

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held Thursday September 17th at 7-30 p.m.

Present all Members of the Committee.

Mr Hobson, Acting Captain in the Chair.

The Minutes of Handicap, House and Greens Committee were submitted and agreed.

The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held August 13th were also agreed.

Business arising included: -

Dirk Farm: -

No official intimation has yet been received but it is understood that the Tenant is to be given notice as from September 1953 with a view to the Waterworks taking the land over.

Painting Club Exterior: -

This has been put in the hands of Mr H Howard at the price quoted £86-10-0 and it was agreed that the colour scheme be dark green and cream.

Fireplace: -

The Ladies are ordering this and it will soon be fitted.

Trophies: -

Mr Cooper is having these attended to at the Reporter Office.

Correspondence included a Poppy Day appeal, and a letter from the Ladies' Committee intimating that they were satisfied with the present position of the Hibbert Memorial Cup Board.

Accounts amounting to £73-5-6 were passed for payment.

Applications for Full Membership were received from Mr & Mrs N A Lunn, 102, Sheffield Road Hyde, proposed by Mr T H Bowers and seconded by Mr W H Andrew and they were duly elected.

In any other business it was noted with approval that a St Leger Sweep has achieved the sum of £79-18-5 and a Statement of Accounts is to be shown on the Notice Board.

The Ladies were complaining about the Dining Room chairs damaging their stockings and Mr Bolt promised to examine the chairs and see if they could be smoothed.

The Secretary was asked to obtain a price for decorating the Lounge from H Howard.

The business having concluded rather early a general discussion took place on future finances and an examination of past Accounts comparing increased expenditure was made.

Signed. J Harrop 15/10/53

Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting called at short notice on Saturday September 19th 1953 at 5 p.m.

Present: Mr A Hobson (Chairman), Messrs: - Wood Harrop, Woods, Haworth, Cooper and Sykes.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr H Jones, the Steward tendering the resignations for himself and his wife.

After discussion it was agreed to accept the resignations subject to one month's notice being given according to the Agreement. This decision to be passed to the Steward and his Wife at the same time stating that if the vacancies were filled in that time they would be released to take up their new appointment as from October 12th failing which they would be expected to work their month's notice.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the vacancies in the Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Evening News, Manchester Evening Chronicle, Oldham Chronicle, Yorkshire Post and a Stockport Newspaper, three insertions in each case with the exception of the Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter.

Signed. J Harrop 15/10/53

Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting called at short notice at the Club on Friday September 25th 1953 at 8.30 p.m.

Present: Mr A Hobson (Acting Captain) and Messrs: - R Wood, Cooper, W C Woods, Harrop, Haworth, Wright and Sykes.

The Meeting was called to review the application for the situations of Steward and Wife at the Club. The Secretary read the applications and it was decided to ask six applicants to attend for an interview on Monday September 26th at 6 p.m. the six being: -

Mr W Smith, Halifax.
Mr T A Ashworth, Whitefield.
Mr B Hollingworth, Sherburn-in-Elmet.
Mr J Corbett, Openshaw.
Mr J E Lees, Middleton.
Mr H Morrison, Stalybridge.

The secretary submitted a letter from the Carlton Social & Bowling Club, Whalley Range, Manchester asking for a reference for Mr H Jones. The Secretary was asked to give a verbal reference over the telephone.

The question of the basic wage for the Steward was gone into and it was considered that he belonged to Category "C" (Staff hours under 35) the basic wage being £5-12-6 with and addition of £1-10-0 for Mrs Jones (20 hours @ 1/6d). In addition the present Steward receives an allowance of £1-0-0 for assistance and 10/-d towards the Cleaner. It was agreed to pay the temporary Stewardess Mr Jones's sister £4-9-6 during Mr Jones's absence on holiday with an allowance of 10/-d for Cleaner.

It was reported that Mr W H Andrew had offered to re-cover the Notice Board and the Secretary is to write thanking him.

Signed. J Harrop 15/10/53

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at the Club on Monday September 28th 1953 at 6 p.m. to interview applications for the position of Steward and Wife.

Present: Mr R Wood (Chairman) and Messrs: - Hobson, Cooper, Harrop, Haworth, Wright, W C Woods and Sykes.

Applicants interviewed were: -

1. Mr & Mrs Hollingworth, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks.
2. Mr & Mrs T A Ashworth, Stand Golf Club, Whitefield.
3. Mr & Mrs Morrison, "Rose and Crown" Hotel Stalybridge.
4. Mr & Mrs Corbett, Lord Raglan Inn, Openshaw.

Only applicants 1 and 4 were considered suitable subject to further enquiries being made. Regarding No. 1 the Secretary was asked to contact Houldsworth Golf Club for further particulars.

The Committee went through a further list of applications out of which two were chosen for interview viz: - Mr Crossley (Leigh Golf Club) and Mr Turner, Union Street, Oldham. They were asked to attend for interview on Thursday October 1st at 7 p.m.

Signed. J Harrop 15/10/53

Applications for Membership were received from:

Mrs E Tanner (Full Member)
Mr Alfred Porter (Country Member)

They were duly elected.

A report from an informal Investigating Committee into the vacancies arising at Autumn Meeting was given by the Secretary who mentioned that on Mr Harrop's elevation to Captaincy there would be 3 Members left on the Committee viz: - Messrs Firth & Cawthron 1 year, and Bolt 2 years there would be thus be vacancies for 3 for 3 years, 2 for 2 years and 1

for 1 year. Mr Firth agreed to prepare a nomination sheet.

Regarding subscriptions unpaid. The Treasurer was preparing a list after which a letter submitted by the Secretary can be sent.

It was agreed that cheques for £3-3-0 be paid to the winners of the Kenworthy Cup, Aitken Cup, Hall Cup, War Trophy and Payne Bowl.

The Handicap Secretary asked for a notice to be placed stating that latest starting time for future competitions be 4.30 p.m. as before.

The preparation of the trophies prior to the Autumn Meeting is to be left to the Handicap Secretary.

It was agreed to consider a Caddies Competition in the Spring of 1954.

Signed. Alan Hobson 17/9/53