had called upon the Officials of the Water Board by appointment and the idea was agreed in principal (sic), although in two year's (sic) time an underground reservoir may be made, but part of the ground could be worked upon, up to the existing wall.

Mr. Wrigley was then seen again and informed of the further progress made with the Water Engineer and his Staff. The Committee endorsed the work carried out by the said officials and the Captain was congratulated on his quick action. Further developments would be reported in due course.

HOUSE
COMMITTEE:

In the absence of the House Secretary, Mr. J. Grundy read the Minutes which were approved.

The commencement of the holidays of the Steward and Stewardess was again queried and this matter would be further discussed when Mr. Windsor was available to comment.

BAR

COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary gave a further break-down of the figures and percentage margins, also the latest Stocktaker's Report. It was thought that the Stock of Spirits may account for the deficiency in the figures afforded the Committee last month, and a tighter control would have to be maintained.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Accounts passed for payment were £1,013.65 and £926.36.

The Gaming Machine takings were showing an increase since the new ones had been installed, although the figures, in comparison with the previous year, still showed less profit, but the improvement was showing each month.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Irish Association of Golfers (Manchester Branch) would be allowed to play the Course at the usual fee, preferably on Thursday, 26th August 1971, but if not suitable, then Friday 27th August 1971 would be granted, provided there was no hindrance to the Greens Staff in carrying out their work.

The entertaining of a party of 12 persons from Wetherby Golf Club on Sunday 15th August, 1971 was agreed to.

The Ladies' Section would be permitted to cater for themselves on the occasion of the Bridge Drive in aid of Christie Cancer Funds, to be held on 26th October, 1971.

Pfizer Company would be permitted the use of a room at the usual fee of £3.00 on Tuesday, 14th September, 1971.

RESIGNATIONS AND NOMINATIONS:

The Resignations were agreed in the cases of C. Barnes, R. Worrall and O.W. Roberts, if they submitted half fees due, when the Treasurer had requested these in due course.

The Provisional Membership resignation of D.H.W. Taylor was accepted.

The suspension of Membership for M. Bintliffe was agreed upon. The following new Members were admitted, after the usual ballot and the confirmation of the Captain and Secretary that these persons had been interviewed: -

FULL PLAYING MALE

D. Charnock	proposed by	J.W. Stephenson	seconded by	J.H Lewis
S. Johnson	proposed by	W.N. Plant	seconded by	G .Clough
J. Shawcroft	proposed by	K.J. Clayton	seconded by	S.G. Butlin
T. Spencer	proposed by	J.T. Frost	seconded by	S. Bennett

FULL PLAYING LADY

Mrs. B. Smith	proposed by	J.L. Smith	seconded by	P.W. Carter
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JUNIOR BOYS

C.L. Smith	proposed by	J.L. Smith	seconded by	P.W. Carter
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P.R. Kiln proposed by P.A. Jones seconded by F.W. Greenhough
I.D. Malloch proposed by H. Butterworth seconded by D. Laird
I.M. Boydell was re-admitted as a Junior Boy Member.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

The Captain requested the Committee to think over the idea that a Memorial Prize should be accepted from Mrs. K. Whitehead in memory of her late husband, Mr. J. Whitehead. This may be an idea for the Junior Committee to explore after Full Committee approval had been granted.

Mr. Robinson promised to clear part of the Storeroom of old cards and papers, should these be found to be disposable.

The Record Breaking Rounds of S.G. Butlin (70) and W.S. Wrigley (69) would be recorded by cards displayed on the wall of the Smoke Room.

The General Secretary requested that the Committee allocate part of a Board or see that another Board was fixed in the Smoke Room, so that General Committee Official Notices could be displayed in a space reserved for that purpose. This was agreed upon, the Captain promising to pursue the matter.

Mr. W.E. Sowerbutts had requested the Committee to re-consider allowing the Senior Golf Alliance another fixture at the Ashton Course. He would offer a £50 prize to the Professional with the lowest score on that day, providing the Course Record was broken.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding closed the Meeting, the next General Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, 9th September, 1971

Signed A N Howard Captain
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