

MINUTES OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1970.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair and the President, (Mr. J. Harrop) and Messrs. L. Butlin, J.A. Fiddian, R.H. Meeks, F.W. Greenhough, A.J. Dixon, C.W. Cooper, A.N. Howard, J.L. Brodie, N. Sykes, N. Howard, J.W. Stephenson and P.W. Carter.

Apologies for absence were received from J.C.E. Meeks.

Mr. Butlin presented his preliminary figures of a Statement of Expenditure and income for the year ended 31st December, 1969, with comparison figures for 1968.

The Treasurer gave a comprehensive break-down of all items and his recommendations to the Committee.

One of his salient points was the Stocktaking figures were thought to be shown in the Accounts for many years at Retail Prices. This was discussed at length and the Committee Resolved that the Accounts in respect of the Bar be presented as in previous years.

The matter of the Purchase of Gorse Lane Farm was then brought up for discussion, as certain Members felt this would have effects on the amounts to be placed in reserve in the current Balance Sheet.

The Captain then gave a resumé on the Meeting of the Sub-Committee comprising himself, the President, Captain-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary, along with Mr. Rupert Wood (Solicitor) at the offices of Hill & Cordingley, when Mr. Cordingley was approached to give his views on the purchase of the farm and also land now rented by the Club.

After a rather lengthy discussion, the Meeting Resolved that the Gorse Lane Farm should not be recommended to the Members as a practical proposition by the Golf Club as a new Club House.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Wood to this effect stating that we did not wish to continue negotiation of the property, but wished expediency, as far as possible, for prospects and purchase of land, as mentioned in correspondence.

Mr. Butlin then recommended certain Reserves to be increased and the subscriptions revised, the main items being that Full Playing Male Members Subscriptions be increased to £21 and Full Playing Lady Members Subscriptions to £15. Other proposed increases recorded by Mr. Butlin. Mr. Butlin then presented the Members of the Committee with the Rules of the Club, which were to be left in the hands of the Secretary, and then gave notice of the proposed amended Rules as recommended by the Sub-Committee.

These were agreed upon and the Captain proposed a Vote of Thanks to Mr. Butlin for his work in completing this arduous task, which was endorsed by

all Members present.

The Secretary was requested to see that two copies were placed in the Club House for the use of Members generally and also pass on a copy to the Ladies' Committee.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting.

Signed.....F Robinson Captain
Date.....12/2/70.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1970.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair and Messrs. L. Butlin, J.W Stephenson, A.N. Howard, R.H. Meeks, N. Howard, N. Sykes, J.L. Brodie, J.A. Fiddian, A.J. Dixon, J.C.E. Meeks and P.W. Carter.

Apologies for absence were received from C.W. Cooper.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting (22nd January, 1970) were read and accepted a true record, also the Minutes of the Financial Meeting held on Thursday 5th February, 1970 were accepted a true record.

MATTERS
ARISING: The metal treads on the stairs leading to the Gentlemen's Locker Room had not, as yet, been removed, and Mr. A.N. Howard promised to see Mr. Ferris about this matter.

Mr. A.N. Howard then Reported that he had seen Mr. Wrigley with a view to obtaining permission from him to relinquish the lease on Land around Dirk Farm. He stated categorically that he would not let any more land go – even the small corner on the right-hand side of the eighth fairway.

HANDICAP
COMMITTEE: The Secretary Resolved that in the 1970/1 Season the Kenworthy Cup be competed for in the following manner: -

The eight players returning the best two gross scores from the Monthly Medals in May, June and July plus the Hall Cup Medal Competition. (Any tie for eighth place to be decided by the gross returns in excess of two rounds).

These eight qualifiers will play match play off "scratch" over eighteen holes, with the final round over 36 holes.

The qualifiers will be ceded (sic) in order of Handicaps when the draw takes place.

Mr Stephenson then gave his Report of the inaugural Meeting of Juniors held on Tuesday, 10th February 1970 in the Club House. Rules and Committee had been formed. Matches with Prestwich and Fairfield had been provisionally fixed for 23rd May and 6th June, 1970 (Saturday mornings), play to commence between 10-30 and 11-30 a.m.

