

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON WEDNESDAY, 2nd JULY, 1969.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair, Messrs. J. Harrop (President), and L. Butlin, A.J. Dixon, F.W.Greenhough, A.N. Howard, J.W. Stephenson, J.A. Fiddian, R.H. Meeks, N. Howard, N. Sykes and P.W. Carter.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J.L. Brodie, C.W. Cooper and J.C.E. Meeks.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

BUSINESS The Meeting was opened by the remarks of the Captain, in which he reported the resignation of the Head Greenkeeper, Mr. A. Fielding. The Committee discussed various aspects of the matter which included the First Assistant be granted an interview in due course with a view for promotion or otherwise. House accommodation would be by assistance, but at this stage the purchase of a house was not thought wise. The Secretary was asked to advertise the position and Mr. W.E.Sowerbutts along with Mr. Brooks, be seen for advice by Mr. L. Butlin.

The Meeting was closed and it was Resolved to hold the next Meeting on Saturday, 5th July, 1969 at 6-0 p.m.

Signed.....F Robinson Captain
Date.....10/7/69

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON SATURAY, 5th JULY, 1969.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair, Messrs. J.W. Stephenson, A.N. Howard, C.W. Cooper, A. Howard, J.L. Brodie, N.Sykes, L. Butlin and P.W. Carter.

BUSINESS The Meeting Resolved that the Secretary advertise the position of Head Greenkeeper in the Reporter Group of Newspapers , two Scottish Papers, The Manchester Evening News and the Greenkeepers' Paper, the insertion to read as follows: -

EXPERIENCED GREENKEEPER REQUIRED. Salary negotiable. Minimum of £1,000 per annum, plus assistance with housing. Applications stating age, experience and qualifications to the Secretary, Ashton Golf Club, Kings Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Sub-Committee to interview applicants be made up as follows: -
The Captain (F. Robinson) Messrs. J.W. Stephenson, L. Butlin, R.H. Meeks, N. Howard, W.E. Sowerbutts and P.W. Carter.

The Secretary was also asked to write to the Scottish Greenkeepers' Association.

The Meeting was closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed..... F Robinson Captain

Date..... 10/7/69.

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

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair, Messrs. J. Harrop (President), and J.A. Fidian, J.W. Stephenson, J.L. Brodie, F.W. Greenhough, A.N. Howard, N. Sykes, A.J. Dixon, N. Howard, C.W. Cooper, L. Butlin, J.C.E. Meeks, R.H. Meeks and P.W. Carter.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Mr. L. Butlin stated that he would bring the Club Rules up to date, when he could afford the time. He also stated that he was still negotiating with the authorities for a meeting to discuss the further portion of land required on the eighth fairway. Other items were cleared in the various Committee Reports.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE: The Handicap Secretary Reported on one or two Handicap changes and the fact he had seen the Professional as requested, with a view to Mr. Gillett booking caddies. The Captain and General Secretary also mentioned the fact that they had seen Mr. Gillett on this matter and he was quite willing to take on this duty provided a suitable notice be drawn up pointing out this fact to the Members. The Committee then Resolved that Caddie Fees, in future be paid to the Professional at a minimum charge of five shillings, plus a booking fee of sixpence; the General Secretary to post notices to this effect.

GREENS COMMITTEE: The Greens Secretary gave details and estimate of Chain Security Fencing for use on a portion of the eighteenth Fairway. Discussion took place as to the length and exact siting of the fencing and also the cost involved. The Meeting decided to form a Sub-Committee comprising of the Captain (F. Robinson), the Secretary (P.W. Carter), L. Butlin, R.H. Meeks, J.W. Stephenson and N. Sykes, to examine the position further. The Town Clerk was to be seen by Mr. Butlin with an enquiry as to boundary fencing.

The General Secretary reported that he had obtained two reservations for our employees at the Bingley Research Station – one in the Autumn of 1969 and the other in the Spring of 1970 – the Greens Secretary to report, in due course, as to who should be sent on these courses.

The resignation of Mr. A. Fielding was formally accepted and it was Resolved that he Treasurer should pay him, in addition to the wages due, one week and two days Holiday Pay.

The Committee agreed that a new Notice Board was required to display such items as "Local Rules" and "Current Events", the siting of this to be on the wall outside the Professional's Shop, of fixed to stakes near to the rose-bed nearby the shop. This matter to be investigated.

The General Secretary was requested to write to the Secretary of the Ladies' Section and thank them for providing the new ball cleaner now fixed on the ninth tee.

It was agreed that the Social Committee be approached with a view to purchasing a number of new seats to be placed at convenient places on the Course. Mr. R. Ferris had already been given details of costs and types of suitable seats.

