

Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting held in the Club on Saturday October 6th 1956.

64 Members were present
Apologies were received from Mr K Gregory and Mr G Kellett

Mr W O Bolt (Captain) presided.

The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The Captain reminded the members that since the last General Meeting of the Death of Mr J Lowe and the members stood as a mark of sympathy and respect.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held May 5th 1956 were read and approved. In business arising therefrom the Captain replied to the questions which arose.

Retiring Captain

In proposing a vote of thanks to the retiring Captain, Mr Buckley stated that we have never had a better Captain. He was a man of action, and never shirked any duties and was very popular with all parties.

Mr F Cooper in seconding said he found it difficult to adequately express his thanks to the Captain who had shown deep interest in getting things done. His council was wise and he always carried out duties assigned to him.

Mr W O Bolt in his reply thanked them for all the kind words spoken, He stated that time had really flown and assured them it had been one of the best years of his life. The Members had been very kind, for which he was appreciative. He suggested we should thank Mr Brooks and ground staff and Mr and Mrs Gillett for the good work they had done. He said the Club was one of the best and that we had appointed a really good Captain for the ensuing year.

The Cocktail Bar donations were still £49 short and he appealed to anyone who had not yet subscribed.

Election of Captain

The election of Mr J Buckley as the new Captain was proposed by Mr Bolt who described him as a man of few words and one who called a spade a spade. He was confident that the new Captain would do his best for the Club and that he would make one of the best Captains.

Mr F Cooper in seconding said the new Captain was a forthright man, a man who was the type of man they wanted as Captain and he was sure he would make an excellent one. The proposition was passed with acclamation.

At this juncture Mr Buckley took over the Chair and said he was both honoured and pleased to accept the Captaincy. He had had much pleasure from being a member of the Club and any services he had given had been a pleasant duty. At this juncture the Captain called for refreshment.

Election of Officers: There being no other nominees,
Mr L Butlin was appointed Hon Treasurer.
Mr R Whitfield was appointed Hon Secretary.

Election of Committee:

Mr R Lees was appointed to the Committee for 3 Years.
Mr R A Calvert was appointed to the Committee for 3 Years.
Mr K Gregory was appointed to the Committee for 3 Years.
Mr H Greaves was appointed to the Committee for One Year.

Auditors:

The Honorary Auditors, Mr H Sagar and Mr R Shepherd were then declared elected.

Mr H Burlinson thanked the retiring members of the Committee for their valuable services they had given to the Club, this was seconded by Mr R Clegg who added his very sincere thanks.

Donors of Prizes:

Dr J A Fiddian moved a vote of thanks to the Donors of Prizes and Mr F Rowley seconded.

Election of President:

Proposing the election of Mr R Wood as President, Mr W Bolt said the Committee would like to honour him for his services and that the most appropriate thing they could do was to invite him to accept the Presidency of the Club. He had been a member of the Club for 40 Years and on the Committee 30 Years. Mr Wood topped the poll 30 years ago and had done so each succeeding three years. He had been the sheet anchor of the Committee for many years. Mr J Buckley seconded and mentioned the many duties and the amount of Service Mr Wood had given to the Club and it was not intended to let him gracefully retire without recognition of his great services.

Mr Wood was then unanimously elected President and was congratulated by Mr Bolt. Mr Wood in his reply thanked everyone for their kind references and recalled that he had been a lucky man by having the gift of making friends and he had made most of his friends at this Club. He had spent a wonderful time 30 Years as a Committee man and 40 years as a member. He looked back on them as many happy years and said the Club owed him nothing. He would always be willing to do what he can for us and appreciated greatly the honour done to him. He then asked the Members to take refreshment and the health of Mr Wood was drunk with musical honours.

It was moved by Mr Walker and Seconded by Mr M Hall that the proposed alteration to rule be agreed to.

Presentation of Prizes:

Captains Prize	Mr H N Newton	Runner up H Greaves
Kenworthy Cup	Mr R A Calvert	Runner up J A Fiddian
Aitken Cup	Mr J H Markendale	Runner up H Haselden
Hall Cup	Mr R Goodall	Runner up T Potts
War Trophy	Mr R Clegg	Runner up F Freeman
W H Andrew Cup	Mr D N Howard	Runner up H Crwother
Payne Bowl	Mr F Rowley	Runner up L Marland

Any Other Business:

Mr Sykes asked the Committee to give attention to the Trolley Hut.

A vote of thanks to the Captain ended the meeting.

J Buckley 6/3/57