

General Committee Meeting
19th August 1948

Present: - J H Firth Captain in the Chair, H R Schofield, E S Jones, H Ridyard, C I Baker, H H Cawthron, R Bennett, A Hobson and T H E D Turner.

Apologies were received from Messrs F Thornley, R Wood F Jones and H Swallow.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held 15th July 1948 were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Anglo American Oil Co	2	10	-
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E & A Salthouse	7	-	7
J Waterhouse & Co Ld	1	11	9
G Henshaw Ld	88	1	11
Ashton Gas Co	10	6	1
W E Sowerbutts & Co Ld	4	15	-
James Ridyard and Sons Ld	4	15	-
Stamford Estate	103	16	2
Hurst Laundry	2	10	-
	227	16	6

It was resolved that the best thanks of the Committee be extended to M^r R Wood for his work in respect of the new lease from the Stamford Estate and for his generosity in not submitting an account to the Club.

The following nominations were balloted for, unanimously accepted and the names ordered to be placed on the "Waiting List" viz: -

Full Members Dr P K M^cDonald, Rock Bank, Stamford Road, Mossley.
 M^r Geoffrey Kellett, 221 Portland Street, Ashton-u-Lyne.

The following resignations were accepted with regret: - Miss Angela Fiddian, and D^r M Wynroe to date from 25.3.1948 and M^r H Bickerton and Mrs Jean Lees to date from 25.3.1949.

It was reported that M^r Hall, Farmer had complained about the wall by the gate leading into Gorsey Lane and it was resolved that Brooks be instructed to fix something of a more permanent nature and make a small stile.

It was reported that the Secretary had instructed Messrs Downing to proceed with the covering of the bar floor with oilcloth and his action was confirmed.

It was resolved that if the sub-committee was satisfied after viewing some of the work done by Tegula Floors L^{td}, they had the Committee's sanction to proceed with the floor covering of the

Smoke Room in accordance with the estimated dated 22nd July 1948, it was thought advisable however that they should first of all get further particulars from M^r E S Jones regarding the firm who was at present doing a good deal of similar work for the Lancashire Cotton Copⁿ.

The resignations of the Steward and Stewardess were received and accepted with regret. The Captain was requested to write them a letter expressing our regret and to wish them every success in their new venture.

After a long discussion it was decided to open a Testimonial Fund for M^r & M^{rs} Lewis and to circularise all members asking them to give a subscription. The amount of the subscription was left to the individual member but a suggestion that it be 2/6 and upwards with a maximum of 10/-.

It was decided to advertise the vacancy in the following newspapers: - Manchester Guardian, Manchester Evening Chronicle , Manchester Evening News and the Reporter.

The Captain reported that he had spoken to M^r W H Andrew regarding the "W H Andrew Infirmary Cup". M^r Andrew had stated that he no longer wished it to be known as the Infirmary Cup but would be pleased if the Committee would allow it to be known as the "W H Andrew Cup" to be played for annually in a similar manner to the other cups. This was agreed to and the Handicap Secretary was asked to speak to D^r Fiddian to ascertain his wishes regarding the replica which he provided in previous years.

It was resolved that Junior Members be allowed to play on the course in accordance with the Rules passed concerning Lady Members and the Secretary be instructed to write to each Junior Member to that effect.

It was unanimously decided to invite the Captain to act in that capacity for a further period of twelve months and M^r Firth agreed.

On behalf of Mrs Cawthron and himself, M^r Cawthron presented an electric clock to the Club for use in the Dining Room. The best thanks of the Committee were expressed to the donors for this generosity.

A vote of thanks to the Captain concluded the meeting.

J H Firth
16.9.48