

**MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
THURSDAY, 10th APRIL, 1969.**

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair, Messrs. J. Harrop (President), and J.A. Fiddian, R.H. Meeks, J.W. Stephenson, J.L. Brodie, F.W.Greenhough, A.N. Howard, J.C.E. Meeks, N. Sykes, C.W. Cooper, and P.W. Carter. Apologies for absence were received from A.J. Dixon, N. Howard & L. Butlin. The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

**MATTERS
ARISING:** The Fruit Machine had not been exchanged owing to new Government Legislation, the sale of this model not being acceptable to dealers at the moment; therefore matters were to be left in abeyance for the time being.

**HANDICAP
COMMITTEE:** The Secretary reported that it had been agreed to allow competitors to commence competitions when they pleased, should they have obtained a Score Card and paid the entrance fee. The Competition Sheets would now be posted showing "Morning" times as well as "Afternoon" times.

**BAR
COMMITTEE:** The Secretary reported a surplus for the current year to the recent stocktaking date and was pleased to note that Bar takings were on the increase. The rates of discount available to the Club were discussed and the matter was left in the hands of the Bar Secretary to explore the facts. The steward had raised a point as to his share of the percentage of the surplus and whether in fact, this could be paid to him before the year end. It was agreed to pay him 50% of three months' surplus after six months time, then each subsequent quarter.

The Committee gave permission for an advertisement to be made for a Bar Assistant (Male or Female) to work on Saturdays and Sundays.

**HOUSE
COMMITTEE:** The Secretary was pleased to state that the slates had been fixed to the roof where the chimney had been removed. Quotations were still awaited for the repairs required to the stairs leading to the Gentlemen's Locker Room, only one having been received as yet. The House secretary explained the points for and against wooden or metal steps and the costs involved. It was Resolved that he should be given permission to go ahead with the necessary work when satisfied with the tenders.

The Committee gave permission for a new base to be fixed to the garage. Mr. G. Edwards (a Member of the Club) had offered his services in sleeping on the premises at the time of the Annual Holidays of the Steward and Stewardess, the payment to be £1 per night for this task. This was agreed.

**GREENS:
COMMITTEE:** The Secretary gave a complete report on the work carried out since the last Meeting and the jobs to be undertaken for the next month. The Secretary had received a reply from the Water Board, which stated that their mains were in order and they disclaimed any responsibility for water on

the Course, i.e. 7th Fairway.

The Green Secretary, in spite of many calls and messages had not been enabled to obtain the second-hand Dumper. He stated he would try again, but, in the meantime, would seek other sources of supply.

The employment of the son of the Greenkeeper (Mr. Fielding) was reported and matters would be taken in hand.

The Committee discussed the labour position and it was Resolved to endeavour to contact the previous applicants to our advertisement with a view to employing more personnel: an advertisement may also be placed in the Press.

Notices had been received warning the public of Trespass on the Course and these were to be posted at strategic points.

The new holes were to be played as from the 3rd May, 1969 for the current season.

The General Secretary requested the Committee to approve the granting of Free Membership for the present year to Mr. & Mrs. F. Cooper, in lieu of Mr. Cooper's work on the Course last summer: i.e. cutting of fairways. This was approved.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

The Secretary reported that he had received from Mr. Greenhough copy receipts for use when the Fruit Machines paid out incorrectly. The Committee agreed we had copies made and adopted for our own means and used whenever to hand.

Mr. P.W. Carter was granted permission to hold a private Dinner Party on the Club premises on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1969.

The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Salmon (Southport) and offer two alternative dates, i.e. 6th or 20th May, 1969 (Tuesdays) for sixteen players to play the Course and have a meal.

Permission was given to Harvey Pharmaceutical Co., to hold a lunch-time meeting at a charge of £5 (Five Pounds) for the use of the room on Thursday 12th June, 1969.

The Secretary was asked to write to the Lancashire Constabulary, Ashton (Golf Section), stating that we should be pleased to arrange a friendly match on Friday, 1st August 1969.

The Magistrate's Clerk had written the Secretary stating that a sum of £8 (eight pounds) would be paid to the Club from R. Sutton who was convicted for false pretences against the Stewardess.

The Captain produced leaflets left by Mr. N. Howard showing details and costs of a new boiler, i.e. £297 – plus fitting costs was the one thought most suitable.

The Bar Secretary was requested to examine the possibilities of fixing foam rubber or such noise-abatement material to the clap door leading down the cellar.

Support was requested for the Wanderers' Trip on the 13th of the month.

The Committee agreed that an approach be made again to Mr. Butlin to request the Water Board to allow us more land on the 8th Fairway to enable us to cut thr (sic) right-hand corner.

RESIGNATIONS,
TRANSFERS
& NEW
MEMBERS:

It was with regret that the Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. M. Wellock.

The following requests for transfers were granted: -

Mrs. Kenyon from Social Member to Full Playing Lady Member.
Miss B. Hudson from Full Playing Lady Member to Provisional Member.
Mrs. Blacker from Full Playing Lady Member to Provisional Member.
Mr. H. Whitehead from Full Playing Member to Social Member.
Mr. & Mrs. A.V. Powrie from Full Playing Members to Provisional Members.

After the usual ballot the following New Members were accepted: -

FULL PLAYING

Mr. P. Wallis	Proposed by E.B. Hartley	seconded by C.W. Cooper
Mrs. D. Wallis	Proposed by E.B. Hartley	seconded by C.W. Cooper
Mr. J. Howatt	Proposed by J.W. Stephenson	seconded by F.W. Greenhough
Mr. A Sykes	Proposed by W.E. Sowerbutts	seconded by A. Shaw
Mr. W.J. Barnes	Proposed by H. Monday	seconded by S. Bennett
Mr. E.C. Harrison	Proposed by H. Greaves	seconded by H.Hitchen
Mr. E. Howarth	Proposed by F.J. Rowley	seconded by R. Wood
Mr. N. R.Haworth	Proposed by G. Windsor	seconded by T.Slater
Mr. G. Isherwood	Proposed by J.L. Brodie	seconded by J. Buckley
Mr. R. Potter	Proposed by S. Bennett	seconded by H. Monday
Mr. B. A. Leckey	Proposed by H. Monday	seconded by J.H. Bintliffe
Mr. S Flinders	Proposed by F.W. Greenhough	seconded by R.H. Meeks
Mr. J.D. Martin	Proposed by I.M. MacLeod	seconded by T. Fish

ACOUNTRY MEMBERSHIP

Mr. A. Axford	Proposed by W. Hyde	seconded by A. Lees
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JUNIOR BOYS MEMBERSHIP

Master T.N. Buckley	Proposed by G. Windsor	seconded by S. Bennett
Master P. Edwards	Proposed by R.A. Kenyon	seconded by D. McLean
Master P.M. Wright	Proposed by C. Brierley	seconded by J.W. Stephenson
Master P. Windsor	Proposed by G. Windsor	seconded by T.Slater

There being no further business, a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the date of the next Meeting to be 8th May, 1969.

Signed.....F. Robinson, Captain
Date.....8/5/69.