

**Minutes of a Special General Meeting held in the Club Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1956.**

Mr W O Bolt, Captain presided.

The Captain asked the Secretary to read the Notice Convening the Meeting.

About 50 members were present. The Captain in his opening remarks pointed out that he Committee had not called this Meeting without giving the matter very serious thought. Two months ago we decided to carry on for another Year with the same Subscription even though the Balance Sheet would most probably have shown a loss, but rising costs and the resignation of groundsman Walker, who resigned because of not getting enough money, made us think again.

We have now (sic) two groundsmen Holt and a Boy Appleby who have been given a two months trial and the intention of the Committee is to keep both of them if suitable.

The Captain then mentioned the proposed Cocktail Bar and assured the members present that if all the promises given last year were fulfilled the cost to the Club would be negligible, if anything at all and once the Bar is opened it will be a very profitable acquisition to the Club.

The Treasurer Mr L Butlin then presented his Report. He stated that last Year we made a Surplus of £81-0-0 and now expected to show a loss of £9 for the Year, this was due to increased costs. There had been three increases in the last Year for the Groundsmen and the Steward had received one increase. The increase in the Cost of Rates from £202 to £250 with further increase of £69 next year.

The increases to the Groundsman and Boy would cost £133 next year.

The estimated increase in Income was £285

Men	£189	Ladies	£42-10-6
Prov	14-14-0	Prov	2-12-6 on
Social	18 - 0-0	Social	16-16-0 Total £355.

Mr Whitworth proposed a payment of Fees to be paid in two instalments if desired and added that Mr Butlin had put an unanswerable case to the Members.

Mr Powrie suggested that the General trend appears to be to want to reduce the cost of the Golf and stated that some Clubs had dropped entrance Fees to attract new Members.

Mr Clegg suggested that graduated scale Fees be thought about for Junior Members becoming Full Members and supported the idea for payment in half annual Subscriptions.

At this juncture the Captain moved that the recommendation by the Committee be accepted and this was seconded by Mr Holden. The voting was 44 for and 3 against.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr Butlin for his report was proposed by the Captain and received with acclamation.

A copy of the Treasurers estimate is attached.

W O Bolt 5/5/56.