

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE AT 7 P.M.
SATURDAY 4th MARCH 1961.**

Present: The Captain (E.B. Hartley) in the Chair,
The President (R. Wood) and about 50 Members.

The Captain referred to the death of W. Walker and Members stood as a mark of respect.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th March, 1960, were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Butlin at the outset said that he had always hoped that Members some day might agree on the statement of income and expenditure without him giving detailed explanations. Taking his comments seriously, Mr. C. Broucher proposed that the report be adopted, Mr. R. Lees seconded, the Captain put the proposal to the meeting, it was carried unanimously and Mr. Butlin resumed his seat.

Mr. R. Shepherd and Mr. H.L. Sagar, the auditors, spoke about the subscriptions outstanding, and Mr. Butlin said a substantial amount had been recovered, and that the Committee were considering the advisability of concluding the membership of anyone who had not paid their subscription by the following March.

Mr. A.V. Powrie proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, and Mr. F.W. Wright seconded.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary then gave his report and mentioned that Mrs. B. Hallsworth and Mr. E. Raines had been made Life Members. That thanks were due to the retiring ex-Captain and Committee man W.O. Bolt for his great services in the past. That a good competition calendar had been organised. That the course alterations and fairway improvements were now showing some effect. Members were asked to comply with the request to tidy up the locker room and to name their locker so that a list could be posted. It was mentioned that as and when, and if funds were available the toilet facilities in the locker rooms might be improved, and that showers would possibly be installed and that the Committee were considering an oil-fired central heating system. Toilets on the course were also under consideration, and Members were asked to help in the control of the considerable amount of trespass on the course.

Mr. K. Gregory proposed and Mr. H. Crowther seconded that the secretary's report be adopted.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Social Secretary, Mr. J. L. Brodie reviewed the year's work of the Committee, and spoke of the success of many of the social functions organised. It was revealed that the

£20 donated by the Social Committee was not in this year's accounts, but would be included in those of the following year. The Social Committee had in fact a balance in hand of about £50. Mr. Brodie thanked his various Committee Members, and Mr. N. Sykes proposed a vote of thanks to the Social Secretary and Committee. He also mentioned the stirring (sic) work of Mr. Baxendale, and one of the Greenhoughs, although which one, he wasn't quite sure, but he thought it was Fred. Mr. N. Wrigley seconded this proposal.

ELECTION OF CAPTAIN

The Captain, Mr. E.B. Hartley, then spoke of his very happy year of Office. He mentioned the various social and golf events that had been arranged, and his keen interest in the junior members, for whom he had organised golf tuition and dances. He particularly thanked Mrs. Cochar and Mrs. F. Cooper for their help, and the Members of the Ladies' Committee. He could say that he had enjoyed every minute of his year of Captaincy, and it was obvious that the Members had also enjoyed every minute of his Captaincy. He particularly thanked Mr. Bolt, who was not seeking re-election to the Committee for his efforts on the Club's behalf during his eleven years as a Committee Member and Captain. Mr. Hartley then introduced Mr. N.S. Dale as Captain for 1961/62, and he pointed out that although it was unusual for a Captain not to come directly from the Committee, Mr. Dale had been a Member around 30 years. He had been on the committee for many years, and had acted as Handicap Secretary, and he had no doubt at all that Mr. Dale would fill the Office with dignity and efficiency. Mr. H. Greaves seconded Mr. Hartley's proposal and Mr. Norman Dale was elected Captain with acclamation.

Mr. Dale then thanked Mr. E.B. Hartley and Mr. H. Greaves and spoke of his concern for the wellbeing of the junior members, and also proposed continued and renewed efforts of the Social Committee in arranging functions, dances, and the like. He said he had attended two or three recent Committee Meetings to gain experience, and looked forward very much to his year of office.

He mentioned that present, as a Member of the Club, was Mr. W.S. Ashworth who in fact had just been made President-elect of the Heaton Moor Golf Club.

Mr. Dale then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Captain, Mr. E.B. Hartley and Mr. P.A. Jones seconded.

Mr. F. Buckley then spoke on behalf of the Members and said how well and how courteously complaints had been dealt with by Mr. Hartley in the past year, and the meeting patently were in agreement.

CAPTAIN ELECT

The Captain then spoke of the Committee's proposal to amend the rules so that the Committee additionally would consist of a Captain-elect, apart from the other officers. It was felt that if from time to time one of the general Members was made Captain then he should have some experience of the workings of the Committee before he actually sat in the Captain's chair. Mr. L. Butlin then proposed that Mr. P.A. Jones be made Captain-elect, Mr. R. Lees seconded, and there was no amendment. Mr. Jones replied suitably, and Dr. J.A. Fiddian echoed the Members' satisfaction and agreement with the forming of this new position of Captain-elect. The following resolution was therefore passed: "that Rule 2 be and hereby is amended by the addition of "Captain-elect" after "Captain" in

paragraphs (a) & (b) of the Rule”.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominations for the various officers were then put to the meeting, the positions of Treasurer, and Secretary were agreed unanimously, and in the ballot that followed Messrs. H. Greaves, H.H. Broadbent and C. Broucher were elected to the Committee for three years and Mr. R. Hough for two years. R. Shepherd and H.L. Sagar were again to be auditors, for there were no other nominations. They did both say, however, that they would like to be relieved of the position, perhaps after another year, so that someone younger could take over and get to know something about the financial affairs of the Club.

The two members elected to the Social Committee were Messrs. J.L. Brodie and F.W. Greenhough.

Mr. E.B. Hartley then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. R. Lees as Greens Committee Chairman, and to the course staff.

Dr. J.A. Fiddian also thanked these people and Mr. C.W. Cooper seconded. The stirling (sic) work also of Mr. J. Buckley and Mr. R. Plant was mentioned, particularly in regard to their experience of things mechanical.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. N. Sykes considered that entering the trolley hut was quite hazardous, and he thought that some means of numbering the trolley positions should be arrived at to do away with or reduce the present chaos. Mr.

Mr. H. Schofield considered that many Members were not careful enough in the replacement of divots, or in care of bunkers.

Mr. J. Harrop wondered whether the Committee were aware that the Captain-elect in the year 1962/63 would be the Captain in the Jubilee Year 1963/64.

Mr. C.W. Cooper suggested a different system of handicapping which the Committee might consider.

It was stated that the new course cards giving the new hole lengths and stroke index would be available and in use from March 25th 1961.

The competition played on March 4th was won by Mr. G. High and Mr. N. Berry after a tie, and it was noted that they had won the same competition in 1960.

All this time Mr. Jim Riley had been wondering whether there was anybody at all in the Club who had not been thanked for their part in what had been a rather successful year. He could point out that he himself had not been thanked for his weather reports, and then bethought himself that the Members who had brought up the drinks at the Captain's behest had not had their meed of praise. So he thanked them too.

After a vote of thanks to the Captain, Mr. N.S. Dale for presiding, the Meeting closed at 9.5 p.m.

N.S. Dale Captain 3/3/62 (date)