

General Committee Meeting held 17th Jany 1952

Present: - T H E D Turner (Cap) W O Bolt, H H Cawthron, F Cooper, J H Firth, J Harrop, V Haworth, N S Dale, A Hobson, R Wood, N L Wright & E Rowley

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on December 20/51 were read & confirmed.

The Minutes of the Handicap, House & Greens Committee were read and approved.

Accounts amounting to the sum of £155-14-10 were passed for payment.

Samuel Hall & Sons (Rent) £25-0-0, Ashton Water Works (Rent) £13-15-0, Electricity Board £38-18-9, Income Tax £23-5-6, Tom King £25-12-8, J Andrew & Co £7-14-1, S Cartwright £6-5-0, W Brown & Sons £5-11-6, Fabric & Fittings £3-16-7, Hurst Laundry 32-12-8, Bedford (Papers) 18/2, Sec Expenses £2-14-11.

The Calendar Sub-Committee submitted proposed list of Fixtures for the Season 1952 & 3 which were approved.

Owing to the fact of a new Tee being made at the 3rd Hole, the question arose of altering the Stroke allowed at this Hole ; after discussion it was agreed that the following be altered: The 3rd Hole should now be altered to the 11th Stroke received, The 4th Hole be altered from the 11th Stroke to the 7th Stroke received and the 8th Hole be altered from the 7th to the 5th stroke received,

Proposed by J H Firth, seconded by A Hobson that the Rule of Out of Bounds be altered to apply at the 5th and 8th Holes. i.e. when playing the 5th Hole if your Ball be found on the 8th Fairway, or in the dividing the 5th and 8th Fairway, above the Grid within the ditch it will be deemed to be out of Bounds.

When playing the 8th Hole, if your ball be found on the 5th Fairway or in the ditch dividing the 8th and 5th Fairway above the Grid within the ditch it will be deemed to be out of Bounds.

The ditch is so defined by ground below the playing surface of the Fairway,

The Groundsman has been instructed to put a post as a demarkation (sic) line at the grid in the ditch. Agreed.

Resolved that the following Local Rules be in force:

- (a) A Ball may be lifted and dropped behind as near as possible to where it lay within two Club lengths and not nearer the Hole, if from its flight it be cupped.
- (b) If in a Cup mark on the Green, or if a Cup mark on the Green interfere with the play, the ball may be lifted and placed within one foot of where it lay, but not nearer the Hole.
- (c) Before putting on a Green and after notifying the opponent a Ball to which dirt adheres may be cleaned and then replaced.
- (d) During Rain, you make take shelter if you so desire.

The following duly proposed and seconded were admitted to Membership by Ballot, viz: -
M^r William Hyde, 8 Stonecliffe Stalybridge proposer M^r W Shorrocks, seconder M^r R Goodall.
M^r James Egan, Thornfield Avenue Ashton proposer M^r F Cooper Seconder M^r A Hobson.

Resignation from R L Stevenson (Junior Member) was received and accepted with regret,

A letter was received from M^r R Cordingley re the plot of land sold to M^r Fish for building purposes, also stating that the amount of reduction of Rent allowed to the Club for this land. Reduction £1-1-2 per annum.

The Secretary reported that Subscriptions were still outstanding to an amount of £96-12-0. The Sec was instructed to write the Members with a view to payment.

The Steward reported that he required a further supply of Spirit Glasses for the Bar. It was agreed that he purchase six dozen of these Glass; the House Sec promised to go into the matter of other Glasses for Bar use.

(a) A letter was received from the Ladies Secretary enclosing list of Fixtures and asking permission to include an "Open Day" and "Ladies Invitation Day", also to play a number of Matches with other Clubs on Monday afternoons. Granted.

(b) The Ladies Secretary reported that a number of complaints had been received from the Ladies about the broken condition of some of the wicker Chairs in the upstairs room, which causes damage to their clothing, and would suggest that you consider having the Chairs repaired.

After discussion of the Case about the advisability of having the Chairs repaired, it was agreed that it would be advisable to purchase a certain number of new Chairs. Proposed by M^r A Hobson, seconded by M^r W Bolt that the ~~Club~~ Social Committee be allowed to spend £25 towards to purchase of new Chairs. Carried. It was agreed that two Members of the Social Committee & two Members of the Ladies Committee be appointed to make the purchase of these Chairs.

M^r F Cooper reported that he had now obtained a price for the New Fire Extinguishers (sic) of £7-8-0 each less 33%. It was decided to purchase two Foam Type Extinguishers (sic) and to have refills (sic) for the Extinguishers (sic) now in our possession 11/6 Gross.

Proposed by M^r J Harrop seconded by M^r A Hobson that a Social & Dance be held at the Club on 22nd February next with use of the Smoke Room for the event. Approved. The Secretary was advised to apply for the extension (sic) of the Liquor License until 1-30 a.m. and the Dance License until 2 a.m.

Letters were read from the Ashton Boys Club asking for support, Catalogue from Shanks re Hardware Seats & from the North Western Golf Association with Fixtures & Dates; decided that the letters should – "Lay on the Table".

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Captain.

T H E D Turner
21/2/52