

**MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1971.**

PRESENT: The Captain (A.N. Howard) in the Chair, the President (F. Cooper)
and Messrs: L. Butlin, , J.T. Frost, G.R. Windsor, J. Grundy, F. Robinson,
W.S. Wrigley, R.H. Meeks, F.W. Greenhough, N. Howard, J.W. Stephenson,
I.F.W. Kerr and P.W. Carter.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. C.W. Cooper and R. Scowcroft.

The Minutes of the last General Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS
ARISING

It was suggested that the Memorial Gift in respect of the late J. Whitehead could be in the form of a seat on the twelfth tee, or a trophy donated for the Juniors.

The Lancashire Ladies Section had requested a change in their fixture date to Monday, 12th June, 1972, which was agreed.

Other matters would be discussed in the Reports from the various Secretaries of Sub-Committees.

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

The fact that M. Briggs had not proved suitable in spite of much instruction and patience being shown towards him, it was, therefore, found necessary to dismiss him from our employ in due course, when the Treasurer had examined the position as to the Contract of Employment and another person had been interviewed and given a post on our Greens Staff.

The Head Greenkeeper had especially requested that we employ someone who was an experienced tractor driver.

This position would be advertised by the Greens Secretary and he and his assistant would interview the suitable applicants in due course, then Report to the Captain.

The playing of the new Course during the Winter months would be left to the Greens Secretaries in conjunction with the Head Greenkeeper, also decisions of closing the Course completely.

The Captain Reported that a Sub-Committee had met to discuss the possibility of making a loan of £150.00 to the Head Greenkeeper, in respect of the proposed purchase of a house in the area. This was agreed upon, but then Mr. Wellock, who had been consulted for advice and requested to draw up the Conveyance of the Property, should such a sale go through, informed the Captain that approximately £300.00 was required as a deposit. Our employee was stated to have no funds, therefore a loan on certain insurance policies was being sought.

The full Committee present, endorsed the action taken and, if required, would agree the loan to Mr. Wilson be increased to this required amount and would be paid back by deduction from wages at the rate of approximately £2.00 per week. Mr. Butlin could control this matter and Mr. Wood would be

requested to draw up and agreement to this effect.

The Captain-Elect promised to liaise with Mr. N.S. Dale in matters relating to the Junior Section, so that smooth running of events and organisation would be maintained as far as possible.

The Storage Shed had not been proceeded with, as no reports from the Borough Surveyor as to planning permission or estimates, had been received. Mr. Butlin would now seek the advice of Mr. Fisher, Borough Surveyor, on this matter and Mr. Ferris would submit plans and estimates in conjunction with Mr. Bennett.

It was Resolved that a mechanical shovel should be purchased to affix to the tractor.

Mr. Frost drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that Juniors were looking for balls during peak periods of play at weekends. The Committee agreed that the Captain would have a chat with Mr. Dale regarding this matter.

HANDICAP
COMMITTEE:

The annual review of the handicaps had been dealt with by the Sub-Committee and thanks were due to them for completing such an onerous task.

Mr. Robinson requested the Committee approve the fact that as from the coming Saturday, 13th November, Competitions would be over 12 holes during the Winter months. He stated the light would not permit Members to complete the required number of holes during daylight. The speed of play was also a factor to be considered and it was agreed that at the Annual General Meeting, Members would be warned of this and that penalties would have to be imposed for slow play, the definition of which would be explained to Members, i.e. "Losing one complete Hole."

The Committee agreed that the Veterans Cup would be presented at their own function.

After this year, the Winter Fourball Prizes would be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

The General Secretary Reported that he had taken the Club Trophies to be engraved and had also seen the signwriter who would complete the task of the entries of names for the current season on the Honours Board (which had now been carried out).

Mr. Meeks handed over to the Captain the framed current Course Record Score Cards which would be displayed in the Smoke Room,

HOUSE
COMMITTEE:

The estimate of Mr J. Lord for decorating the rooms, as agreed upon, had been accepted and the work should be commenced shortly.

