

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON THURSDAY, 12th MARCH, 1970.

PRESENT: The Captain (J.W. Stephenson) in the Chair, and the President (J. Harrop) and Messrs. L. Butlin, F. Robinson, R.H. Meeks, N. Howard, A.N. Howard, F.W. Greenhough, J.L. Brodie, C.W. Cooper, A.J. Dixon, I.F.W. Kerr, R. Scowcroft, G.R. Windsor and P.W. Carter.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

MATTERS The metal treads on the stairs leading to the Gentlemen's Locker Room should be removed shortly.

The quotation from Nu-Swift Fire Extinguishers was discussed and thought to be too costly. Messrs. Dixon and Windsor would go into this matter further with the intention of obtaining extinguishers from a cheaper source. The Fire Prevention Officer was to be invited to the Club House to meet them.

The New Captain, presiding over the Committee on the first occasion in his year of Office, warmly welcomed the new Members of the Committee and announced his Officers for the Season: -

Greens Committee - R.H. Meeks (Secretary) N. Howard (Assistant)
House Committee - A.J. Dixon (Secretary) G.R. Windsor (Assistant)
Bar Committee - F.W. Greenhough (Secretary) I.F.W. Kerr (Assistant)
Handicap Committee – R. Scowcroft (Secretary) J.L. Brodie &
C.W. Cooper (Assistant)

These appointments were passed and approved.

The Captain then requested the General Secretary to bring the notice of the Meeting to the items which were raised at the Annual General Meeting for further consideration by the Committee. These were Resolved as follows: -

Notice to be posted by the Green Secretary about Cigarette Ends being left on Greens.

The Steward and Stewardess to have their names displayed on a suitable board at, or near to, the Bar.

The responsibility of the Proposer and Seconder to be informed if a Member of their choice be in arrear with Subscriptions, at the discretion of the Committee, to stand, as per the Minute of the 15th January, 1970.

It was decided to leave the Par and Yardage of the Fourth Hole as at present as far as the Calendar is concerned.

HANDICAP Mr. Brodie presented the Minutes which were passed.
COMMITTEE: The Winter Fourball Winners, H. Blease and A.M. Clegg would be presented with their awards on Prize Day.

The playing of the Tenth Hole in the March Medal Competition would be from the existing tee, as a par three hole.

The Dunham Forest Trophy came up for discussion and it was Resolved that the Handicap secretary obtain details of the conditions.

The Lock on the Competition Box required attention.

GREENS
COMMITTEE

The Secretary Reported the fact that Mr. George had examined the surface and had suggested that a path be made around the Club House from the Entrance to the Grounds around the edge of the Putting Green. Prices would be obtained for such work.

The Exit for cars from the Car Park was to be further considered.

The Ploughed Land on the tenth Fairway (Old Course), was to be levelled and re-seeded in March, and this may be fit for play by the end of July. The question of drainage of this land would be reviewed in due course.

The matter of Tractor Driving over the Course was mentioned to the Greens Secretary who promised to take up this matter with our employees.

Two Members of our present Greens Staff were to leave our employ shortly. Further employees would be sought, should P. Breen not be interested in staying on as No.2 Greensman. A sub-Committee would discuss this further, i.e. the Captain, Greens Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer to meet.

The General Secretary passed on an application for Greens Staff employment by a person at present employed by the Corporation.

The Sub.Committee would have the power to purchase a Sises Deep Aerator Machine, ceiling figure of £300.

The General Secretary was requested to cancel the current course for an employee to attend Bingley. This would, perhaps, be taken up later in the Season.

The General Secretary also read a letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' Section in which they requested to play the Course, cutting out the old Tenth Hole, whilst the Course was being reseeded in that area. This was agreed upon.

The question as to when the new part of the Course would be opened for the Season was left for further consideration.

BAR
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary Reported that the Stock had only been taken on the morning of the Meeting. The new Price List was not available as yet, but would be issued shortly.

The following transfers were agreed upon: -

J. Brierley (Full Playing Male to Social Member).
R. Hudson (Full Playing Male to Social Member).
R.H. Rustage (Full Playing Male to Social Member).
J. Holden (Full Playing Male to Social Member).
W. Derbyshire (Full Playing Male to Provisional Member).
S. Thornley (Full Playing Male to Provisional Member).
W. Stansfield (Provisional to Social Member).
Mrs. M. Millin (Full Playing Female to Social Member).
Mrs. B. Holden (Full Playing Female to Social Member).
Mrs. E. Hardy (Full Playing Female to Provisional Member).
Mrs. G. Bromley (Full Playing Female to Provisional Member).

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

The Captain informed the Meeting that a Board was to be provided for Junior Notices and this would be placed in the Professional's Shop. This was formally agreed upon.

