Committee Meeting Thursday April 16th 25

Present: J Lochead in the Chair. Mess^{rs} H Slatter, S W Herbert, J C Payne, Reg Bennett, F Moss, J H Taylor, F L Eaton, H L Boardman and J Gibson.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and passed.

The following duly nominated and seconded were elected members by Ballot:- M^{rs} E N Smith, M^{rs} Smethurst.

Junior Members: - Miss M Spencer and Miss M J Eaton.

The transfer of M^{rs} G V Ramsden from playing to honorary member was agreed to.

The following resignations of were accepted: - E Entwistle, H F Wright, T F Bate, H Schofield, Travis Fletcher, Jack Fletcher, M^{rs} Entwistle, M^{rs} Lawson, M^{rs} H L Shaw, M^{rs} G H Hollingworth, M^{rs} T F Fletcher. Juniors: N Firth and G K Wrigley.

The following accounts were passed for payment: - J Andrew & Co 1/2/6, S Sidebottom Ltd 9/5/10, Insurance "Excess Wages" 1/12/9, Ja^s Gledhill 21/10/-, Ashton Gas Co 5/14/10, S Travis 7/15/6. Total £47-11-5.

The Report and Minutes of the House Committee were read and accepted. It was decided that the 5/- per week advance in Nield's wages date from the first pay day in the Financial Year.

The Report and Minutes of the Handicap Committee were read and passed. It was decided that the existing rule re Fourball Foursomes be continued for one month, subject to alteration afterwards if thought necessary; and that the Ladies' Secretary be notified that the above rule does not apply to the Ladies. It was decided in connection with the Payne Bowl Competition, that same should be open to all handicaps.

The following handicaps were dealt with: P W N Bleasdale to have a handicap of 20. H B Raines reduced to 18 and D W Warburton reduced to 20.

It was decided that the Secretary order a supply of Silver spoons.

It was decided that a notice be posted calling the attention of members to the fact that the club must not be grounded in any hazard, grass or otherwise.

The Report and Minutes of the Greens Committee were accepted. It was decided that the No 5 Temporary Green be altered for Saturday.

The proof of the Balance Sheet was submitted and accepted.

The Sub-Committee presented a report of what had been done in respect of getting cattle off the Course.

The election of M^r C W Norman as a member of the Club was declared void owing to non payment of Entrance Fee and subscription within the time allowed to do so by Rule.

It was also decided to adjourn the meeting for a fortnight so as to be able to discuss finances and other matters before the Annual Meeting.

James Lochead 14/5/25.

Adjourned Committee Meeting April 30th 25.

Present: J Lochead in the Chair.

Mess^{rs} H Slatter, J C Payne, F Moss, H L Boardman, R Bennett, G Robson, S W Herbert, R Whitworth, W H Andrew, J H Taylor and J Gibson.

The following duly nominated and seconded were elected members by ballot:- D^r M W Paterson, M^r Joe Wolstenccroft, M^r TE Burgess full members: Temporary member M^r H A Hall: M^{rs} Travis Fletcher full member and M^{rs} T L Sharpley; honorary member.

The following resignations were accepted. M^r Herbert Bowers as full member and M^r C Baker Jun^r as Junior Member.

The transfer of M^r Edwin Williamson from playing to honorary member was agreed to.

The question of Subscription and arrears owing by M^r& M^{rs} Fred Hartley was discussed and it was decided to strike out the charge for locker rent and transfer M^{rs} Hartley to Honorary member, the total amount to be paid inclusive of this years subscription to be £14-8-6.

The question of M^r Lever's temporary membership was discussed and it was decided to continue same for another six months, viz:- September 25th 25.

In regard to M^r Baker and Green Fees the Secretary reported that M^r Baker stated that the visitors were not his guests, but he would rather pay than they be written and he had now paid same.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Telephone 3/2/8, J W Hall Ltd 7/3, Walker & Hall Ltd 11/10/10, D^r New 2/3/6, Water Account 1/8/6, Waterworks Committee for Land 4/5/6, M^{rs} Hibbert for furniture 103/15/-. Total £126-13-3.

The Secretary reported that he had agreed to a wayleave for Bowler to get to the Cricket Field and had suggested that either the Estate or the Farmer should fence same off; also that we were quite willing for the farmer to move the drinking trough on No 18 to the Boundary. It was left with the Secretary to deal with the question of fencing repairs to Boundaries so as to keep out Cattle.

The Captain reported the suggested arrangement made by the Sub-Committee with Gledhill and the Estate and the action of the Sub-Committee was approved and accepted.

It was decided that M^r Whitworth act as Solicitor in regard to the Agreements and Leases with the Estate, Waterworks and Gledhill.

A discussion took place in regard to ways and means of raising money to meet the cost of Compensation to the Farmer, furnishing etc. A good many suggestions were made and it was decided to subject three schemes; viz:- M^r W H Andrew's, M^r F Moss's and M^r Reg Bennett's, to the Annual Meeting so that the feeling of the members could be ascertained.

The Secretary gave particulars as to the extra cost involved both in regard to the Course and Club House.

James Lochead 14/5/25.