General Committee Meeting Thursday March 16th 44.

Present: M^r A Hall in the Chair.

Mess^{rs}: E Raines, R Bennett, H Ridyard, C I Baker, F Thornley, R Wood, J H Firth, H H Cawthron, F Jones and J Gibson.

The Minutes of the last meeting held February 17th were read and adopted.

The following accounts were passed for payment: - Royal Insurance Co 14/11/6, War Damage Contribution 3/7/6, Electricity A/c 6/16/1, Tom King 6/5/5, J Andrew & Co 1/11/3, J Ridyard & Sons 17/1/5, Hurst Laundry 10^s/-, S Henshaw Ltd 10/18/6, J W Hall Ltd 15/6, J Waterhouse & Co 18/-. Total £62-15-2.

Resignations were received from M^r A Voorsanger, M^r L Banks & Miss Flintoff, playing members and Miss K Wood and Miss M Hall Junior playing members, and all accepted with regret.

The following transfers from playing to honorary members were agreed upon: - Miss H Barker and M^{rs} E Wallwork.

The following duly nominated and seconded were passed for membership by ballot: Playing Members: - Mess^{rs} Harold Bennett, H Bennison, K R F Newton, W^m Stanfield, J R Widdop.
Honorary Members: M^{rs} W Brown and M^{rs} L Butlin.

A letter was received from the Officers Mess suggesting that as they had only a very few Officers who played golf, that they be allowed to play on the same terms as other members of His Majesty's Forces. It was decided to waive the subscription until further notice.

The Secretary reported that he had not yet received a reply from M^r C H Bowler in regard to the grazing of the 70 Acres.

In regard to the arrears of subscription, it was decided that in the case of members owing two years, that the Secretary give them final notice.

The minutes of the Handicaps, House and Greens Committees were passed as read.

With regard to the investment of Funds, M^r Firth promised to go into the question.

The question of the weekly wage of the assistant groundsman J Lees was discussed and it was decided to grant him a 10/- per week increase as a War Bonus from Saturday March 18th.

The question of the turning of the carpet &c in the Smoke Room was discussed and the secretary reported that he had on two occasions seen Mess^{rs} Arnold & Sons but that he had not yet received any report from them.

It was decided that M^r F Jones get in touch with M^r Foote regarding the carpet and see if he can do anything.

It was decided that the Secretary purchase mat for the doorway of the large room on the first floor.

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