Mr. Butlin reported on an estimate which he had obtained for a sign and fixing thereof, displaying either "Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club," or "Ashton Golf Club," the siting of this to be where the old bus shelter had been at the corner of Kings Road. Mr. Butlin was requested to again see the Surveyor and ascertain the actual size, type and lettering of the proposed sign.

BAR:
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary reported that the new grille in the Cocktail Bar had now been fixed and was satisfactory. He also recommended certain alterations to make this Bar more attractive and convenient to run: one suggestion being the fixing of glass to the back of the Bar.

The Committee Resolved to settle the small account which had been in dispute, in respect of discount due to Messrs. Herbert Lees Ltd.

The deficiency in the Bar accounts, noted after the last stock-taking, was to be written off and a clean start be made for the new Steward and the Staff.

The amount due to Mr. Milroy, could now be paid, which appertained to his percentage of surplus. The General Secretary requested that this be held over until a suitable reply was received to his request "that the display Horses and Dray which had been presented to the Club be returned by Mr. Milroy." This was agreed upon.

The Members of the Committee, through the Captain, wished to thank the Bar Secretary for the special work he had undertaken during the period of the change-over from one Steward to another.

HOUSE:
COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary mentioned the fact that he would, along with the Steward and Stewardess, revise certain prices for meals and change one or two items on the existing Menu. The Meeting understood the position.

The Quarters of the Steward and Stewardess required decorating and an estimate of £90 had been received for attending to these duties in three rooms. This was agreed upon, with a proviso that, should better paper be desired this would be assented to.

The Bacon-cutting Machine was now in a state of dis-repair and it was

Resolved that the House Secretary pursue the matter with Mr. Cowan with a view to the purchasing of a second-hand one.

TREASURER'S:
REPORT:

The Accounts passed for payment amounted to £1,007.18.10d

NOMINATIONS
AND
RESIGNATIONS:

The Committee accepted the following resignations.

Messrs: T. Potts, A. Ormerod, N.L. Thompson, G.J. Howard
(All Full Playing Members).

Mr. P. Keigher was granted suspended Membership for three years whilst he will be abroad.

After the usual Ballot, the following new Members were accepted: -

Full Playing (Male).

D. Fowden	Proposed by	S. Sedgwick	seconded by	P.W. Carter
P. Hutton	Proposed by	A. George	seconded by	A.D. George
J.K. Edwards	Proposed by	R.A. Kenyon	seconded by	J.C.E. Meeks
K.J. Elderfield	Proposed by	R.H. Mansergh	seconded by	E. Stafford

Girl Member (aged 17/21years).

L. Gallery Proposed by N. Wrigley seconded by J. Edwards

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

The General Secretary reported on the fact that he had received a letter from Mr. Frost requesting a number of Members of Wetherby Golf Club be entered at the Ashton Club on Sunday, August 10th next teeing-off times to be from 10-0 a.m.; and then again from 3-0 p.m.

This was agreed upon.

The General Secretary stated that he would write to Mr. P.B. Jervis with a view to the Captain and himself meeting this person, who had been a Member of Lancaster Golf Club and was now resident in our area and wished to become a Member of the Ashton Club.

The Committee decided that no cooked meals should be consumed in the Smoke Room, except on special occasions, the said meals to be consumed in the Dining-room in future.

The General Secretary reported the fact that he had had occasion to mention to two Members their incorrect dress in the Smoke Room, and other Members had complained to him of noting that this matter was being allowed to "slide" in certain instances. The Secretary proposed to see that a new Notice be displayed drawing attention to the regulations.

Mr. C.W. Cooper was requested to take on the task of drawing up a list of occupied lockers and Members' names who were awaiting the allocation of a locker.

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 the 14th August, 1969.

Signed.....F Robinson Captain
Date.....14/8/69.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
THURSDAY, 31st JULY, 1969.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair and
Messrs. J.A. Fiddian, N. Howard, W.E. Sowerbutts and P.W. Carter.

BUSINESS: The Secretary reported that seven applications for the position of Head Green-keeper had been received, two of which were unsuitable.

It had been decided at an Informal Meeting on Friday, 25th July, that three applicants be requested to attend the Club House for the purposes of an interview.

Of these a Mr. Parry telephoned shortly before the time of his interview, to state that he had been successful in obtaining a post earlier the same evening: a further applicant did not attend or send any explanation for his non-attendance. The third person, a Mr. R.W. Davenport was then interviewed as planned.

Mr. Sowerbutts requested replies to many technical questions and other Members present also put further questions to Mr. Davenport.

The Sub-Committee then decided to hold a full Committee Meeting on Thursday, 7th August 1969.

Signed.....F Robinson Captain
Date.....17/8/69.