

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Club on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1955 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present about 50 members.

Mr F Cooper (Captain) in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Annual Autumn Meeting held October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1954 were read and approved. There was no business arising therefrom.

The Captain welcomed the members to the Meeting and referred to the deaths of Messrs: - J H Lumsden, H L Boardman, and E Rowley. Members stood in respect and sympathy.

The Captain remarked on the fact that he had been absent at the Meeting which elected him as Captain, due to his illness and he now thanked the members for their confidence. He referred to the exceptionally bad weather during the last six months which had affected the greens and Course. He also observed on the full Calendar and the change in the method of playing the Captain's Prize. Today's match had been postponed because of the Cup-tie at Wembley and would be played at a later date with possibly a Supper to follow. He then invited the members to take refreshment with him.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr L Butlin gave a most concise statement of the finances for the year ended March 24<sup>th</sup> 1955, in which full comparison was made of the Income and Expenditure for last year and this year. He concluded by given an estimated budget for the ensuing year based on the present membership and considered that there were probably be a balance of Income over Expenditure of £219 which would not be equal to the wages of an extra man.

The Auditors Messrs W G Baker and R Shepherd then gave their report in which they stated that they had found everything regarding the books and Accounts satisfactory and extended their congratulations to Mr Butlin, Mr Wright, Mr Firth and Mr Cawthron for their excellent records.

There were no questions on the Accounts and they were unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Treasurer, House Secretary and Auditors by Mr W F Buckley supported by Mr J Hague. It was carried.

The Hon. Secretary's report was given by Mr N Sykes. The report has been filed with the records. A vote of thanks was extended to him by the Captain supported by Mr W Bolt and carried.

The Secretary then presented his Report which was adopted.

The report of the Social Committee was given by Mr S H Battersby in which various activities during the year were mentioned with the resultant finances relating thereto.

A vote of thanks to Mr Battersby and the Social Committee was proposed by Mr Burlinson supported by Mr K Gregory and carried.

Mr P A Jones and Mr H Schofield were elected to the Social Committee.

The Captain presented the Winter Four-ball prizes as follows: -

Winners: - Messrs J A Fiddian and A V Powrie.

Runners-up: - Messrs J H Lewis and N Sykes.

Thanks were extended to the donors of the runners-up prizes Messrs A L Burton and S H Battersby.

In any other business the Captain referred to the proposal to make a Cocktail Bar in the room now occupied as the Ladies' Toilet room and to transfer the Toilet room to the room now used as the Secretary's Office. It was anticipated that the cost would be in the region of £350 and towards this about £120 had already been promised. He was proposing to write a letter to members appealing for donations to this. He considered that the result of the project would be increased income to the Club. It was suggested that the Captain need not go to the length of appealing to the members by letter and this is to be given further consideration.

Mr Powrie thanked the Calendar Committee for it's (sic) efforts in meeting the requirements of Tuesday players.

A hole-in-one tie subscribed for by a few members was presented to Mr J Buckley by the Captain. Mr Buckley suitably responded.

The Captain asked for donors of prizes for Captain's Day and prizes were offered by Messrs E B Hartley and R Hough.

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

**Signed**

**F Cooper**

**1<sup>st</sup> October 1955**