

Annual Autumn Meeting of Members: Saturday October 2nd 1937. 8-0 p.m.

Present: M^r R Wood in the Chair and about forty members.

The Captain explained that owing to illness, M^r J Gibson the secretary was unable to attend and called upon M^r J Taylor to officiate in his stead.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held Saturday May 1st 1937 were read and adopted.

Election of Captain: - M^r Raines in proposing that M^r R Wood be elected Captain for a further twelve months spoke of the efficient way in which M^r Wood had filled the office of Captain, and by proposing him for a further period he was shewing in a practical manner his appreciation. M^r C I Baker in seconding the resolution referred to M^r Wood as being one of the best Captains that Club had had. M^r Ja^s Kershaw supported and this was carried and M^r Raines declared M^r Wood elected. M^r Wood then thanked the members and spoke of the many changes and improvements both on the Course and in the Club House during the last twelve months. He thanked all the members and officials for the help and loyal support they had given him.

Election of Treasurer: - The Captain declared that as no other nomination had been made, M^r Geo Robson was elected Treasurer. M^r P C Firth moved and M^r E Hallsworth seconded M^r Robson's nomination. M^r Robson suitably acknowledged.

Election of Secretary: - M^r J Gibson was elected Secretary for the ensuing twelve months. M^r W Derbyshire moved a vote of thanks for the services rendered by M^r Gibson and M^r F Jones seconded and the meeting decided that M^r Gibson be written expressing the hopes of all the members that he would have a speedy and complete recovery from his illness.

Election of Four Members to the Committee: -

There were four vacancies for the Committee and the retiring members Messrs H Ridyard, J H Barratt, Ja^s Kershaw and S Hall had been nominated for re-election. Three members would be elected to serve for three years and one for one year and the Captain asked the meeting to signify or otherwise that they were agreeable to the four nominees deciding among themselves as to who should serve for one year. A resolution that this be agreed to was moved by M^r F Thornley seconded by M^r J Whitehead and carried.

Election of Auditors: - The only nomination for Auditors were M^r R Shaw and M^r H Barker and the Captain declared them duly elected. A vote of thanks to the retiring Auditors was moved by M^r E S Jones and seconded by M^r H Ridyard, and it was decided that as M^r W E Baker had been one of the Auditors for a number of years, but had not sought re-election a letter be sent to him thanking him for his past services.

Election of Four Members to the Social Committee: -

The following names, duly proposed and seconded were elected: - Mess^{rs} H R Schofield, Chas I Baker. W Derbyshire and J Whitehead.

The Captain thanked the Social Committee for the valuable work done during the past year.

The Captain the presented the following prizes: -

Kenworthy Cup and Memento: M^r W Brown
Aitken Cup and Memento: M^r H R Schofield
Hall Cup and Memento: M^r J Costello
War Trophy and Memento: M^r T Moorhouse
Payne Bowl and Memento: M^r T H E D Turner.
Captain's Prize: D^r J V Fiddian.

Runner Up Prizes: -

Kenworthy Cup: M^r H R Schofield
Aitken Cup: M^r E Rowley
Hall Cup: M^r J Taylor
War Trophy: M^r F McCarthy
Captain's Prize: M^r T H E D Turner

Four-ball Bogey held this day Mess^{rs} C S Whitehead and J W B Hall.

The Captain thanked the donors of Prizes.

M^r H R Schofield supported by D^r J V Fiddian suggested that a refrigerator be provided for use in the kitchen. The Captain mentioned that this matter was already being considered by the Committee.

Suggestions as to lengthening and tightening up of the Course were made by Mess^{rs} W Brown, W Derbyshire, and H R Schofield and the Committee were asked to consider the following: -
Lengthening the Course by making new tees for Competitions and also that Competition Tees be reserved exclusively for Competitions. Tightening the Course by provision of "pot" bunkers round greens. Scrapes with a lip would increase difficulties. Sand mixed with "chatter" would suit the Course. Experiment with grass bunkers. Penalise pulled or sliced shots at certain holes by provision of posts or trees denoting "Out of Bounds".

M^r A Hall suggested that the par score for the course should be 66 and M^r W Brown suggested that for handicapping purposes a floating par be adopted varying according to general conditions, that changes in handicaps be noted on the Notice Board in the Smoke Room and that the amount of any sweep money be given along with the result of the competition.

M^r F Jones suggested that the ventilation of the Smoke Room be considered. The Captain explained that this matter was at present under consideration.

M^r N S Dale asked for special accommodation to be provided for visitors.

M^r J C Payne suggested that members be allowed to arrange own partners and opponents in all competitions and M^r H R Schofield suggested that the only "draws" should be in the Monthly Medal Competition. M^r Lowe said that speaking for the long handicap members he

would not like the present system of drawing altered as it was the only chance many long handicapped players got of playing with low handicap men.

M^r Lowe suggested that the Committee should bear in mind any likelihood of parts of the Course being taken over for building purposes. The Captain replied that this was a matter which was ever in the Committee's mind and received full attention.

The Captain assured the members that the suggestions which had been made would receive consideration, but many of them were bound up with the question of finance and although the Committee might be in favour of making certain alterations, the question of expense would have to be carefully considered.

A vote of thanks to the Captain proposed by M^r E Raines and seconded by M^r W Derbyshire concluded the meeting.

Rupert Wood

Capt.

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