Junior Medals would also be played at the same time as quoted above. The refreshments at the two Home Matches would be subsidised by the Club. These arrangements were formally approved by the Committee.

The Committee agree to postpone the Winter Fourball by fourteen days, owing to the inclement weather.

The ploughed land on the fairway of the 11th hole (new course) was then considered, i.e. as ground under repair &c. This matter was not resolved and left over for further consideration.

The Secretary was requested to write the Secretary of the Ladies Section regarding this point and enquire as to how the Ladies wished to play this hole.

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

The Car Park specifications would be obtained when possible. Mr. A.N. Howard stated that he had contacted an experienced person on the matter and would report when possible.

Repairs to Mowers, where stated, to be in the region of £60 and £46, therefore the Greens Secretary would contact another firm for a comparable figure.

The new Fourth Tee was now completed and a credit to the Ground Staff.

The new Calendar will state that "lifting" will no longer be allowed for old hole marks and it was Resolved that a Notice be posted to bring this ruling into effect immediately.

The open ditch on the eighth fairway was to be cleared.

BAR
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary Reported that he was pleased to announce that all the Stocktaking had not been taken at retail prices. Allowance had been calculated by the Stocktaker.

The Sub-Committee had now met and discussed Bar Prices and margins. The figures were presented to the full Committee and after a suggestion that these be left as they were until after the April Budget, the General Secretary proposed that these be changed immediately, as should an increase be made on prices in the Budget, our Members would feel they were being requested to foot two increases in one change. This was agreed upon.

The Bar Secretary was thanked for his efforts in the Price Review.

HOUSE
COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary Reported that the Bacon slicer had now been returned to Mr. Howard.

The Steward was granted permission to take the holiday due to him from 16th - 20th March 1970.

Mr. Howard Reported the fact that the Ladies had again complained about the use of "Marvel" (dried milk powder) being used for their teas and the Stewardess had been spoken to on this matter

The General Committee endorsed the remarks which Mr. Howard made as to complaints of this nature being made to the Captain of himself, so that these could be dealt with.

The Fire Extinguishers were due for renewal, or at least an examination, and Mr. Butlin promised to look into the matter of the proposals made by the Insurance Company, and the General Secretary Reported that he had some experience with Newswift, and would also make enquiries.

The Committee agreed to pay Mrs. Cowan and extra £3.0.0. for additional cleaning duties which she had undertaken.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £872.8.10.

RESIGNATIONS
&
NOMINATIONS:

The Resignations of Mr. S. Walker and Miss M.E. Bolt were received and accepted with regret.

The Committee agreed to the transfers of Mr. W. Cleary from Full Playing to Social Membership and Mrs. C. Downs from Provisional to Full Playing Lady Member, also the suspension of Membership of Mr. A.P. Fiddian. R. Travis from Full Playing to Provisional.

The following were accepted to Junior Membership: -

D.A. Robinson - Proposed by F. Robinson, seconded by P.W. Carter
R.D. Hardman - Proposed by H. Burlinson, seconded by J. Harrop
P.B. Jervis - Proposed by J.A. Fiddian, seconded by J.L. Brodie

CORRESPONDENCE:

The General Secretary read a letter which he had received from the Ladies' Section for Mrs. A.H. Haslam, which was agreed upon, the Secretary to write to her to this effect and also to the Secretary of the Ladies Section.

Seven applications from Golfing Societies to play at the Club, were refused owing to alterations to the Course and our own Team Matches &c. &c. The General Secretary would inform the applicants to this effect.

The Catenian Golf Society were to be granted permission to play on a Thursday afternoon, and the Secretary would also write to them.

The General Secretary Reported the fact that a window had been broken in a house on St. Christopher's Road by an unknown golfer, and in spite of numerous enquiries, he had not been enabled to discover who was responsible. This matter was to be Reported formally to Mr. Sykes so that we could be covered on the Insurance Policy.

The offer of a second-hand Snooker Table from Mr. A. Brierley was refused with regret.

