

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 11.2.60.

Present: H. Greaves (Captain) in the chair, 9 Members
Messrs. Firth, Broucher, Buckley, Plant, Hartley, Gregory, Lees, Bolt
Broadbent, the treasurer, secretary and C. Baxendale, who had previously
Explained he would be late attending the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings of the 14th and 25th January were read and signed as correct.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Accounts passed for payment to the value of £577-11-7d.

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Full Playing</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Mr. G. Potter	E.B. Hartley	S.H. Battersby
Mr. K.C. Heywood	L. Butlin	E.B. Hartley
Mr. R.W. Taylor	W.O. Bolt	H. Holden
<u>Junior</u>		
Master D. Taylor	W.O. Bolt	H. Holden
Master P. Walker	A. Hobson	S.H. Battersby
Honorary (Social)		
Mrs. J.B. Baxendale	C.B. Baxendale	H. Greaves (Captain)
Mrs. B.M. Wallwork	F. Cooper	W.O. Bolt

RESIGNATIONS.

The resignations of Mrs. G.N. Greenshields, Miss J. Broomhead and Miss A.M. Burgess (full playing) were accepted with regret. Mrs. L. Butlin is transferred from full playing Membership to social membership.

RULES

A discussion took place on the changes in rules that would be necessary if the General Meeting were to pass the Committee's recommendations for the new subscription rates, and the graded junior subscription rates which would allow them to play in Club competitions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was generally agreed, after further discussion that, there be no change in the suggested increases in subscription rates that are to be put to the Annual General Meeting on March 12th, 1960.

GREENS COMMITTEE

Proposed by J. Buckley and seconded by J.H. Firth that a Fordson Dexta Tractor be bought as specified by Quicks, and that the Greens Committee's action in purchasing the three Shanks Units from Stanwell Crop Driers be confirmed. An amendment proposed by H.H. Braodbent and seconded by W.O. Bolt to the effect that a Dexta Tractor as specified, but with hydraulics, be purchased, was carried, and the purchase of Shanks Units for semi-rough cutting was confirmed. The old Fordson Tractor to be traded in at the allowance of

£20 and R. Plant agreed to order the tractor, obtain 5% commission and pass this to the Club.

It was agreed, after discussion, that after a decision in General Committee the Greens Committee, in conjunction with the Professional and E. Brooks, could decide and give instructions to the staff concerning work on the course.

RATING ASSESSMENT

Mr. C. Broucher gave details of his negotiations so far with the Commissioners concerning the proposed appeal against the rating assessment. The matter at the moment is in the hands of the R. Cordingley and the Commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCE

Application to purchase land – The letter from J.F. Rider of 393 King's Road, Ashton under Lyne who desires to buy from the Committee a strip of their land approximately 1yd x 10 yds. so that he can erect a garage, was discussed. It was proposed by H.H. Broadbent and seconded by E.B. Hartley, that consideration be given to this matter without commitment, and it was suggested that in his own interests he should approach the local authorities for general permission to erect any such garage before proceeding any further. When and if he were to obtain permission, then the Committee would consider his application in that light. There three dissentients to these suggestions.

Shrove Tuesday Dance. – A letter from the Secretary of the Social Committee, concerning a dance which it is hoped to hold on Shrove Tuesday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., was received. The Social Committee also sought permission for the Smoke Room to be open to the ladies, and that a bar extension until midnight be applied for. These suggestions were agreed, the dance would finish at 1 a.m., the ladies would be allowed in the Smoke Room, and R. Lees said he would apply for the bar extension.

Alliance Competition – Discussion took place on the desirability of inviting Manchester Alliance to play a competition at Ashton. It was proposed by R. Lees and seconded by C. B. Baxendale that they be invited to come in October or November. A vote was taken and the proposition was not carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Vote of Thanks – At the close of the meeting J.H. Firth and K. Gregory were thanked by the Captain for their work on behalf of the Club. J.H. Firth replied that he thought the time had come to give way to younger members; K. Gregory also said that he had enjoyed Committee work, but he felt the he could continue no longer, and W.O. Bolt thanked them both again.

After J.H. Firth had left the meeting there was a discussion as to whether some special recognition should be given to him for his exceptional service to the Club as Captain, treasurer, and committee member, over so many years. All members of the Committee were agreed that this was a special case, but it was considered, after discussion, that difficulties might develop if for instance he were to be made a Vice-President. So finally it was decided that the secretary should write to him and leave him in no doubt at all that the Committee desired to put on permanent record their appreciation of his excellent services, given so freely over so many years for the benefit of Ashton Golf Club and its members.

Vote of Thanks to Captain – At the actual close of the meeting, the Captain, Mr. H. Greaves was thanked for his most valuable work during his year of office.

E. B. Hartley Captain 17/3/60 Date.

ADDENDUM

Rule 14: In the event of the Annual General Meeting, to be held on March 12th, approving the Committee's suggested subscription increases, it would be necessary to amend Rule 14 by the addition of the following words.

“except that juniors who are 14 years of age or more at the 25th March in the current year and paying the higher rate of subscription shall be eligible to compete for prizes.”

H. Greaves..... Captain 11/4/60 Date.