

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON  
THURSDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 1969.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. N. Howard, J.C.E. Meeks, and J. Harrop.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

MATTERS        Mr. J. W. Stephenson Reported that he still required a Statement of Expenses from  
ARISING:        Mr. K. Briggs and balance in hand which appertained to his Course at Bingley.

The General Committee were assured by the Captain and Mr. Stephenson that Mr. R. Cordingley of Stamford Estates would approach us when he had terms to offer.

HANDICAP        The Handicap Secretary Reported on the success of our Open Day.  
COMMITTEE:

Revision of Members' Handicaps were then commented upon.

The Junior Matches with Fairfield had been a great success and Mr. N. Dale was to be thanked for the support he had afforded the Juniors.

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        The Greens Secretary mentioned the fact that he had been handicapped in his  
COMMITTEE:        programme when the hired holertine machine was found to be faulty. He had written letters to the hirers and Mr. Meeks was again to communicate with the firm, stating that the account in its present form would not be accepted.

The Greens Secretary was pleased to Report that the patch on the 11<sup>th</sup> Fairway was now being levelled and seeded by the En-Tout-Cas Company Ltd. and a local rule would operate allowing players a free drop in the said patch.

A discussion then took place on the charging of overtime by the Head Greenkeeper, and the matter was left in abeyance for further investigation, hours in future to be authorised by Greens Secretary.

The Captain then gave a resumé on a Meeting held in the Club House on 5<sup>th</sup> November, in which he was supported by Mr. L. Butlin and Mr. P.W. Carter when the Chairman of the West Pennine Water Board, Alderman J. Whitworth, together with his Chief Engineer, Mr. H.W. Elton were present.

The discussion had been carried out in a most amicable manner but it was felt the Waterworks Authorities could not terminate the Lease with Mr. Wrigley (farmer),

but should approach him and obtain his consent, we would be considered as favourable tenants.

After a general discussion in the full Committee, Mr. A.N. Howard was requested to approach Mr. Wrigley with a view to obtaining further land around Dirk Farm.

The General Secretary, Mr. P.W. Carter, Reported on his two visits to Preston to see Mr. D. McWhirter who was in charge of the Government Grants for the North West Area. The main points ascertained were: -

Subscriptions must be less than £10 per annum

- and -

The Lease of Land must be for a minimum of 28 years standing.

The first point may be reviewed in the present Government Financial Year and the General Secretary was keeping in personal touch with Mr. McWhirter on this matter.

BAR  
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary stated that he was rather disappointed with recent sales and he drew the attention of the Committee to a deficiency of approximately £40, shown at the recent Stocktaking. This would be further examined by himself.

The Committee Resolved that Sunday closing be revised and in future the Bar would be open from 4-0 p.m. until 6-30 p.m. and Club House to close at 7-30 p.m.

As Mr. Gibson requested to relinquish his duties at weekends, the Bar Secretary would advertise for new assistance.

HOUSE  
COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary stated that he would see the new corner seats in the Smoke Room would be stained a darker shade.

An extension for New Year's Eve Celebrations would be requested.

Mr. Howard stated that he would obtain estimates for decorating the upstairs Lounge.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT:

The Accounts passed for payment were £1282.12.0. in respect of October items and £726.6.0 for the current month's accounts.

The En-Tout-Cas Co. Ltd Account of £50 was left in abeyance.

The Treasurer brought to the notice of the Meeting the Gaming Machine receipts in 1968 were £1,258.8.0. as against £922.0.6. to date in 1969, which showed a rather large decrease.

Mr. Butlin then gave a list of Member who had still not paid the current Subscriptions and various Members of the Committee or himself were to contact these persons. Action to be taken under rule 9.E.

In accordance with Rule 9E, Mrs. P. Lynton was to be given 14 days notice to pay half the fees due. If this request was acceded to, the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1969 would be rescinded.

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RESIGNATIONS: Mr. D.R. Etchells gave notice of his resignation which would be for the season of 1970/71.

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BUSINESS:

The General Secretary Reported on the fact that two letters had been received from Secretary of the Ladies' Section in which complaints as to Junior Members playing at certain times on the Course had annoyed a number of Lady Members. As some of these Juniors were accompanied by a Senior Player, these were entitled to play at the stated time.

The new Tee on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole used when playing the new part of the Course, was not high enough, as far as the Ladies were concerned. The Committee decided, after some discussion, that as we were negotiating for further land at this point of the Course, the difficulty of the Tee would perhaps be nullified, and owing to the Winter Programme being so heavy, we could not promise to change this Tee at this juncture.

The Secretary was requested to write to the Ladies' Committee about this matter.

Further points which came under discussion were -

a Cup to be presented by Dr. W.C. Nolan of Fairfield Golf Club for the Juniors: a letter from Clayton Analine requesting fixture dates and the matter of the Club Rules which were to be brought up to date.

The Captain then pointed out the Annual General Meeting which was to be held next March could take place at the Broad oak Hotel, but this matter was left in abeyance as the Committee felt that Saturday would have to be the ruling day and the hotel would be very busy.

In view of this, the Captain promised to make further observations. The General Secretary read out a Minute of the Special General Meeting held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1969, when the general body of the Meeting were asked if they would prefer the next Annual General Meeting to be held at the Broad oak Hotel and this was almost unanimous.

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

The date of the next Committee Meeting to be 11<sup>th</sup> December 1969.

Signed F. Robinson.....Captain

Date 11/12/69.....