

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON THURSDAY 7th AUGUST, 1969.

PRESENT: The Captain, (F. Robinson) in the Chair and Messrs. J.A. Fiddian, J.W. Stephenson, J.L Brodie, F.W. Greenhough, A.N. Howard, N.Sykes, C.W. Cooper, W.E. Sowerbutts and P.W. Carter.

BUSINESS: Head Greenkeeper.

The Captain requested the Secretary to give a resume of the response to the recent Advertisements, after which the Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 31st July 1969 were read and approved.

Mr. W.E.Sowerbutts then gave a comprehensive report and opinion of the one applicant who attended for interview (Mr. R.W. Davenport of Chorlton). The Secretary then outlined verbal replies he had had from various employers of Mr. Davenport. After some discussion, it was resolved that the Secretary contact Mr. E.J. Dollochin of Crieff, Perthshire to telephone the Captain informing him when he would be available for interview.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Meeting decided to increase the basic Wage of Mr. K. Briggs to £16.0.0. and Mr. P. Breen to £11.16.0. this to take effect immediately.

Mr. Gibson part time Bar Assistant was to be allowed £5. Holiday pay.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Meeting, a complaint entered into the Suggestion Book, that greens had been cut whilst a Competition was in progress. It was decided that this should never happen again and the Greens Staff would have to be notified.

A new Notice was to be displayed in the Club House, reminding Members that Visitors must be "signed in" at any time of the day or night and that they could not be admitted after 10-30 p.m.

The Rules and Constitution of the Club should be displayed in a prominent place at all times. Mr. Butlin would have notice of this, an also be asked if he had as yet been able to bring these up to date.

The Secretary read a letter which he had received from the previous Steward and Stewardess in which they stated that the model Brewery Dray was their property and the Ashton Club had not stamped his National Insurance Card to his correct date of termination of employment.

Mr. J.W. Stephenson reported that complaints had been made as to the behaviour of a Member's daughter and friend on the Club premises. The Captain was requested to approach the member in respect of this matter.

It was Resolved that the Bar an House Secretaries go into the matter of purchasing additional chairs for use in the Club House.

A Vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting.

Signed.....F Robinson Captain
Date.....14/8/69.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB
ON THURSDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1969.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair, Messrs. J. Harrop (President), and L. Butlin, A.J. Dixon, F.W. Greenhough, R.H. Meeks, J.A. Fiddian, J.L. Brodie, N. Sykes, N. Howard and P.W. Carter.
Apologies for absence were received from C.W. Cooper, A.N. Howard and J.W. Stephenson.
The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

MATTERS The application by P.B. Jarvis had now been dealt with: The Secretary had
ARISING: arranged a meeting with him and after interview, Messrs. J.A. Fiddian and J.L. Brodie were pleased to propose and second him.
Other items were cleared in various Committee Reports.

HANDICAP The Handicap Secretary gave a Report on recent events and handicap
COMMITTEE: revisions. The Committee Resolved that the entrance fees appertaining at future Invitation Days should be increased to 15/- per couple, the prizes to be in values of £13, £8, and £5 respectively, with a special Visitor's prize if necessary.
It was decided to leave the notices which had been posted in reference to Caddies and charges as already worded. The Committee gave permission for a match to be played between the Juniors of the Ashton Club and Fairfield Club.
The Handicap Secretary was requested to make further investigations on the position of the Spoons which had been ordered from the Jewellers.
Mr. Dixon was requested to make enquiries as to the wholesale price of glasses presented as prizes in Medal Competitions.

GREENS The Greens Secretary Reported the fact that the Club had been offered the
COMMITTEE: posts which were at the present time around the old dam near the old sixteenth fairway. It was decided that some effort be made to lift these out of the ground and transport them to the edge of the eighteenth fairway, with a view to sinking them again and fixing suitable fencing. If it were not practicable to carry this work out ourselves, then estimates were to be obtained.
Mr. Butlin reported on his interview with the Town Clerk and was sorry to say that no material advantageous suggestions of a practicable nature could be undertaken by the Local Authorities to keep children off the eighteenth fairway.
Mr. Howard was requested to obtain the price for second-hand railings of six feet high.
The Greens Secretary Reported that repairs to one of the Cutting Machines

would be £41.15.0., but we could obtain a new one for £52. It was therefore decided to purchase a new Haytor Cutting Machine.

