

## General Committee Special Meeting 12th January 1950

Present: - A Hobson (Captain), R Bennett, W O Bolt, W Brown, L Butlin, H H Cawthron, N S Dale, J H Firth, J Harrop, E S Jones, H Swallow, T H E D Turner, R Wood.

The Meeting was called to further consider the Treasurer's report (deferred from last meeting) on the estimated result of the year's working and the Finances of the Club generally.

Mr Turner gave a detailed explanation of the various items of income and expenditure, and stated that, after providing for the overhaul of the tractor, construction of new green, decorations and repairs, he estimated that at the end of the current year, we should be faced with a deficit of approx. £150.

He also reported that he had been in consultation with the Greenkeeper, who supplied him with a list of equipment and materials, which he considered necessary for the improvement and efficient maintenance of the course in the future, as follows.

1. Shed for housing course and equipment
  2. Shed for storing and blending of fertilisers
  3. 2 16" two stroke motor mowers for upkeep of tees & approaches
  4. Pattisson 30" turf piercing machine "solid prong model"
  5. Pattisson 9 ft. Rotary Sifter for dealing with compost
  6. Dorman Simplex Wheelbarrow Sprayer
  7. Pattisson Coultar 30" hand distributor for dry dressings.
  8. Ransomes Septule Gang Mowers
  9. 3 Ransomes 16" Cartes Mowers; 10 knife pattern
- 50 tons Compost (Greens and Tees) 300 tons for fairways.

The matter was very fully discussed, having regard to future development and maintenance of the course, and the greenkeeper was called in and consulted about the list he had submitted. He was very emphatic that the first essential was to provide sheds on the course for housing equipment, and the blending and storage of fertilisers, then the next five items on the list should be obtained in order that the greens, approaches, and fairways might be improved and maintained in a more perfect condition. On being questioned regarding the 300 tons of compost for the fairways, he thought this would need to be repeated every three years. The Committee however thought this was unnecessary and extravagant.

It was finally decided that, having the necessary funds in reserve, and the time having arrived when more definite steps should be taken to improve the condition of the course generally, that items No. 1 to 7 on the foregoing list be purchased and depreciated over a number of years. These amounts of depreciation together with a sum of £150 per annum for additional fertiliser should amount to an annual charge of approximately £310.

It was resolved that the annual subscription of all playing members be increased by £1-1-0, to meet this expenditure, and that a Special General Meeting of members be held on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. to amend the following rules: -

Rule 8 (b) to read.. The annual subscription shall be £6.6.0 due in advance on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Rule 9 (a) to read.. Ladies shall be admitted to membership of the Club at an annual subscription of £4-4-0.

**A Hobson  
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**General Committee  
Monthly Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 1950**

Present: - A Hobson (Captain), R Bennett, W O Bolt, W Brown, L Butlin, H H Cawthron, N S Dale, J Harrop, E S Jones, H Swallow, T H E D Turner, R Wood.

An apology for absence was received from M<sup>r</sup> J H Firth.

The Minutes of last monthly meeting and of the Special Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January were read and approved.

Minutes of the Handicap, House and Green Sub Committees were approved & adopted.

The following accounts totalling £139-2-10 were passed for payment:- S Hall & son £25, Ashton & c Waterworks Ctee £15-7-1, Railway Executive £4-15-2, Grierson Bros £1-12-6, Leigh and Ardern £24-6-6, Hurst Laundry £1-9-8, J W Hall Ld £4-13-9, S Cartwright Ld £11-16-6, Tom King £26-8-3, Lncs Union of Golf Clubs £12-0-0, North West Gas Board £11-12-11.

The nomination were of M<sup>r</sup> F Calladine proposed by A V Powrie seconded by R Lees was balloted for, unanimously approved and the name ordered to be put on the waiting list.

Resignations were accepted with regret from M<sup>r</sup> S Bryan, M<sup>r</sup> K F Crossley, M<sup>r</sup> W H Lees, Mrs M Herbert, and Miss D Gamble, Playing Members and from Mr S W H Lees Hon, Member.

A letter was read from the Ladies' Secretary requesting permission to hold an "Open Day" and a Ladies Invitation Day during the coming season, also to play Matches with Clubs in the District (4) on Monday afternoons – Granted.

Resolved: That a Donation of £3-0-0 be made to the Ashton under Lyne Boys Club.

Serious complaints were again brought to the notice of the Committee regarding the conduct of the Steward & Stewardess. These were mainly about their domestic differences resulting in quarrels and brawling in the presence of Members, and the inadequate attention to Catering facilities. A resolution was proposed and seconded that they be given one months notice. Owing to the unsatisfactory state of the voting, the resolution was withdrawn, and it was decided that the Steward & Stewardess be interviewed by the Captain, M<sup>r</sup> R Wood, The Secretary and House Secretary and severely reprimanded and warned that any recurrence of such conduct would result in the termination of their appointment.

**A Hobson  
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