

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HEL AT THE BROADOAK HOTEL
ON SATURDAY, 7th MARCH, 1970 AT 7-30 P.M.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair, the President, (Mr. J. Harrop)
and approximately 90 Members.

The Captain (F. Robinson) opened the Meeting and welcomed those present.

He then requested the Members to stand in silence in respect of those who had died during the year, which included Mrs. Cawthron (Life Member), Mrs. Cockayne and Messrs. Hitchen, Widdop, Cusworth and Kellett.

The Secretary was requested to read the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st March, 1969 and the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 13th March, 1969.

These were accepted a true and correct record.

MATTERS The reference to addressing the Steward and Stewardess by Christian name
ARISING: terms, was then raised and after some discussion, the Members decided the
circumstances were perhaps different in the case of Mr. & Mrs. Cowan and it
was approved, on a show of hands, that Members should be allowed to
address them in such terms as they had been accustomed in their own
particular way.

The name of the Steward and Stewardess was to be displayed at or near to
the Bar, as agreed upon in due course by the Committee.

TREASURER'S Mr. L. Butlin gave an excellent review of the financial situation and break
REPORT: down on figures for the accounting year under review and the previous
year's comparison. It was noted that costs had been reduced in certain
instances as promised at last year's Annual General Meeting. Certain
increases could not be avoided, such as fuel costs, and an increase of 18%
for Course and Labour Charges connected with the Course.
General Expenses showed an increase of 14%, in spite of saving wherever
possible.
The Gaming Machine receipts were down by approximately 20%, which
appeared to be a trend in many Clubs.
The Reserves for various future liabilities were then explained.

AUDITORS' Messrs. S. Roberts and B.R. Shaw then commented that they had examined
REPORT: the books, vouchers and statements of accounts and were pleased to report
that these had been found in order.

After the Captain had given those present the opportunity of raising any
points appertaining to the figures, the Accounts were adopted.

SECRETARY'S The Secretary commented on the fact that the Committee, under the
REPORT: guidance of the Captain, had endeavoured to effect many of the

recommendations made at the last Annual General Meeting in respect of certain costs of the Club.

The Committee, in his opinion, had been hard working and had found it necessary to hold eighteen Full Committee Meetings, as well as Sub-Committee Meetings, because of the problems they had to face on behalf of the Club. Some of these being – the appointment of a new Steward and Stewardess; new Head Greenkeeper; changed on the Course again; improvements in the Club House and the circumstances in which we were involved regarding the Land which we leased from Lord Deramore's Estate, and the fact that Gorse Lane Farm was up for sale.

These latter items were dealt with in the same detail to keep the Members aware of the position as far as possible. The salient points being that we must protect our interest and wished to be notified of the price required to purchase a strip of land around the Club House, stretching from Kings Road to Gorse Lane, and a scheme to purchase the whole of the remaining part of the Course on lease from Lord Deramore's Estate, without the 14.85 acres on which the 17th and 18th holes were played, plus part of the first fairway, which we understand, would not, in fact be sold to us.

In conclusion, the Secretary stated that we must still recognise that there is much to be done and we envisage improvements to the Course and Club House, to keep pace with modern trends.

The proposed changes in the Constitutional Rules as recommended by the Committee were then explained by the Captain and approved.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Treasurer outlined the Committee's recommendations to increase the Annual Subscriptions and the reasons for same, and the figures set out in the Agenda were agreed upon by the Meeting, when a proposition was carried to this effect.

The suggested figures should give the Club a Reserve of approximately £1,000.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. A.J. Dixon gave a resumé of the year's Social activities and for the most part these had been a success socially, but not all of them financially, but resulted in a balance in hand of £106.13.11. and has been used to purchase items for general use such as Curtains in the Tea Lounge and 5 new Forms for the Course.

NEW CAPTAIN:

Mr. J.W. Stephenson was then proposed as Captain for the ensuing year by the Captain (Mr. F. Robinson) and seconded by Mr. J.A. Fiddian, both parties speaking warmly of Mr. Stephenson's qualities and capabilities. The proposition was carried with warm accord.

Mr. Stephenson then thanked those present for the honour bestowed upon him and stated that he would fill the position with all his endeavours. He went on to state that we were in a fast changing world and we must improve amenities and try to extend the Club House.

The Junior Section had been formed and would be a benefit to all members

indirectly.

He then went on to thank the retiring Captain for his work during his year of Office and complimented him on the way he had handled an awkward situation when taking office.

The Captain then thanked the President (Mr. J. Harrop) for the conscientious an experienced way in which he conducted himself during his first year of Office.

The Ex-Captain, Mr. Robinson replied stating that he wished to thank all Officers and Members for their support in his happy year.

The President thanked everyone for the courtesy shown to him and the sentiments expressed.

Mr. R.H. Meeks proposed and Mr. E.B. Hartley (in the absence of Mr. F. Rowley) seconded the proposition that Mr. A.N Howard become the Captain-Elect.

This was carried and Mr. Howard thanked the Members for the confidence they had placed in him.

Mr. J.H. Lewis and Mr. W. Derbyshire proposed and seconded Mr. L. Butlin as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Both had spoken of the value of such a person to look after the financial matters of the Club. The proposition was carried and Mr. Butlin accepted the Office once more, stating that he would continue to keep up the good work to the best of his ability.

The President (Mr. J. Harrop) proposed and Mr. I.F.W. Kerr seconded, Mr. P.W. Carter be re-elected Secretary for the ensuing year. Both spoke of the efforts which he had made and the assistance afforded him by his wife, Mrs. J. Carter. This proposition was then carried and the Secretary thanked the Meeting and said he would continue to carry out the duties.

COMMITTEE:

After Ballot, the following were elected to serve on the Committee: -
Messrs. R.Scowcroft, G.R. Winsor and N. Howard for 3 years and
Mr I.F.W. Kerr for one year.

AUDITORS:

Messrs. I Taylor and I.A. Macleod were elected honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

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OTHER

BUSINESS:

The following points were raised for further consideration by the Committee:

- (a) Cigarette Ends being left on Greens was to be strongly discouraged and a note to this effect should be put in the Calendar
- (b) The question was raised as to the Green Belt area, control of the area covering the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Holes and part of the First Hole.
- (c) The success of the Teams in the Stockport League could, perhaps be acknowledged by a Memento being present by the Club to each player.

- (d) The Course Record had been broken during the last playing year by Mr. S. Butlin and he was congratulated.
- (e) The employing of a lady behind the Bar on Sundays was objected to by one Member.
- (f) The attention be drawn to the Proposer and Seconder on application for Membership forms, for their responsibilities in the matter, was suggested.
- (g) The Venue and Night of the next Annual Meeting was raised from the body of the Meeting, and the consensus of opinion to favour the Broadoak Hotel and Thursday evening.

The Meeting then closed with A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding,

SignedJ.W. Stephenson.....Captain

Date.....4th March 1971.....