The Course Record had been broken by Mr. S. Butlin and the score card was

to be displayed in the Club: Mr. Brodie to pass this Card to Mr. Meeks for a suitable frame to be obtained.

The Committee suggested that the General Secretary again contact Mr. McWhirter re the conditions appertaining to Grants from the Government and Subscriptions charges of Golf Clubs. He promised to carry out this task and report the facts at the Dinner to be held in honour of the Captain.

Mr. Butlin promised to contact the Town Clerk for advice as to the probable ruling of the Agricultural Authorities and the land around Dirk Farm.

The Committee Resolved that Rule 2(b) be amended to insert the word "President" after the word "Captain" which states 'to retire annually, but to be eligible for re-election'.

The Captain then thanked the retiring Committee members for their services to the Club.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the next Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, 12th March, 1970.

Signed.....J.W. Stephenson.....Captain
Date 12th March 1970.

In view of a recent Competition experience it was Resolved that in future, the minimum number of entries for such Events should be 20 players. This appertains to Competition Conditions (Section 6).

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

The Greens Secretary an Staff were congratulated on the condition of the Course at the Open Day.

The Greens Secretary Reported that he had now placed the order for various trees to the price of approximately £100, which were to be planted by our own Greens Staff.

The Committee Resolved that a Notice be displayed requesting members not to use trolleys, if possible, during Winter play.

The Ashton Cricket Club were to be allowed the loan of the scarifier once more, but in future this would have to be reviewed with a monitory consideration.

BAR:
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary was sorry to Report a deficiency on the recent Stock-taking of £8.12.10. He pointed out that this matter would be carefully note by him for future reference. The Takings were still showing an increase in comparison with the previous year, although recent income had not been as good. The price review was not yet complete, as yet, but this should be available in the near future.

HOUSE:
COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary stated that he had contacted Mr. R. Clegg and had placed the order for towels as agreed at the last Committee Meeting.

The Lady Captain had Reported to the House Secretary that the Ladies were willing to release twelve arm-chairs in the upstairs Lounge for use in the Smoke-Room, provided smaller chairs were purchased in replacement. It was Agreed that this be adhered to, the price of £7.3.0. being settled upon.

The Bar Secretary was to inform the Club Steward that he was granted permission to have a Television Aerial fixed to the chimney.

NOMINATIONS
AND

RESIGNATIONS:

The Committee Ruled the Resignation under default of Mrs. P. Lynton.

After the usual ballot, the following Junior Member was accepted: -
J. Stevenson proposed by I.F.W. Kerr, seconded by J. Lawton.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

Suggestion Book:

The suggestion that the next Fixture Calendar be printed in Gold Leaf with stiff backs to include Members' names and addresses, could not be accepted owing to the Members requesting the Committee to make all possible economies.

SPECIAL REPORT ON LAND AND BUILDING PROPOSALS

The President gave a resumé of a visit made to the Offices on the Stamford Estates by the Captain, Messrs. J.W. Stephenson, R. Wood and himself, when discussions took place with Mr. R. Cordingley.

In a lucid Report, the Committee were informed that vacant possession would occur on 25th March, 1970 of Gorse Lane Farm. The possibilities of this being purchased as a new Club House and all the problems entailed was then discussed. The President went on to Report that a request had been made to Mr. Cordingley to allow us to buy a strip of land from the present Club House to lead to Gorse Lane. This could not be ascertained at this stage, but the Committee were reminded that the Lease of Land expires in 1976 and it was envisaged, if renewed, an increased rental would have to be charged. Mr. Butlin was to be approached again as to the negotiation of more Land being rented from the Water Board.

A full and frank discussion followed and matters were left in abeyance until the next Meeting.

The Captain was given power to instruct the Secretary to call a Sub-Committee Meeting on this subject should he think this desirable, the Members being the Captain, the President, Mr. J.W. Stephenson, Mr. L Butlin and Mr. P.W. Carter.

There being no further Business, a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the date of the next Meeting to be 13th November, 1969.

Signed.....F. Robinson, Captain

Date.....13/11/69.