The Committee agreed to confer Life Membership upon Mr. J.H. Firth, a past Captain and Treasurer.

It was Proposed, Seconded and Approved by the Committee that the Social Membership be disregarded when fixing a ceiling figure of Membership to the Club.

The Sub.Committee was to meet to go further into these matters and they would put their recommendations before the next Committee Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Ladies' Section required permission to: -

- (a) Play Five Friday afternoon Matches.
- (b) Hold the Invitation Day on 27th, May 1970 and Open Day on 29th July, 1970 (The Smoke Room to be opened to Ladies on these two days).
- (c) A Bridge Drive in aid of Christie Cancer Fund to be held on 20th October, 1970.

These dates were agreed upon and the General Secretary was to write to the Ladies Section secretary on these matters, with a request that the dates be put on the Fixture Board.

The Committee agreed to the suggestion by the General Secretary, that the Captain, Treasurer, President and himself meet Mr. McWhirter of Preston and entertain him to Luncheon when he was in the area in April, so that matters regarding Grants would be further explored.

The Harvey Pharmaceuticals were granted the use of a room on 14th May, 1970 at a fee of £3.0.0

The General Secretary then Reported that he had forwarded an Insurance Claim form on behalf of Mr. Haselden, re the loss of his Mac. and gloves.

The Professional had requested the Secretary to put before the Meeting proposed new charges which he wished to make. These were agreed upon and the Secretary promised to post a Notice to this effect.

The Police Fixture was not agreed upon and was left on the table.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the next Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, 9th April, 1970.

Signed.....J.W.Stephenson...Captain
Date 9th April 1970.

In view of a recent Competition experience it was Resolved that in future, the minimum number of entries for such Events should be 20 players. This appertains to Competition Conditions (Section 6).

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

The Greens Secretary an Staff were congratulated on the condition of the Course at the Open Day.

The Greens Secretary Reported that he had now placed the order for various trees to the price of approximately £100, which were to be planted by our own Greens Staff.

The Committee Resolved that a Notice be displayed requesting members not to use trolleys, if possible, during Winter play.

The Ashton Cricket Club were to be allowed the loan of the scarifier once more, but in future this would have to be reviewed with a monitory consideration.

BAR:
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary was sorry to Report a deficiency on the recent Stock-taking of £8.12.10. He pointed out that this matter would be carefully note by him for future reference. The Takings were still showing an increase in comparison with the previous year, although recent income had not been as good. The price review was not yet complete, as yet, but this should be available in the near future.

HOUSE:
COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary stated that he had contacted Mr. R. Clegg and had placed the order for towels as agreed at the last Committee Meeting.

The Lady Captain had Reported to the House Secretary that the Ladies were willing to release twelve arm-chairs in the upstairs Lounge for use in the Smoke-Room, provided smaller chairs were purchased in replacement. It was Agreed that this be adhered to, the price of £7.3.0. being settled upon.

The Bar Secretary was to inform the Club Steward that he was granted permission to have a Television Aerial fixed to the chimney.

NOMINATIONS
AND
RESIGNATIONS:

The Committee Ruled the Resignation under default of Mrs. P. Lynton.

After the usual ballot, the following Junior Member was accepted: -
J. Stevenson proposed by I.F.W. Kerr, seconded by J. Lawton.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

Suggestion Book:

The suggestion that the next Fixture Calendar be printed in Gold Leaf with stiff backs to include Members' names and addresses, could not be accepted owing to the Members requesting the Committee to make all possible economies.

SPECIAL REPORT ON LAND AND BUILDING PROPOSALS

The President gave a resumé of a visit made to the Offices on the Stamford Estates by the Captain, Messrs. J.W. Stephenson, R. Wood and himself, when discussions took place with Mr. R. Cordingley.

In a lucid Report, the Committee were informed that vacant possession would occur on 25th March, 1970 of Gorse Lane Farm. The possibilities of this being purchased as a new Club House and all the problems entailed was then discussed. The President went on to Report that a request had been made to Mr. Cordingley to allow us to buy a strip of land from the present Club House to lead to Gorse Lane. This could not be ascertained at this stage, but the Committee were reminded that the Lease of Land expires in 1976 and it was envisaged, if renewed, an increased rental would have to be charged. Mr. Butlin was to be approached again as to the negotiation of more Land being rented from the Water Board.

A full and frank discussion followed and matters were left in abeyance until the next Meeting.

The Captain was given power to instruct the Secretary to call a Sub-Committee Meeting on this subject should he think this desirable, the Members being the Captain, the President, Mr. J.W. Stephenson, Mr. L Butlin and Mr. P.W. Carter.

There being no further Business, a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the date of the next Meeting to be 13th November, 1969.

Signed..... F Robinson Captain

Date..... 13/11/69.
