

Minutes of a special Sub-Committee Meeting held on Saturday December 13th 1952.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on November 29th last were read by the Secretary and signed.

The Captain referred to the copy of Mr Firth's letter which had been submitted to all members of the General Committee for consideration. Mr Haworth was thanked for his services in having the copies typed.

The Secretary reported on the observations made by members of the General Committee after they had considered the letter.

The Secretary then gave figures which he had prepared shewing the approximate net gain from various alternative increases in subscription and also from a game-fee. Much discussion took place in this connection and it was eventually agreed that Mr Sykes should prepare extracts from the figures for submission to the General Committee Meeting on the 18th instant along with a revised form of letter which it is proposed to send to the members giving notice of a special General Meeting. The Sub-Committee further recommend that consideration should be given to an increase in visitors' fees.

Signed

T H E D Turner
18/12/1952

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held Thursday December 18th 1952 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr F Cooper presented his Handicap Committee Report which was accepted.

The House Committee Report from Mr Cawthron was submitted and accepted. Payment of the House accounts was confirmed. Mr Cawthron reported that the Christmas Draw had resulted in a profit of £7-13-10 in addition to profit on Bar goods.

The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held November 20th were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Special Sub-Committee appointed to consider an increase in subscriptions were read and Mr Sykes was asked by the Captain to give a resumé of the matters considered. A Schedule of figures was handed to the members of the Committee and ~~he~~ the Secretary said that the first object had been to ascertain the annual amount required by the Club to cover estimated additional expenses and that an amount of £300 had been taken. When the various alternative rates of subscription had been worked out with probable resignations, net gain was under £100. An alternative scheme had therefore been considered of a Game-fee of 3d per round to be charged to

all playing members with the option of a compounded annual fee of £1-5-0 or £1. The results were surprising and shewed that the gain was far in excess of an increase in subscriptions. Much discussion took place and it was finally decided to call a Special General Meeting of the members to be held on Saturday January 17th 1953 at 7.30 p.m. giving notice that the following resolutions will be submitted to the Meeting: -

“A member shall pay a fee of 3d for each game played by him or may alternatively pay an annual sum of 25/-d in lieu thereof such sum to be due in advance on 25th March.”

“A lady member shall pay a fee of 3d for each game played by her or may alternatively pay an annual sum of 20/- in lieu thereof such sum to be due in advance of 25th March.”

(The above to become additional rules)

“That visitors’ charges shall be 3/6d per day on week-days and 5/-d per day on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays and that Rule 14 is amended accordingly.”

It was decided that a special vote of thanks should be passed on to the Special Sub-Committee for their deliberations and recommendations.

Correspondence: The resignation of Mr R V Fiddian as a Country Member from the year-end was accepted with regret.

Mrs Lumsden applied for transfer from playing to social membership from March 25th 1953 and this was agreed.

A letter from Mr R Hartley regarding his arrears was read in which he stated that his subscriptions for the current year had been paid to the Captain. The Captain explained that he had made it clear in very strong terms to Mr Hartley that he had not received his subscription and the Secretary was instructed to write applying for the amount due forthwith.

A letter from the Ladies’ Section was read reporting permission from the L.G.U. to tee-up during Winter Competitions where required by Club Rules. The secretary was asked to write withdrawing the recent concession and asking the ladies therefore to tee-up and place in accordance with the general rule during Winter conditions.

Letters from Ashton Boys’ Club Catering Wages Act, Hendersons (re Lawn Mowers), Golfer’s Year Book, (re Sand and Sundries), Crop Sprayers Ltd., National Golf Clubs’ Protection Association and the English Golf Union were received. Any technical matters to be passed on to the Groundsman.

Accounts: Accounts for payment amounting to £105-5-5 details of which are filed were passed for payment. The Secretary asked for information regarding Schedule A and Schedule B Income Tax and it was left in his hands to enquire from the Income Tax Authorities as to the nature of the Schedule A demand.

Calendar Committee: It was decided that the Calendar Committee should be: - Captain and Messrs Cooper, Firth, Harrop, Dale, Hobson and Sykes.

It was agreed that Xmas gratuities of £1 each totalling £8 should be paid to Mr Brooks, two

Groundsmen, Mr and Mrs Jones and their waitress and Mr and Mrs Gillett.

In any other business Mr Woods mentioned that Mr Townsley had asked to be transferred from playing to social membership as from March 25th next and this was agreed.

The Secretary is to write a letter to Mr Sowerbutts thanking him for his gift of a Christmas Tree.

The Social Committee applied for permission for a Dance to be held on New Year's Eve and for an extension until 1.30 a.m. with the use of the Smoke Room and permission was granted.

The Meeting concluded with Christmas Greetings from the Captain to the members which were reciprocated.

T H E D Turner

Signed

15th Jany 1953