

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
THURSDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1972.**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. I.F.W. Kerr and G.R. Windsor.

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

**MATTERS
ARISING:** The Greenkeeper had now taken up residence in his own home and the new Steward and Stewardess (Mr. & Mrs. Ashworth) were now living on the Club premises.

The Veterans Cup had not yet been traced and the Captain would try to ascertain who last had the cup in their possession as holder. The General Secretary would contact Messrs. Kenworthy's Jewellers, and enquire if the cup were in their hands.

The Captain reported that E. Wrigley had been in contact with his Solicitor, who in turn had written to the West Pennine Water Board as to the transfer of the Lease.

The Ladies had recommended to the General Committee that Mrs. F. Baker be made a Life Member. Various Members of the Committee remarked upon her long Membership record and that she had filled many positions on the Ladies' Committee during that time. It was, therefore, Resolved that the General Secretary should write Mrs. Baker to this effect.

The matter of Life Membership being granted to Male Members, if any, would be further investigated.

Mr. Butlin asked the Committee to express their opinions as to the idea that older Members, with long term Membership, should be granted reduced subscriptions. Their observations were noted by the Treasurer, who promised to bring forward various ideas on the matter and costing, as far as possible, at the Financial Meeting to be held shortly.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT:**

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £1,573-39.

The Gaming Machines receipts showed a net profit of £8-82 per week at the moment. The General Secretary was granted permission to approach Mr. Hague to further alter the Machines to give better odds to the player.

Mr. Butlin mentioned that he was rather annoyed that he had had to spend so much time in putting the Members' Register in order recently, and various ideas were brought forward as to the solution of addressing envelopes of lists made of names and addresses.

This would be further investigated and the General Secretary promised to

make enquiries from Kalamazette as to a new idea of a register which he had seen.

Mr. Butlin Reported that he had been informed by Mr. Wood that a Promissory Note would be drawn up so that the Greenkeeper, Mr. Wilson, could sign this document promising to repay the Club the amount loaned to him for the deposit on a house he was purchasing. Mr. Butlin would deduct the amount of £2.00 per week from his Wages until the loan was repaid.

The Treasurer also stated that Mr. Wood had informed him that the Land behind the house near to Gorsey Lane Farm had now been transferred to the Club and the Deeds deposited at the Bank as our Trustees. The General Secretary stated that he had not received any communication from Mr. Wood on this finalisation and he would see Mr. Wood and make enquiries.

The Financial Committee Meeting would be held on Thursday, January 27th or Monday, January 31st 1972 if Mr. Butlin would have ready the figures at that time.

BAR
COMMITTEE:

The deficiency of £38-75 for the whole of the last Financial Year when Mr. Cowan was in our employ, was recorded. The question of this amount being deducted from the Bond entered into by Mr. Cowan would be decided upon at a later date.

The Bar Secretary was thanked by the Captain and Committee for carrying out his duties over such a difficult period as had been experienced recently.

Mr. Frost was thanked for his assistance in obtaining the extension Licence for the function at the George Lawton Hall.

Mr. Grundy promised to provide a new mane plate to be placed over the Bar, displaying the name of Mr. Ashworth, Steward.

The Gifts of a bottle of Whisky to Mr. Gibson and cigarettes to Miss Edith Bertenshaw had been presented, which had in turn been given to the Club.

HOUSE
COMMITTEE:

Mr. Windsor had taken an Inventory of the implements in the Kitchen and this was signed by the Steward, as further purchases had to be made.

The decorating of the Kitchen was discussed and estimates would be obtained for tiling.

The House Secretary would be requested to examine the Steward's quarters and report back as to the re-decorating requirements.

The Report was presented by Mr. Grundy in the absence of Mr. Windsor.

HANDICAP
COMMITTEE:

The Calendar Sub-Committee would meet shortly to compile the Calendar for the next season.

It was proposed that Mr. N.S. Casson be approached with a view to taking

over the duties as First Team Captain and Messrs. F. Robinson and W.S. Wrigley would approach another person to Captain the Second Team.

It was Agreed that Team Night for the forthcoming season would be Wednesday.

The General Secretary would approach Messrs. Kenworthy's Jewellers, and enquire as to the stock of Spoons which they hold on our behalf, as we would require a further supply.

The Proposal received from the Reddish Vale Club Officials that a competition would be run to decide the Stockport League Champion of the Season would have the support of the Ashton Club.

It was agreed that the Kenworthy Cup Winner be nominated by us for this Event. If he was not available, then the Runner-up would be approached.

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

The Secretaries Reported that they were not satisfied with the attempts to catch the moles on the Course and further efforts and ideas would be tried.

The Mowing Machines would be examined by Messrs. Burrows Ltd. and repairs carried out where required.

Mr. Frost stated that the Drain Digging Machine had been offered to us for £150. And could be purchased if the spares could be obtained or the Captain, after examination, decided that spares could be made for it. This was approved in principal. (sic)

The Captain also promised to re-examine the Dumper Truck to see if he would be enabled to put the faults right.

Mr. Frost stated that he would require a further Tractor for course work and especially if we were granted the further Land around Dirk Farm. He had made enquiries as to being notified if a good Secondhand one was available, and this matter was left for further discussion in due course.

NOMINATIONS
AND
RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Butlin stated that he had written to a number of persons who still had not paid their Subscriptions. The case of Mrs. N. Casson (nee Miss Elizabeth Hartley) was mentioned as no notification could be traced as to the transfer of Membership request, the full Membership Fee would stand.

