

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE  
ON THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1971.

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

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

MATTERS            The Captain Reported that, together with the General Secretary, he had seen Mr. ARISING:            Rupert Wood to discuss the Land and what progress could be made with Mr. Cordingley. Mr. Wood stated that he had seen Mr. Cordingley, who wished to deal solely with our Legal Adviser, and promised to name a price as soon as possible. The Secretary had since seen Mr. Wood once more, but nothing further had developed.

The Sub-Committee formed to discuss ways which could be inaugurated to investigate the possibilities of various Committees meeting to relieve the General Committee of certain routine work, had not been held as yet, owing to Mr. Butlin being away on holiday.

HANDICAP            The matter of the War Trophy Competition being cancelled and another date COMMITTEE:            substituted, was explained and confirmed. This was owing to the Greens being cut whilst the Competition was in progress. Various opinions were expressed and it was hoped that this error would not occur again.

The President requested a ruling as to how many Committee Members formed a 'quorum' as the constitution stated 'five Members' should be present. It was explained that over the last few years 'three Members' had been the accepted number to form a 'quorum', and it was suggested that this should be correct in the Rules in due course.

President's Day Entrance Fee was confirmed at 50 new pence per couple.

The Committee agreed that the Card submitted by R.A. Holden on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1971 should be accepted as a new Course Record, and the said Card would be suitably framed and displayed in the Smoke Room.

GREENS            In the absence of Mr. Meeks, Mr. J.T. Frost presented the Report. COMMITTEE:

Water was now operating on the Greens.  
The new Machinery purchased had been delivered and was satisfactory.

The 'Time Worked' and 'Time Claimed' for wages was questioned and this matter would be further investigated by Mr. Frost as there appeared to be some discrepancies.

A letter of Resignation received from the Head Greenkeeper was read by the Secretary and after the Greens Secretary had commented, the Captain stated

that he, together with the General Secretary, had interviewed K. Briggs and the recommendation was to accept the resignation, but when a suitable replacement could be found, he could, perhaps, still be employed by us in a secondary capacity.

After a lengthy and full discussion as to the course to be adopted, the General Secretary was requested to place advertisements in 2 Irish Newspapers, 2 Scottish Newspapers, the Manchester Evening News, and the Greenkeepers weekly, requesting applicants to be considered for Head Greenkeeper at a negotiable salary of £1,750 per annum for the suitable applicant with experience and good references.

Mr. C. Brierley had proffered fencing to be erected by our staff by the 16<sup>th</sup> Green (old Course) to prevent the public from walking on our Fairway and Green. This was provisionally accepted.

The Greens Secretary was reminded that wire netting was required this 16<sup>th</sup> Green.

The new Course would be played as Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1971 with preferred lies on the newly sown land on the Eleventh Fairway.

It was noted that the Ladies were playing behind the Gentlemen on the placing of the Tee Markers on the 15<sup>th</sup> Tee, but this was agreed upon for gentlemen's normal play.

The drains crossing the 16<sup>th</sup> Fairway which had given recent trouble, had been cleared by Mr. Wood and further observations would be made by Mr. Frost before any other work of this nature was carried out.

The Assistant Secretary of the Ladies' Section had written on their behalf pointing out that greens were being cut whilst their Competitions were in progress. The Assistant Greens Secretary assured the Meeting that under the new instructions he felt sure that the greens would not be cut on Wednesdays or Saturdays to interfere with Competitions in future. The General Secretary would reply to the Ladies section to this effect.

The General Secretary was requested to see that Notices were placed requesting Members to replace water hoses and sprinklers in the same places from which they had been removed in the course of play.

Mr Frost gave a comprehensive Report on certain fairways and took as an example the seventh Fairway, which due to the formation of peat would have to be chain harrowed by a special method, and an impliment (sic) would have to be purchased which could be pulled behind the tractor. This was approved.

The Greens Staff would be instructed to cut a ditch down the right hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fairway to define the 'Out of Bounds' area.

The marker would be replaced to show the 'Out of Bounds' between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Fairway, where the stream goes underground.

The ditch to the left of the 1<sup>st</sup> Green was confirmed as a 'free drop', as this was a

drainage ditch.

BAR  
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary produced a detailed breakdown on stocktaking at the time of the changeover of stocktaking duties, producing a figure of approximately £15.00 which was thought to be part of the deficiency previously reported to the Committee.

