

**General Committee Meeting
held on 17th April 1952**

Present: - T H E D Turner (Captain), H H Cawthron, F Cooper, N S Dale, J H Firth, A Hobson, J Harrop, V Haworth, R Wood N L Wright & E Rowley.

Apology for absence received from M^r W O Bolt.

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on March 20th 1952 were read and adopted.

Minutes of the Handicap, House & Greens Committees were approved as read.

The following accounts were passed for payment.

Tom King (Coal) £19-7-2, A Parker (Soil) £24-18-0, Hill & Cordingley £8-6-3, Fire Extinguisher £3-10-2, J Andrew & Co £1-6-0, Eric Hartley £1-2-8, Hurst Laundry £3-4-3, S B Beresford 18/2.
Total Paid £62-12-8.

The Electricity a/c was held over, awaiting inspection of the Meter by the Electricity Board.

The following duly proposed and Seconded were admitted to Membership by Ballot. Viz

Full	M ^r C B Baxendale	339 Kings R ^d Ashton-u-Lyne
Playing	M ^{rs} E B Hartley	83 Henrietta St Ashton-u-Lyne
Members	M ^{rs} K Holden	10 Wood Lane Ashton-u-Lyne

The following resignations were accepted with regret. M^r W Brown, M^r K O Howarth, D^r D Malloch, M^r D B Purcell, D^r P M^cDonald, M^r S R Bogie, M^{rs} W Brown, Miss T Power, M^{rs} N Jones, M^r J Colls (Junior), M^r W R Brown (Junior), M^{rs} M Short (Honorary), M^{rs} F Jones (Honorary), M^{rs} S Hilton (Transferred from Full Member to Honorary Member).

The Secretary reported that subscriptions were still outstanding for the following:

M^r L Stubbs, M^r E A Woodyer, M^{rs} L Stubbs, M^{rs} E A Woodyer, M^r H M^cLean (Country Member), M^r G Stubbs, (Junior) and M^{rs} J H Lewis (Honorary).

The Secretary was instructed to write to M^r & M^{rs} Woodyer giving them notice that the Committee take a serious view of the matter, that their Subscriptions are still outstanding for the Year ending 24th March 1952 and that these subscriptions must be paid within the next fourteen days.

The Steward attended the Meeting, and he informed the Committee that he was entitled to 10/- per week salary increase, as and from the 14th August 1951 to March 3rd 1952, also requested that New Table Covers were required for Smoke Room and the Curtain in the Smoke Room required cleaning.

Proposed by M^r R Wood, seconded by M^r J H Firth that the Steward be paid 10/- per week for which he is entitled from August 1951 to the 3rd March 1952, under regulations of the Licensed Establishment Wages Board. (Carried).

The Steward has been advised to have the Curtains in the Smoke Room cleaned.

The Committee have agreed to allow the Steward and Stewardess to take their Annual Holiday from the 16th to the 29th August.

A letter was read from M^r W Wood regarding reduction of his handicap. After discussion on the case, it was decided to take no immediate action in the matter.

The Handicap Sec and Hon Sec gave their report on the Lancashire Golf Union Meeting held in Manchester.

It was decided to pay the Subscription to the Lancashire Golf Union of 1/- for each full Male Member being an amount of £10-17-0.

A letter was read from the Ladies Committee complaining about the dirty conditions of the Locker Room, Toilet Room and the Ladies Committee Room, also requesting that an official list of prices for Meals be posted in the Dining Room. After discussion it was decided that these complaints be left in the hands of the Captain for him to interview the Steward regarding these complaints,

The Ladies Committee request that two Card Tables be shortened by three inches, so that they will be more comfortable for Bridge Players when using the New Chairs; agreed upon.

The Ladies Committee asked permission that the Rule be altered for play ~~from~~ on Saturday afternoon, that they be allowed to commence play from 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. as previously allowed. Proposed by M^r R Wood, seconded by M^r F Cooper that this be granted. (Carried).

The Committee considered complaints regarding Ladies holding up play on Tuesday afternoon. It was decided resolved that the Secretary write the Ladies Secretary to the effect that the Committee have decided that Ladies be not allowed to play on Tuesdays from the first Tee between the hour of One and two p.m.

Complaints were received that two of the Members were constantly practising shots on to several of the Greens from both the Fairway and the Rough. After discussion the case was left in the hands of the Secretary to interview the Members concerned, and to inform them that this practice must cease.

Resolved that the Captain, M^r T H E D Turner, J H Firth, F Cooper, N L Wright and E Rowley be appointed as a Sub-Committee to consider the Chartered Architect's report on the Building, also to discuss what they consider is the best method to raise money for expenses to meet the necessary repairs to the Club premises.

M^r H H Cawthron submitted his Balance Sheet and report on the Bar Accounts for the past year, which were approved and regarded as very satisfactory, and the hearty thanks of the Committee were extended to M^r Cawthron for his services during the past year.

The Honorary Treasurer presented his Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Year ending 24th March 1952 and gave a very detailed report of the various items of Income and Expenditure. It was resolved that the Balance Sheet be approved and adopted and the best hanks of this Committee be tendered to M^r Wright for his services during the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding terminated the Meeting.

A Hobson