Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Club Thursday September 16th 1954 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Mr J Harrop (Captain), and Messrs N L Wright, S H battersby, W O Bolt, H H Cawthron, F Cooper, R Wood, and N Sykes (Secretary).

Mr J Harrop, (Captain) presided.

The Minutes of the Handicap, House and Greens Committees held August 5th were approved.

In the House Committee the Steward mentioned that some chairs and seats in the Smokeroom need repair.

The Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held August 5th were agreed.

In Business arising it was mentioned that he Junior Cup had been held in spite of only 6 entries.

The Testimonial for Brookes is going fairly well and the presentation is to be made during the Annual Meeting in the form of a cheque.

The question of a curb and rug in the Dining-room was left to Mr Bolt.

Accounts were passed for payment.

Correspondence: - Letters from Mr H R King (Subscription), Appeals for the blind and British Legion and an offer by Dunlops to provide films for a film show. The latter was passed over to Mr Battersby for consideration by the Social Committee.

The resignation of Mr H Maclean as a Country Member from March 1955 was received with regret.

Consideration was given to the progress of the Nomination List

Mr Bolt and the Secretary observed on Mr Whitson's report on the pond to the effect that in his opinion after fitting a Cock-tap the pond could be drained under control. He is to be asked to do this and Mr Cooper is to enquire regarding supplies of ashes to put down when drainage has taken place. It was thought that without incurring much expense a decision could be made later as regards filling up the pod and it's (sic) future use.

The Captain intimated that he had been approached regarding a President of the Club and that Mr W H Andrew's name had been mentioned in this respect. It was agreed that the Captain should approach Mr Andrew to obtain his agreement after which notice could be given to the members that Mr Andrew will be nominated as President at the Annual Meeting.

The list of subscriptions in arrear was again considered.

The arrangements for the Autumn Meeting were discussed and Mr Cooper reported that as far as possible the trophies had been got ready for polishing and engraving and he would attend to this.

The following repairs were required: -

Special putty around the metal windows in the Smoke-room and the grid in the Gents' lavatory requires replacement. (Eric Hartley).

The Downspout at the corner of the Pro's Shop was broken (T Fish Ltd).

The lock on the wine cupboard in the cellar is to be repaired. (Batty & Bingham).

A further discussion on alterations in the Club to provide a Mixed-room was held. It was mention that an Architect had been asked to give a report on this and the matter is to be deferred for the time being until the report was to hand. A Special Meeting is to be called if necessary to further consider this.

This being the final General Committee Meeting at which Mr J Harrop is to preside as Captain Mr R Wood moved and Mr Cawthron seconded that our best thanks and appreciation be extended to him for his capable services as Captain during 1953/54. It was resolved with acclaim by the Meeting

Signed. F Cooper 21/10/54.