

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held in the Clubhouse on Thursday 10 Oct 1957

Present: Mr J Buckley JP Captain in the Chair and Messrs: Gregory, Bolt, Cawthron, Haselden, Greaves, Butlin, Harrop, Lees and Battersby.

Apologies for absence were tendered by Messrs Firth, Whitfield and Calvert.

Minutes of the Handicap, Greens, House and General Committees held on 12 September 1957 were read and approved.

Business arising from Minutes. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Club prize for major competitions (with exception of Andrew Cup) should remain unchanged at £3-3-0.

Certain names were suggested as possible successor to Mr R Whitfield as Hon Secretary and it was agreed that the Captain should make the necessary approach to these members (in turn if necessary).

Reference was made to the serious illness of the Steward and it was agreed that Mrs Osborne should continue to be employed to such extent that her presence in the Club bar was assured during official bar hours. It was further agreed that the House Secretary should arrange that the ground staff would continue assistance in carrying crates, boxes to the bar in the absence of the Steward.

Resolved that as from Sunday 13th October inclusive the Clubhouse would be closed on Sundays at 7.0 p.m. throughout the winter months. (A notice to this effect was posted on the Notice Board).

Resolved that accounts, wages etc amounting in total to £282-6-0 be approved for payment.

The Hon Treasurer reported that he, together with Mr N Sykes (Agent) Had carried out a review of the insurance cover held against fire and theft and he stated that it was proposed to increase this cover to such extent as would increase the annual premiums from £7-16-3 to £9-0-9 (fire) and £4-8-9 to £9-13-6 (theft). Considerable discussion took arose as to the Club's liability in respect of members' effects and it was resolved that the Hon Treasurer be asked to consult the Club's Hon Legal Advisor on this subject and that he be empowered to act on this legal advice and amend the insurance cover if necessary.

Resolved that the Steward be paid in accordance with the latest award granted under the provisions of the Catering Wages Act i.e. £7-9-0 per week with effect from 29 September 1957.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorised to place an order for the supply of receipt books for green fees.

A letter from the Hon Secretary of the Social Committee was submitted and it was resolved that

- (a) The Smoke Room should be open to lady members of 5th November next.
- (b) Application should be made for a bar extension until 11.30 p.m. on that day.
- (c) That a grant of £3 be made from Club funds towards the cost of fireworks.

Arising from further correspondence it was resolved that no action be taken on the following: The Mayor of Ashton-u-Lyne Appeal for the Blind, advertisement of the Club in the publication "Golfing" and an offer of toilet rolls at reduced price from Cresta Products Ltd.

The following application for membership was approved. Mr Allan Ormerod (proposed by E Kidd and seconded by A George) as a full member.

A resignation was submitted by Mr John S Hadfield as a Social Member and accepted with regret.

Under the head of any other business, reference was made to the difficulty experienced in strict adherence to Rule 15 which restricted the use of the course by visitors who are not members of a recognised Golf Club. After considerable discussion it was resolved that no official action be taken and that the professional should be allowed to use his own discretion in this matter.

J Buckley
14th Nov 1957