

Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting of Members held at the Club Saturday October 2nd 1954
at 7.30 p.m.

Present about 80 members
Mr J Harrop (Captain) in the Chair.

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The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The Captain reminded the Members that since the last General Meeting, the deaths of Mr V Haworth and Mr J H Knowles had taken place and the Members shewed their sympathy by standing.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 1st 1954 were read and approved.

In business arising the Captain mentioned the following matters: -

- (a) The Tractor had now been replaced by a second-hand reconditioned Fordson.
- (b) The steps at the 13th, gully were to be altered during the Winter by laying sleepers which would make it easier for trolleys.
- (c) A new Local-Rule had been brought-in regarding a ball lying on the road bunker at the 4th.

Mr E Brooks had been invited to the Meeting to receive a Testimonial on his completing 25 years service in August last with the Club. The Captain referred in favourable terms to Mr Brooks's abilities and temperament and considered that it was a sportsman-like gesture to recognise his long services. He then presented a cheque for £60 to him. Other members who were serving on the Committee when Mr Brooks's appointment took place associated themselves with the Captain's remarks. Mr Brooks then thanked the members for their generosity and hoped to serve them well in the future.

In his retiring remarks the Captain referred to recent events and the progress of the Club. He referred to the illness of Mr F Cooper and his disappointment at not being present and he proposed and Mr R Wood seconded that Mr Cooper should be Captain for 1954/55. This was put to the Meeting and carried with acclamation. A letter was then read from Mr Cooper expressing his inability to be present on Doctor's orders and thanking the members for their election of him which he considered to be a high honour. He promised to serve to the best of his ability and he invited the members to have a drink with him. Musical honours were then given.

Mr Firth proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Harrop as retiring Captain in which his many varied gifts of tact, humour, and diplomacy were mentioned. Mr J Buckley seconded in similar terms and the resolution was carried with acclamation.

The election of Mr L Butlin as Hon. Treasurer and Mr W Sykes as Hon Secretary were duly carried and the nominees responded with thanks.

Messrs W G Baker, F W Wright, W Lowe, and E Widdop were appointed Scrutineers for the ballot and the election of the Committee then took place resulting as follows: -

Elected for 3 years: - Messrs J Buckley, J H Firth, and H H Cawthron.

Elected for 2 years: - Mr R Lees.

Elected for 1 year: - Mr H F Haselden.

Messrs W G Baker and R Shepherd were elected Hon Auditors.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Officers was proposed by Messrs J M Riley and S Colls and supported by Mr A L Burton. This was carried.

The presentation of Trophies was made by the Ex-Captain as follows:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Captain's Prize	R A Calvert	A Shaw
Kenworthy Cup	T Acton	R A Calvert
Aitken Cup	H F Haselden	R Clough
Hall Cup	R Clough	H Schofield
War Trophy	H Greaves	H Schofield
Payne Bowl	J A Fiddian	R Lees
Andrew Cup	J A Fiddian	W S Schofield

Today's winners of the Bogey Competition were Messrs W Walker and R Lees. The Donors of the prizes were Messrs T H E D Turner and H Burlinson,

The following offered their names as Prize-Donors for 1954/5: -

Messrs: - R Clegg, Acton, W Walker, R A Calvert, F W Wright, Shaw, R Lees, J Lowe, A Whitworth, N Howard, Greaves and Bennett.

Juniors: - Mr Powrie.

Winter Fourball Runners-up (if required): - Messrs Battersby & Burton

In any other business Mr H Schofield asked for an improvement on the present sand-boxes on tees. A general discussion took place and on a shew of hands only 5 members were in favour of the proposal.

The Ex-Captain mentioned that Mrs V Haworth had offered to provide a Trophy in her late Husband's name and she is to be thanked and her offer considered.

Mr Battersby appealed for support for tomorrow's Competition "beat the Open-Champion" in aid of the Golf Foundation.

Mr J R Morris and Mr C Broucher spoke in favour of a practice-net or a practice-ground.

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

Signed:

F Cooper

7 May 1955.

