

**General Committee Special Meeting
held on Thursday 13th November 1952**

Present: - T H E D Turner (Captain), W O Bolt, H H Cawthron, F Cooper, J H Firth, N S Dale, A Hobson,
V Haworth, J Harrop, R Wood, N L Wright & E Rowley.

The Meeting was held to consider the Treasurer's report on the estimated result of the Year's working and the Finances of the Club generally.

M^r Wright gave a detailed explanation of the various items of Income and Expenditure and stated that he estimated we were faced with a deficit of approximately £50.

Also he reported that the Club House required a considerable amount of repairs to be done to it such as Pointing and Painting and interior decorations, furthermore in the near future the Club would be faced with a possibility of having to make two new Golf Holes in lieu of the 17th and 18th now being played.

The matter was fully discussed and it was resolved that the Annual Subscription of all the Gentlemen Playing Members be increased by £2-2-0 (note in margin: Rescinded 20/11/1952) to meet this expenditure and that a Special General Meeting of Members be held early in January 1953 to amend the following Rule: -

Rule (8b) to read: The Annual Subscription shall be £8-8-0 due in advance on the 25th March.

It was decided to co-opt a further Member to the Committee and a motion proposed by M^r W O Bolt, seconded by M^r A Hobson it was decided to ask M^r W C Woods to become a Member of the Committee for a period of One Year.

The Captain informed the Meeting that a deputation from the Club comprising the Captain, M^r R Wood, and Secretary had met the Ashton Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor on November 4th regarding the land situated at Hurst Nook which land is required for Housing purposes; he explained the position to the Meeting; also he gave to the Meeting our position with regard to the land situated at Dirk Farm.

It was decided to ask M^r R Cordingley to Survey the Land at Dirk Farm and to give the Club an approximate cost of making two Golf Holes on the Land; the matter was left in the hands of M^r R Wood to meet M^r Cordingley on the case.

It was decided that the Cutting Machines be overhauled and repaired by Ateo Service Depot, Ormskirk.

The Treasurer reported that a number of Members had not as yet paid their Subscriptions for the Year. The Secretary was requested to write these Members requesting payment.

It was reported that M^r W Sowerbutts had filled the Flower Beds at the Club with Tulip Bulks (sic). The Secretary was advised to write and thank M^r Sowerbutts for his generosity.

The Meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

T H E D Turner
20/11/1952

General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20th November 1952

Present: - Messrs: T H E D Turner (Captain), Wright, Cawthron, Firth, Haworth, Cooper Woods, Bolt, Dale and Sykes.

Apologies were received from Messrs R Wood and A Hobson.

The resignation of Mr E Rowley as Secretary was considered and accepted with regret.

Mr N Sykes was appointed Hon Secretary on the motion of the Captain seconded by Mr Dale. Mr Sykes was invited into the meeting and took his place as Hon. Secretary. He was instructed to write a letter to Mr Rowley accepting his resignation with regret and thanking him for his valued services during his term of office.

Handicaps Committee: Mr F Cooper submitted the Report which was approved.

House Committee: Mr Cawthron gave his report which was adopted. In Mr Cawthron's absence it was agreed that he be offered free subscription during the remainder of his term as House Secretary. This is not to be taken as a precedent but in appreciation of Mr Cawthron's long services in this capacity.

Greens Committee: The Minutes were adopted.

The Minutes of the Special General Committee Meeting held on November 13th were read and agreed with the exception of the motion to increase subscriptions which was rescinded. In business arising from the minutes the Captain reported that Mr Sowerbutts had been thanked for his work on the flower beds.

Mr N L Wright, Treasurer stated that since the last meeting he had given consideration to the proposal to increase the gentlemen's subscriptions and he thought some modification was necessary. It was decided to form a Sub-committee consisting of the Captain and Messrs Wright, Firth, Haworth and Sykes to recommend to the Committee terms of a notice of motion as to the alteration of subscriptions for submission to Special General Meeting.

Accounts amounting to £132-16-11 were passed for payment, details of these being filed.

A cheque for £5-18-0 had been sent to the British Legion for Poppy Day and a letter of thanks had been received from Major Windsor. The letter to be placed on the Notice Board.

The resignation of Mr N Wright of Lostock Graham was received and accepted.

Correspondence: A letter from Bryant and May re their products was passed on to Mr Bolt.

A card of acknowledgement from Acto was received. A letter from the Ladies' Section requiring permission to vary holes played during winter competitions and applying for permission to play to L G U rules without the necessity to tee-up or place for winter medal competitions was read. The Secretary was asked to write giving permission and asking for a notice to be placed in the professional's Shop prior to a competition stating which holes would be played. The Captain stated that he Ladies would like permission to run a Jumble Sale for Club funds. It was agreed that this be granted on the condition that the Club's names should not be used.

In any other business it was decided to give notice to the members of the change of Secretary and also the change in Committee due to Mr W C Woods having been co-opted for a period of one year to fill the vacancy. Mr Sykes was authorised to have the change of secretary published in the Golfer's Handbook.

The Steward was to be allowed £3 for Christmas decorations.

The Club is to be closed at 1 p.m. on Christmas Day.

T H E D Turner
18/12/52

Minutes of a Special Sub-Committee Meeting held on Saturday November 29th 1952

Present: Messrs T H E D Turner (Captain), Firth, Wright, Haworth and Sykes.

The Minute giving the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee was read and a discussion took place thereon. Mr Firth read a letter which he thought could be sent out to the members outlining the reasons for the proposed increase in subscriptions. It was agreed that a copy of Mr Firth's letter be made and submitted to each member of the Committee for consideration prior to the next meeting on December 18th. It was suggested that something on the lines of Mr Firth's letter could be issued to members with or without the various alternatives and shewing the net probable finance gain from each.

T H E D Turner
13/12/52