

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB
HOUSE ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 1977.

PRESENT

The Captain (Mr R.N.Frost) in the chair, The President (Mr F.J.Rowley) and approximately 120 members.

The Captain opened the meeting at 7.15pm and welcomed a present. Members were asked to stand in silence in memory of two members who had died during this year, Mr W.J.Buckley & Mr H. Wolstencroft.

The Secretary was requested to read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Broadoak Hotel on 2nd December 1976. These were accepted as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

The Captain gave the Management Committees decisions in respect of the matters raised in "any other business".

TREASURERS REPORT

A proposition from Mr J.C.Stout, seconded by Mr D.Scott was passed by the meeting to the effect that the figures be accepted and not read. Mr Butlin gave a short report on the accounts, and said it had been a successful year, and the surplus of income over expenditure was £5503.00.

AUDITORS REPORT.

Mr Kay & Mr Pickles reported that, as usual, the accounts were in perfect order. Mr W.Bolt proposed, and MR E.B.Hartley seconded the adoption of the accounts. Tribute was paid to Mr Butlin for the 23 years he had acted as treasurer.

SECRETARYS REPORT.

The General Secretary spoke of the progress of the club during the year and the completion of the extension to the

club house and the new storage building for greenkeeping equipment. He reported on meeting representatives of the North West Water Board and said that the start on the new reservoir near Dirk Farm was scheduled for January 1978. He appealed to members to be aware of their responsibilities with regard to trespass and vandalism on the course, and ended with a tribute to the retirement from office of Mr L. Butlin after giving 23 years service to the club.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL RULES.

The treasurer proposed and the secretary seconded a resolution from the Management Committee that the latest date by which subscriptions should be paid be brought forward to 31st May. This was passed unanimously.

A resolution from the Management Committee that authority to given for an admission charge be permitted to be levied for admittance to the club on the occassion of an organised social event was referred back to the committee for legal guidance to be obtained.

Mr A.V.Powrie proposed and Mr J.Brierley seconded a resolution that " A gentlemans private lounge be provided by errecting some occlusive feature between the mixed lounge and the bar." The motion was lost.

The treasurer proposed and the secretary seconded the Management Committees recommendation for increased subscriptions in the coming year. The resolution was passed as proposed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr W.Roberts gave the report of the social secretary MR D.Scott. He thanked members for their support and announced a profit on all the events of £1130.00. A new public address

system had been purchased and a donation of £1000.00 made to the building & development fund.

ELECTION OF CAPTAIN

The Captain, in his retiring speech, spoke of the tremendous enjoyment he had experienced during his year of office. He paid particular tribute to the two retiring members of the committee, MR J.T.Frost & Mr L.Butlin. He thanked all his officers for their help in a difficult year, also MR N.S.Casson for the photographs of past captains in the smoke room, and Mr & Mrs Bolt for the presentation of a Silver Jubilee Chair, which would be used as the Captains chair in the mixed lounge. He then proposed, Mr A.J.Dixon seconded, the election of Mr W.S.Wrigley as our Captain for the ensuing year. This was passed unanimously. Mr Wrigley was presented with his tie of office, and then took over the chair, and addressed the meeting. He said that he had a lot to follow, and hoped to learn to speak publicly. He intended to be a "golfing captain" and his ambition was for the club to win the Dunham Trophy, in which we had been drawn away nine times out of eleven. Speaking of his great interest in the course, he said that the club's potential was to be the best in a large area in the not too distant future. The course would be made trim and tidy next summer, and it would be the responsibility of members to keep it so. The new captain would drive in on the following Sunday.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. F.J. Rowley proposed, and Mr. P.A. Jones seconded the election of Mr. R.H. Meeks as President for the ensuing year. This was passed unanimously. Mr. Meeks said he really felt too young to be a president, but that he had been a member for nearly thirty years, and had joined at about five years of age. He was looking forward tremendously to his year of office.

ELECTION OF CAPTAIN ELECT.

Mr J.T.Frost proposed and Mr W.Roberts seconded the election of Mr P.H. Stansfield as our Captain elect for 1978, and this was passed unanimously. Mr Stansfield said he hoped he would have the support of the members that had given in the past.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The nominations of Mr B.Kay as Treasurer, Mr F.Robinson as Sectretary, and Messrs B.W.Broadbent & W.Pick as auditors, being unapposed, were passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

After ballot, Messrs A.J.Dixon, K.Dodd & T.Spence were elected for three years, & Mr J.Merriman for 2 years.

ELECTION OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

The following were elected to serve on the Social Committee, Mr D.Scott as Secretary, & Messrs Stansfield, Wolstencroft, Roberts, Dixon, Holt, Winterbottom, Fowden J.Baxter, R.N.Frost & D.Lewis.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr J.Baxter suggested a Bar Levy on subscriptions and was supported by Mr H.Craig, who suggested a figure of £75.00 on top of the annual subscription.

Mr R.Lees again brought up the suggestion of lengthening the 15th hole to make a par 5. Mr B.Hudson spoke against.

Mr F.Cooper made the same suggestion regarding the 4th hole, and Mr M.Wild spoke against.

Mr B.Hudson suggested that the entry fee for club competitions should increase to 50p.

Mr D.Holt felt that there should be no penalty for a ball going in the tree plantation on the left of the 11th hole for the normal second shot.

Mr J.Baxter suggested that letters be sent to the local schools, pointing out that pupils were trespassing on the course, and requesting that it made clear that they were at fault.

Mr H.Schofield requested that the cobbled area between the club house and the locker rooms, including the trolley shed, be cleaned up and resurfaced.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

The date of the next Annual General Meeting will be Thursday 7th December 1978.

Signed..... The Captain.

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