

**Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting held on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1954 at 8.30 p.m.**

Present all members of the Committee with the exception of Mr N L Wright who was ill.

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The Captain referred to Mr Wright's illness and explained the reason for holding the Meeting which was to run through the figures to be submitted and the procedure at the Special General Meeting called for the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1954. He stated that Mr J H Firth had kindly taken over Mr Wright's figures and report and that Mr Firth would be presenting the report at the Special General Meeting.

The figures had not been gone into in detail by Mr Firth but the estimated Accounts for 1953/54 shewed a deficit of £300.

Opinions expressed by various Club members in opposition to the proposed increase in subscriptions were presented and discussed.

The Secretary gave his opinions of the net gain or loss from various rates of subscriptions.

The Captain's suggestions for the procedure at the Special General Meeting were discussed and approved.

Signed. J Harrop 21/1/54.

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1954 at 7-30 p.m.**

Present: All Members of the Committee apart from Mr Wight (ill) and Mr R Wood who sent their apologies.

Mr J Harrop (Captain) presided.

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The Minutes of Handicap, House and Greens Committee were submitted and approved.

The proposed Calendar submitted by Mr Cooper was agreed.

Regarding the House Committee the Secretary reported on the Customs & Excise Certificate having been completed and the Club registration made.

The Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held December 17<sup>th</sup> 1953 were read and signed.

No further information had yet been received regarding Mr Hawke's subscription.

The Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting held January 14<sup>th</sup> were read and signed.

There was no correspondence.

Resignations were received from Mr N Potts, Mr T Ardern, and Mr & Mrs L J Lowe, all Playing Members. Mr Ardern wished to transfer to Social and this was agreed. Mr Potts is to be written to when a decision regarding next year's subscription has been reached.

Accounts amounting to £49-14-0 were passed.

Any other business: -

The Suggestion Book was produced in which application was made by several members for two sets of Dominoes. It was agreed to purchase these.

Mr Cawthron enquired whether during the bad weather the Groundsman could attend to Limewashing the cellars and this matter is to be referred to Brooks.

Mr Firth agreed to serve as Acting-Treasurer for the next few weeks although he explained his commitments in other directions were pressing and as soon as possible he would like to be relieved of the duties. Mr J Buckley, Mr V Haworth and the Secretary agreed to help where possible.

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held January 16<sup>th</sup> last and it was thought that it would be unwise to reduce the present Ground Staff having regard to wages rates and future commitments. A long discussion took place regarding the rejection of the Committee's notices of motion and alternatives considered. Members spoke feelingly at the sense of frustration at the decision taken at the Meeting and expressed themselves strongly regarding future action. It was finally agreed to consider a suggestion by Mr Hobson at a Special General Meeting to be held Thursday next January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 p.m. viz: - That the present subscriptions be maintained and that the Game-fees now £1-5-0 and £1 for gentlemen and ladies respectively be doubled and individual fees per game and those not contracting out be sixpence instead on threepence.

Signed J Harrop 28/1/54

**Minutes of an Adjourned Committee Meeting held Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1954 at 8.30 p.m.**

All members of the Committee were present apart from Mr R Wood who was away and Mr N Wright, ill.

Chairman: Mr J Harrop (Captain).

Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> January were read and approved.

It was reported that S Walker, one of the Groundsmen was in hospital for an operation and it was agreed to pay his wages during his absence to a maximum of one month commencing Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

A letter was received from the Ladies Secretary with the Calendar for 1954/55 and requesting permission for Open Day, Invitation Day, friendly matches on Monday afternoons and practice day for the Open Day Competition. Permission was granted.

The Trophy winners on the Ladies' Honours Boards are to be entered.

Mr K Brown's resignation was received and accepted with regret.

A discussion on proposed increases in subscriptions and/or alternatives thereto deferred from the

Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> instant was continued and it was decided to call a Special General Meeting on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following Resolutions: -

(a) To increase playing subscriptions as follows:

Gentlemen £7-7-0, with an Annual Game-fee of £1-15-0,  
or 6d per game in lieu of the Annual Payment.

Ladies £4-14-6 with and Annual Game-fee of £1-0-0.  
or 6d per game in lieu of the Annual Payment.

OR

(b) Present subscriptions to continue but the Game-fees to be increased as follows: -

Gentlemen £2-10-0 per annum or 6d per game

Ladies £1-10-0 per annum or 6d per game.

All other subscriptions to remain as before. To amend the rules in accordance with the resolution approved.

Signed. J Harrop 18/2/54