

COMMITTEE MEETING
Held 13th October, 1960.

Present: Captain (E.B. Hartley) in the Chair, eight members of the Committee, Messrs. Broucher, Plant, Buckley, Jones, Greaves, Bolt, Broadbent, Lees, L. Butlin the treasurer and W.E. Sowerbutts secretary.

Absent: Apologies received from C. Baxendale and R. Clegg.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 8th September 1960, were read and approved.

GREENS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by C. Broucher and seconded by P.A. Jones, that from approximately the November meeting, the 17th be played as a 3 bogey, and that at that meeting a new stroke index should be considered and decided.

It was agreed also that a new 15th tee be made at the position mown out by Brooks, which would lengthen the hole by some 35 yds. This lengthening would indicate a change in the stroke index, which could be considered at the next meeting.

It was decided that a notice should be placed on the fifth tee, and notices would be displayed in the Club House, to the effect that no players would be allowed on the 5th green when the 6th competitions tee is occupied.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report – Accounts passed for payment value £324.2.11d.

New Members – The following were unanimously elected:

<u>Full Playing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
F. Kenworthy	P.A. Jones	R. Goodall
N. Slater	N. Berry	A. Pye
S. Bennett	N. Berry	A. Pye
J. Hampson	Captain	R. Clough
V.D Kennah	Captain	W.E. Sowerbutts
J.W. Stephenson	Captain	H. Greaves
E.M. Dodson	F.W. Greenhough	W.E. Sowerbutts
A. Broadbent	Captain	H. Greaves
C. Hibbert	J. Holden	R. Hudson
J. Peace	Captain	W. Hyde
Mrs. A. Hampton	Captain	J.L. Brodie
Mrs. A. Wolfenden	Captain	J.L. Brodie
Mrs. B.D. Bradley	M. Whitehead	W.E. Sowerbutts
<u>Temporary</u>		
J.R. Bell	G. Heathcote	Captain
Mrs. B. Bell	G. Heathcote	Captain
<u>Junior</u>		
Barbara Hudson	Captain	R. Hudson
Margaret Cleary	S.H. Battersby	Captain

Resignations – The verbal resignation of Mrs. G.S. Laird (full playing) was accepted with regret.

Heating Arrangements – After discussion it was decided to effect the repair to the boiler, and that prices should be got out for various new systems, with a view to one of these being installed during a summer, in the hope that the repaired boiler would last.

Steward and Stewardess – Letters from the Ladies' Committee and from a lady member were then discussed. These letters expressed dissatisfaction with the general management of the steward and his wife, and it was decided that the captain and the secretary see the steward and his wife on Friday morning, October 14th, to see if considerable improvement could be made. Particularly was it thought that the club house and locker rooms were not as clean as they might be, and the catering service could be much improved.

Ventilator in Upstairs Lounge – The Captain promised to look at the ventilator to see whether this could be made effective without going to the expense of installing an extractor fan.

Decorations – The Captain also said he would get separate prices and specifications from Mr. Peace for the decorating of the upstairs lounge, the dining room and the cocktail bar. The Captain also said he would get a price from Mr. High for levelling up the cocktail bar floor, and that later after decoration, Mr. Bolt would give a price for a new felt floor covering.

Towels – It was felt that the towel position was far from satisfactory, although the treasurer pointed out that the Committee were paying what appeared to be quite a lot of money for towel laundering.

Gaming Machine – R. Plant proposed and H.H. Broadbent seconded that the Committee instal a gaming machine from January 1st next on three months trial, on 60% Club and 40% owner terms, or better. This was carried although there were four dissenting voices.

Trespass -This problem was discussed at length and it was felt that the best approach was to work with the offenders rather than against them. There were suggestions of once again having a caddies' competition, and that all members should be asked to explain and dissuade would-be trespassers from crossing the course, stressing the dangers that could arise.

The Committee did not think it reasonable to erect fencing because of the cost, and felt that trespass would be a problem that would always have to be faced, but the aim should be to keep it down to a reasonable level, and that education rather than threat was the best approach.

Visiting Party – A party of Denton Golf Club Members wanted to play at Ashton on Sunday, October 23rd, and because of the urgency the Captain gave his permission, providing they were out before 12 noon.

Hartshead Pike Cup – A.M. Clegg wanted to give a cup for the hardier members of the Club who like to make their way to the Pike playing golf. It was agreed that he could do so, on the understanding that this was not a Club cup, and was outside the Club's calendar completely. It was also agreed that on the evening of the adventure to the Pike, on

October 22nd, R. Hough be thanked for giving a supper in the Club House to all Members.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, November 10th 1960

E. B. Hartley.....(Captain).....Date.

SPECIAL MEETING
Held 19.10.60 at 9.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Captain (E.B. Hartley) in the Chair, six members of the Committee, Messrs. Buckley, Broucher, Greaves, Plant, Baxendale, Jones, the treasurer L. Butlin and secretary W.E. Sowerbutts.

ABSENT: Apologies received (sic) from Messrs. Broadbent and Lees.

STEWARDSHIP: The Captain opened the meeting and reported on his and the secretary's interview with Mr. & Mrs. Wagstaffe, the result partially of which, being that they tendered their resignation on Monday, October 17th. J. Buckley moved that their resignation be accepted.

The Secretary, with the Captain's agreement, had inserted advertisements for a steward and stewardess in the Manchester Evening News, Evening Chronicle, the Huddersfield Daily Examiner, and the Glasgow Daily Record.

There then followed a discussion on the conditions of service, and it was decided that the remuneration for the two should be £15.0.0 per week, and that no extra would be paid for cleaning. This proposition was carried with two dissentients, P.A. Jones and C. Broucher. It was agreed that there should be some variation concerning the annual holidays, that the steward and his wife be allowed to take their annual holidays together, one week to be in the second week of the Ashton Wakes period, and another, by mutual agreement, after the first week in October. The steward and his wife would not normally be permitted to take their weekly day off together.

The clause that playing golf on the golf course would not be permitted to be deleted.

The clause whereby stewards in the past have paid a proportion of the gas consumed in the preparation of meals and refreshments, to be deleted, so that in fact the Club would pay all the gas account.

E. B. Hartley.....(Captain).....Date.

SPECIAL MEETING
Held 27.10.60 @ 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Captain (E.B. Hartley) in the Chair, six members of the Committee, Messrs. Jones, Greaves, Broucher, Baxendale, Plant and Bolt, the treasurer L. Butlin and secretary, W.E. Sowerbutts.

ABSENT: Apologies received from Messrs. Broadbent, Clegg, Lees and Buckley.

Appointment of Steward and Wife.

Following advertisements placed in the Manchester Evening papers, the Huddersfield Daily Examiner and the Glasgow Record, the Captain and the secretary selected eleven couples from sixteen written applications, to attend for interview on Thursday, October 27th. Five couples actually turned up, but one pair, Mr. & Mrs. Hall of Stockport Road, Timperley, withdrew after being shown the accommodation.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided, with one dissenting voice, to offer the position to Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Leigh, providing their testimonials were satisfactory, and providing there were no outstanding applications resulting from an advertisement placed later that week in the Oldham Evening Chronicle and the Ashton Reporter Series. The No. 2 choice was agreed to be Mr. & Mrs. H.R. Howard of Fitzwarren Street, Pendleton.

E B Hartley.....(Captain)

10/11/60.....Date.