

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Club on Saturday May 5th 1956 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr W O Bolt (Captain) in the Chair.

There were about 43 Members present.

Apologies from Mr H Firth.

The Minutes of the Annual Autumn Meeting held October 1st 1955 were read and approved. There was no business arising therefrom.

The Minutes of the Special general Meeting held March 3rd were read and approved.

The Captain welcomed the members to the Meeting and referred to the Deaths of Mr W G Baker and Mr G Haigh. Members stood as a mark of sympathy and respect.

In his remarks the Captain tendered his thanks to the Committee for the valuable assistance they had given. He informed the members that the list of entrants for the Captains prize would close tonight and mentioned that he had made a change in the method of playing the competition. He expected the Cocktail Bar to be ready in a months time and also stated that the new groundsman Holt showed much promise and was a good worker.

He then invited the Members to take refreshment with him.

The Hon Treasurer, Mr L Butlin gave a concise statement of the finances of the Club for the Year ending March 1956, in which full comparison was made of the Income and Expenditure for the last year and this year. He mentioned the increased profits of the Bar was £27 and that the Green Fees had increased by £33. The latter item was no doubt due to the unusual good summer. He estimated that the Net profit for the Club due to the increased subscriptions would be £264.

There was an increase of One in the Gentlemens Membership and a decrease of 9 in the Ladies Membership. The Total membership now stands at 340.

The Auditors Messrs R Shepherd and Mr H Sagar then gave their report in which they stated that they had found everything regarding the Books and Accounts satisfactory and complimented Mr Butlin on the excellent way he had kept the accounts and presented the Balance Sheet to the Members.

There were no questions on the Accounts and they were unanimously adopted on a motion proposed by Mr W C Woods and seconded by Mr W Walker.

Mr H Burlinson then moved a vote of thanks to Mr Butlin, Mr H Haselden (Handicap Secretary) and Mr H Cawthron (House Secretary), this was seconded by Mr F Wright.

The Secretary (Mr R Whitfield) then read his report. The report is filed with the records. A vote of thanks extended to him was proposed by Mr Bardsley and seconded by Mr J Lowe.

Mr Battersby (Secretary of the Social Committee) then read his report. He thanked the two retiring Members Mr P Jones and Mr H Schofield for the valuable services they had given.

Mr E Hartley and Mr C Baxendale were then appointed to the Social Committee. Their election was proposed by Mr Woods and seconded by Mr J Buckley. Mr Woods proposed a vote of thanks to the

Social Secretary for the work his Committee had done to provide pleasure for the Members of the Club. Mr M L Hall seconded the vote of thanks.

The Captain added his thanks and personally thanked Mr P Jones and H Schofield for their valued assistance.

The Captain then presented the Winter Fourball prizes as follows

Winners Mr A Shaw and Mr W Schofield

Runners-up Mr J Morris and Mr L Marland.

Prizes for todays Fourball Competition were presented to

Mr M L Hall and Mr C Baxendale who won with a score of 7 up.

Mr Hall thanked the donors of the prizes who were Mr W C Woods and Mr H Burlinson.

Any other Business: -

The Auditors requested the Committee to consider giving them more time to take the Audit.

Mr E Shepherd suggested that the Committee consider the Secretary's Honorarium.

Mr W C Woods suggested that we only have one Annual Meeting instead of the two Meetings we now hold. He thought the Meeting could be held on a week day with a view of having a better attendance of Members.

Mr E Hartley suggested that later times be allowed for starting of competitions. Replying to Mr Walker, respecting the Cocktail Bar, the Captain stated that if all the promises of donations were fulfilled there would be no necessity to ask for any of the Club Funds.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Captain concluded the meeting.

Note: These Minutes were not signed by anyone.