

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held Thursday July 16th at 7-30 p.m.

Present: - Mr A Hobson (Acting Captain), and Messrs Wright, Firth, Haworth, Cooper, Bolt, Harrop, R Wood, Cawthron and Sykes. (Mr W C Woods was on holiday).

A Report from the Handicap Secretary was given by Mr Cooper and approved. It was understood that at a Handicap Meeting a request was made to clarify the standing of Matches on the Course. This is to be left over until next Meeting. Mr Cooper and the Secretary are to consider the stock of Score Cards and any revision of the Local Rules thereon in keeping with the Calendar.

Permission for an Open Gents' Fourball Competition to be held on Sunday September 13th next was approved.

Mr Cawthron presented his House Report which was accepted.

A Report from the Catering Sub-Committee regarding its meeting on July 9th was submitted along with a proposed list of observations for submission to the Stewardess. These were approved. Mrs Jones, the Stewardess attended the Meeting and took exception to some of the observations but after lengthy discussion agreed to try and meet the wishes of the Committee and Members.

It was agreed that the Steward be instructed to report to the Secretary any urgent requirements in the Club House.

The Greens Committee Minutes were read and approved.

The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held June 22 were read and signed.

In Business arising the Secretary reported on: -

Dirk Farm: -

He had applied for tenancy of the land at Dirk Farm and the matter was receiving consideration.

Steward's Day Off: -

Permission to continue with the joint day-off for Mr & Mrs Jones on Monday was approved.

Painting Outside Club: -

As only one estimate had been received the matter is to be left until the next Meeting.

Replacement of Mr Dale: -

This was left until the Autumn General Meeting. Mr Bolt is, however to ask Mr Dale to continue to act on behalf of the Junior Members.

Correspondence: -

A letter from the Ladies' Section was received offering to replace the fireplace in the Lounge and asking for an electric clock plug to be fitted as Mrs Colls was prepared to provide one. The Secretary was asked to reply in grateful and appreciative terms.

New Centurion Booklet. Not to be proceeded with for the present time.

Sports Turf Research. Unable to donate £3-3-0 requested.

Jackson Ltd.. re Monthly Events Board. The Representative to be asked to contact Mr Cooper, Handicap Secretary.

The Treasurer had received a letter from Dr Doohan enclosing a cheque for £10 for a Captain's Runner-up Prize. The Secretary is to reply stating that the usual basis is £5 and asking Dr Doohan if he wishes the balance to be returned to him and to thank him for the amount.

Accounts: -

Accounts totalling £74-19-10 were passed for payment.

Applications for Full Membership were received from Mr H Ackers, 75 Ladybarn Lane, Fallowfield and Mrs G Bromley, 440 Stockport Road, Denton and they were duly approved.

The Meeting was informed that the new tenant at Gorse Lane Farm was Mr Remington, and after Mr R Wood has traced the former agreement, one is to be prepared for the tenant to sign.

Hibbert Memorial Cup Board: -

An application by Mrs Page for the Board to be placed in a more prominent position was considered and the views of the Ladies Section are to be obtained.

Any Other Business: -

Mention was made of raining-in from the Lounge bay-window and Batty & Bingham are to be asked to report thereon.

Mr Robson reported regarding the Captain for 1953/54 and was pleased to state that Mr J Harrop had intimated his willingness to stand. Mr T H E D Turner would, therefore, be pleased to propose him. There was unanimous pleasure at the news and it was agreed that Mr Harrop's name be duly submitted in this capacity.

Due to the holidays the next Committee Meeting will be held Thursday August 13th although the Acting-Captain will be on holiday at that time.

Bank Accounts: -

It was decided to transfer the General and House Accounts from the Stalybridge Branch of the Westminster Bank to the Ashton-under-Lyne Branch for the purpose of convenience and the Secretary is to write to this effect.

Reference was made to the visit of Fairfield Club on July 5th when certain damage was caused. Mr Robson read a letter of apology from the main offender and it was agreed to accept this and to forward him an account for 12/6d for making good the damage.

Signed
J H Firth
Chairman
13.8.53