The Committee then discussed the appointment of Head Green Keeper.

The General Secretary was requested to give a Report on the facts up to date, then the Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting on the 7th August, 1959 were read and approved.

The General Secretary was requested to make further telephone calls to Scotland with a view to obtaining the present whereabouts of one applicant, E.J. Dollochin. One further week would be allowed for this task to be completed and an interview date fixed.

If not successful, the Greens Secretary was given permission to inform K. Briggs that he was appointed Acting Head Greenkeeper at £1,000 per annum on a 5½ day week basis, plus overtime, until the end of 1969, when the matter would again be reviewed

It was Resolved to fix a new Staircase to the Ladies' Locker Room.

No progress was reported on the obtaining of further land by the eighth fairway, but Mr. Butlin was again to follow this up.

BAR:
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary Reported that takings were on the increase on figures for the previous year and the new fixtures had now been completed in the Cocktail Bar.

Owing to the holidays of the Steward and Stewardess, the Bar Secretary was to see Mr. Brooks and Mr. Gibson about times and duties, also Mr. Edwards, with a request for him to sleep on the premises during the said holiday. The Committee decided as a gesture of goodwill, that Mr. and Mrs. Cowan be paid one week's Holiday Pay.

The Bar prices were stated to require reviewing and a Sub-Committee was formed to go into this matter, the Members being – The Captain, Bar Secretary, J.A. Fiddian, A.J. Dixon and J.H. (sic) Meeks.

Mr Greenhough promised to contact the Traveller employed by Messrs. Whitbreads, so it could be ascertained to whom, in fact, the ornamental dray belonged.

HOUSE:
COMMITTEE:

The decorating of the living quarters in the Club House had now been completed satisfactorily and a new Bacon Cutting Machine had been purchased for £5.

The Committee agreed to purchase two corner units seating approximately fourteen persons, these to be placed in the Smoke Room.

The Electric Fruit Machine was to be overhauled at a cost of £5.

The stock of Shower Towels was to be examined and also the Notice in the Tea Lounge requesting persons to "Ring for Attention."

The prices of the Initial Towel Company had increased and it was decided to examine these and the control of same.

The matter of extra persons being allowed to join the Club as Social Members was left in abeyance.

TREASURER'S:
REPORT:

The total amount passed for payment was £1,363.17.3d

NOMINATIONS
AND
RESIGNATIONS:

The Committee accepted the following resignations.
Dr. B.E. Chadwick and Mr. H. Ellington.

The death of Mrs. Cawthron, Life Member was also recorded with regret.

After the usual Ballot, the following new Members were accepted: -

Full Playing (Male and Female): -

T.R. Sowood	proposed by	J.C.E. Meeks,	seconded by	R.H.Meeks
J.Walker	proposed by	J. Lawton	seconded by	G. High
Mrs. D. Wright	proposed by	J. Lawton	seconded by	C.H. Tarr.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

It was agreed to allow the Ashton Cricket, Tennis and Bowling Club to display a Poster advertising their "Barbecue".

The Secretary reported on a letter he had received and replied to concerning J. Bintcliffe, as to Fees payable by his son and a Competition Result with which he was dissatisfied.

The Pharmaceutical Company who had hired the room earlier in the Season were to be granted this concession once again on 20th November next (Thursday) at a fee of £3.

It was Resolved to re-consider any further fixtures with the Police be only on a basis of extending the Courtesy of the Course to them.

The General Secretary Reported the fact that the sons of the late Mrs. Cawthron had written to state that they desired to purchase a seat for the use of Members of the Club in Memory of their late Mother. The Secretary had acknowledged this letter and thanked them for the generous gesture. He had, after further consultation with the Captain, put this matter into the hands of Mr. Sowerbutts.

The Complaint in the Suggestion Book appertaining to the Cocktail Bar being reserved for Men Only, could not be substantiated at the time mentioned and the Committee were in order as to the Minutes previously passed.

The Secretary was requested to write in the book, giving the wording of the Minute and also to explain the matter to one or two of the persons who had signed the book.

There being no further business, a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the date of the next Meeting to be 11th September 1969.

Signed.....F Robinson Captain
Date.....11/9/69