Recent Reports from the Stocktaker had been found to be most satisfactory and a copy had been available for the Steward.

The Bar Secretary was thanked for the additional information showing details of purchases, sales and the break-down of percentages.

HOUSE  
COMMITTEE:

The prices of Fuel Oil would be further examined by the House Secretary and this would be purchased from either Petro-Fina or Castlefields, whichever appeared to be the cheaper with adequate deliveries.

It was Reported that the Captain, General Secretary, Treasurer and House Secretary had met the Steward and Stewardess and it was agreed that the extra week's holiday due to them in future would be taken at the quiet periods of the year and statutory holidays worked would be taken in odd days.

The Committee Resolved that Mr. Kerr would have the authority to purchase towels at his discretion as to numbers and price.

The exclusive use of the Dining Room would not be allowed unless by express request to the Committee in writing and this formally approved. The Captain would see the Directors of Messrs. Dixon Pork and Bacon Co. on this subject.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mr. F. Cooper (President) requesting the use of the large lounge upstairs on certain Thursday mornings for use of members of the Probex Club.

After a discussion the President suggested the matter should not be considered further.

It was agreed that the Dining Room would be available for a number of local Doctors, after they had played a round of golf on a Thursday in July, the date to be acceptable to them, and the Golf Club Officials.

Old Hulmeians would be allowed to play the Course at the usual charge on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1971.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT:

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £1,532.14.

The Gaming Machines showed an increased income since the changeover.

Mr. Butlin Reported that all the recent New Members had paid their dues, except in the cases of Mrs. Dawson, Miss McGrath and the Entrance Fee due from Miss Wilson.

The Secretary Reported that he had written to Miss Wilson on this matter. The three ladies would be contacted and their respective proposers would be consulted.

SOCIAL  
COMMITTEE:

Mr Kerr requested the Committee to confirm that two visitors would be allowed to compete in any one group of the 'Five-a-side' Matches to be held the 9<sup>th</sup> July, and this was agreed upon.

Arrangements for the Target Golf and Social Evening were well in hand.

NOMINATIONS  
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RESIGNATIONS:

Master D. Shaw (Junior Member) requested his Membership be amended to exclude Competitions, and this was agreed.

Three Nominees would be interviewed by the Captain and Secretary before the next Committee Meeting.

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS:

Mr. Robinson requested that the Committee should review the matter of dress in the Club House, and some form of relaxation introduced. It was agreed that this matter could be further discussed at the next meeting.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mrs. F. Cooper, Assistant Secretary to the Ladies' Section, pointing out that a suggestion had been made by a number of ladies requesting that monies raised by the Ladies' Section should be used to purchase a 'Banbury' building, to be used as a Ladies' Locker Room. The General Secretary was requested to reply stating that this was not practicable at this time.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting. The next General Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1971

Signed A.N. Howard Captain  
..... 8-7-71. ..... Date

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE  
ON THURSDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1971.

PRESENT:

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

The Captain opened the Meeting by giving an explanation as to why another Competition had had to be cancelled, owing to the cutting of Greens during the hours of play on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1971.

After a lengthy discussion it was Resolved that the General Secretary post a Notice to the effect that -

The Cutting of Greens must be carried out in advance of play for all Major Competitions.

For Minor Competitions, the cutting must be ruled by time and weather, regardless of the fact that play is or is not taking place.

The Captain then requested the General Secretary to read a letter which he had forwarded for the ruling of the Committee of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrew's, on this matter.

The consensus (sic) of opinion was that the Greens had never been in better condition at this time of year.

The General Secretary gave a short Report on the advertisements appearing in several newspapers recently, in respect of the vacancy for a Head Greenkeeper, and the replies received so far were read to the Meeting.

A request was also made that a similar advertisement be placed in two issues of the Yorkshire Evening Post.

The Captain asked the Committee Members their views as to whether we should approach the West Pennine Water Board, with a request that we should be considered for the control of a Sailing Club, should, in fact, this amenity ever be allowed at Knott Hill Reservoir.

This was thought to be an excellent suggestion and the Secretary was given instructions to write to the authorities on this subject.

The Members agreed that the Account for the Tiling in the Ladies' Powder Room should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Ladies' Committee.

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

Signed A N Howard Captain  
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