

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held August 5th 1954 at 7.30 p.m.

Present all members of the Committee with the exception of Mr S H Battersby who sent his apologies.

Mr J Harrop, Captain presided.

The Minutes of the Handicap, House and Greens Committees were passed.

The Minutes of the last Meeting held July 8th were also agreed.

In Business arising: -

The Secretary reported that in Mr Battersby's absence he had put up an Entry List for the Junior Cup on September 4th.

A letter had been received from Stamford Estate regarding the draining of the pond and a Sub-committee was appointed consisting of the Captain, Mr Bolt and the Secretary with power to co-opt to consider the project of draining the pond and by-passing it.

Accounts were passed for payment.

Correspondence: - There was nothing to report in this connection.

An application for Full Membership was received from Mr W Pearce 74 Smallshaw Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne. The proposal was signed by Mr J Wrigley who was only a Provisional Member and Mr J Buckley signed it in his stead. The application was accepted.

The Captain stated that at this time it was usual to give consideration to the Captaincy for the ensuing year and he along with the Ex-Captain and other members of the Committee has approached Mr F Cooper who was willing to stand. He was, therefore, prepared to propose him and Mr Hobson to second his nomination. The Meeting agreed with the proposal and Mr Cooper acknowledged the honour done to him in inviting him to be Captain for 1954/55.

Mr N L Wright had intimated to the Captain, that on medical advice, he would not be able to continue as Treasurer from October next. Regrets were expressed and thanks extended to Mr Wright for his services. Mr Wright responded and stated that in spite of his resignation he would be pleased to continue to serve the Club in other respects to the best of his ability.

The Captain is to approach Messrs: - Derbyshire, Bardsley, F Wright, and Butlin regarding the Hon Treasurership.

It was agreed that certain members who had been in arrear for some time should be written-off and they should be informed of this. The members concerned are: - Messrs: -H R King, J Townsley, H Haslam and Mr & Mrs R Dixon. (note in Minutes: H Haslam paid £6-6-0 12/8/54 for 1953/4 owes for locker plus 1954/5 only).

The Secretary enquired regarding Fishing Permits for the pond. The Lease is to be examined to determine whether the pond is on Club property and if so to restrict it's (sic) use pending any alteration thereto.

The Captain referred to Mr Brook's twenty-five year service and it was agreed that a Subscription List be put up forthwith and members invited to subscribe. The Captain is to approach the Ladies' Captain regarding separate list for the Ladies' Section. Subscriptions can be paid to any member of

the Committee or the Steward. It is hoped to make a presentation to Brooks at the Autumn General Meeting in October.

The Steward had previously requested a new curb in the Dining-Room and a rug and also mentioned that the Locker-Room floor was thin in parts. These matters are to be considered at the next Meeting.

Mr Cooper stated that he had had two boards painted, one for outside the Trolley-Hut asking members to leave the doorway clear and another one indicating the Captain's parking-place. Mr Cooper was thanked for supplying these.

Mr Bolt suggested the necessity for a mixed-room and certain members had offered to convert the present Ladies' Powder-Room for this purpose without expense to the Club. The Ladies' Powder-Room to be transferred to the present Secretary's room. Doubt was expressed whether the downstairs room was large enough for this purpose but it is to be given consideration prior to the next Meeting.

The date of the next Meeting is to be September 16th

Signed. J Harrop 16/9/54.