Nominations now stood at 20 persons and these were left in abeyance. The Captain suggested that the Secretary and himself tried to see these persons in the near future.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

The General Secretary promised to see the Nomination Sheet was displayed in the Club House for Saturday next, January 15th 1972 and that he would obtain the necessary signatures for principal Officers.

Mr. Robinson suggested we cease to purchase "Golf International" magazine, which was agreed upon and the House Secretary would be requested to stop this order.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Rupert Wood, Junr. would be written and thanked for his assistance in obtaining the Licence Extension used on New Year's Eve.

The General Secretary Reported that the Bakers' Golfing Society requested a fixture at our Club on Wednesday, July 5th, 1972 also the Irish Golfing Society on Wednesday, April 19th, 1972. These were agreed upon.

The Dinner held by the General Committee in Honour of the Captain and President would be held on Friday, 11th February, 1972 at 7-30 p.m. for 8-0 p.m.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for Presiding closed the Meeting, the next General Committee Meeting would be held on Thursday, 10th February, 1972.

Signed A. Howard.....Captain
Date 10/2/72.....

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON MONDAY, 31st. JANUARY, 1972.**

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

The Treasurer presented to the Committee Members copies of a detailed Statement of Expenditure and Income and various Reserve Funds for the year ended 31st. December. 1971, and a comparison with the previous year's figures.

The Committee accepted the Treasurer's proposals for the allocation of £1,100 as between the various repair and renewal funds, and for a contribution for the year of £1,900 to the Development Fund. The final result was a net surplus in hand at 31st. December. 1971 of £40.

Arrears
of
Subscriptions.

The Treasurer referred to the arrears of Subscriptions outstanding at the end of the year and reminders had been sent to each member in arrear and several members present agreed to contact the proposer and seconder of some of the members concerned, especially Junior Members; to press for immediate settlement.

It was agreed that the usual final notice to Members in arrears should contain these additional words, "If your name is so removed a notice of your default in payment of your subscription be placed on the Notice Boards in the Club House and you will not be permitted to rejoin the Club at any time in the future", and that the revised final notices involving Rule 9(E), be sent to the appropriate members forthwith.

FORECAST OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1972.

Copies of a fairly detailed forecast of the Income and Expenditure for the

coming year prepared by the Treasurer were then considered by the Committee, in the main the forecasts were accepted subject to the alterations necessitated by the following decisions of the Committee viz: 1...Review of Wages. The following wages to operate from the dates indicated.

C. Gillett. £9 per week from 1.2.72.

C.J. Walker. £20 per week from his 21st birthday on 25.4.72.

It was also agreed that the junior assistant on the greenkeeping staff be replaced by a more experienced adult at a wage in the region of £18 per week, and that ex-gratia payments of £10 to E. Gibson and £5 to Mrs. Ashworth for special services be made.

2...Reductions in Subscriptions for the Elderly.

That it be a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting that a full playing member (lady or gentleman) who had been such a member for a continuous period of fifteen years prior to the qualifying age, which shall not be less than 65 years, shall be entitled, if he or she so desires, to pay a reduced rate of Subscription. The reduced rate of subscription shall be the following proportion of the subscription appropriate for a full playing member viz:

a...If 65 years of age or more – two thirds.

b...if 70 years of age or more – one half.

In applying the above concession proof of age to be obtained from the member concerned.

3...GREEN FEES. From the 7.2.72. Green Fees shall be revised as follows:

	Not Playing With a Member	Playing With a Member
Weekdays	£1-25	£0-75
Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays	Not Allowed	£1-00

4...Revisions of Subscriptions.

The effect of these decisions upon the forecast presented by the Treasurer was then considered by the Committee and to meet the small estimated deficit for the year 1972 it was resolved.

That it be a recommendation that the subscriptions of all full playing members both Ladies and Gentlemen, be increased from 25th. March. 1972 by £1 each, to £17 and £23 respectively: all other subscriptions to remain unchanged.

The Levy by the Ladies Golf Union of 20p per head per annum to be absorbed in the Annual Subscriptions for Lady Members.

The Treasurer was congratulated on presenting on the presentation of his figures and report, and the Captain stated he was most pleased at such a healthy financial position.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT....

This was presented by I.F.W. Kerr, the Social Secretary, who gave a resumé of events which had taken place and the financial results which were most encouraging. The Captain thanked the Social Secretary and his assistants who had worked so conscientiously.

GREENS COMMITTEE....

Further to the reports submitted to the last Committee Meeting by Mr. Frost, it was resolved....

a...That the Drain Digging Machine at present in use on the course be purchased for the sum of £150.

b...That an additional Tractor (1964 Model), together with a trailer be purchased from H. Morgan (Tractors), Ltd., for the sum of £600.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS....

The General Secretary suggested the name of E. Wrigley, to assist on the greenstaff as a tractor driver. The Captain promised to see him about this matter.

The General Secretary then read two letters he had received from the Secretary of the Ladies' Section.

The first requested a ruling as to the playing of Ladies' Competitions on Saturday mornings. This had been discussed at previous meetings and the Secretary had replied as instructed. It was resolved the Secretary now write and state that owing to the record number of Full Playing Members of the Male Section competing on their competition day, and Juniors also playing events on Saturday mornings, we could not agree to Ladies' Competitions, although they would be enabled to play as ruled on page 39 of the members Calendar booklet.

The second request appertained to the Ladies' Playing Day, and this matter would be further discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the meeting, the next General Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 10th. February. 1972.

Signed A. Howard..... Captain

Date 10/2/72.....