The Steward and Stewardess had also requested that we consider the re-decoration of the stairway to their quarters. This was agreed upon,

providing separate estimates were received and approved by the House Secretary and Captain.

The chimney repairs had now been carried out and it was agreed that the repairs to a window as described by the House Secretary, should be proceeded with.

The House Secretary Reported that he had seen Mr Wood Junior in connection with the application for a (sic) extension of the Liquor Licence for New Year's Eve, when a buffet would be provided for the Members and guests, as organised by the Steward.

The refreshments for Prize Giving Night would be Steak and Kidney Pie and chips.

The Minerva Masonic Lodge were given permission to hold a small dining party on Thursday, 18th November, 1971.

BAR
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary was pleased to Report that the Stocktaker's figures just received, showed a surplus of £17.80, which would almost clear the deficit which now existed in the accounts.

It was agreed that the Social Committee would, in future, purchase wines from the Club through the Bar Secretary.

The Takings figures were encouraging and showed an increase.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £966.73.

The account from Messrs. Marland's, Plumbers, was passed after a further explanation by the House Secretary.

The Treasurer stated that the new Fruit Machines were showing a profit of nearly ten pounds per week, therefore the feeling of the Meeting appeared to be that the venture was worthwhile.

RESIGNATIONS
AND
APPLICATIONS:

The General Secretary Reported, the fact that Mrs. J.L. Smith was not to take up the Membership as proffered (sic) to her.

Mr. T. Whittle had now gone to reside in St Anne's and therefore would not wish to renew Membership next season.

Owing to the non-payment of Fees, two Members, were disqualified from the Club under Rule 9E, these were – Messrs. O.W. Roberts and V.C.T. Barnes.

The General Secretary Reported that he had listed the Members again and, allowing for the facts as stated, 522 Members were registered up to the date of the Meeting. The Captain, Mr. Meeks and the General Secretary had met 1 Junior, 1 Lady, and 4 Male applicants and all could be recommended for acceptance.

In view of the number of existing playing members, it was Resolved to ballot for only three places, which would bring the total up to 525 Members.

After the usual ballot, the following were accepted: -

Full Playing Lady

Mrs. W. Brooks proposed by J. Hardy seconded by J.L. Smith

Full Playing Male

Mr. R.A. Dando proposed by J.T. Frost seconded by A.E. Pye

Mr. H. Thomas proposed by G.R. Windsor seconded by J. Wellock

Twelve other applications were left in abeyance.

CORRESPONDENCE: The General Secretary read two letters from the Ladies' Section, the subject matter being as follows: -

Saturday Mornings: 9 Lady Playing Members had requested to play on Saturday Mornings from Competitions Tees once a month to enable them to submit cards.

The General Committee felt that the ruling covered in the Calendar, page 39 was adequate.

The House Secretary would see the Steward and Stewardess about complaints of service, the quality of refreshments and the answering of the telephone.

The General Secretary suggested we had an extension telephone to their living quarters, and this was agreed upon. He would therefore, write to the authorities and also request attention be given to the switch operating the extension to the Professional's Shop.

The General Secretary would reply to the Ladies' Section informing them of the decisions.

Shooting rights would not be given to a Mr. Wheatley of Droylsden.

The Liverpool Golf Players Club would be given permission to include us in the list of Golf Clubs providing the usual fees and conditions were adhered to as to visitors to the Club.

The Manchester Meat Traders would be granted a Wednesday fixture (17th May, 1972) providing the Ladies' Day was changed from Wednesday to Thursday.

The General Secretary was given permission to give information of the Club to a Student who was making a survey of Golf Clubs.

The General Secretary was requested to purchase six 'Hole in One' Ties, so that we could have a stock on hand for these occasions.

After discussion, the Committee instructed the General Secretary to write to the Secretary of the Ladies' Section informing them that it had been Resolved that as from 25th March, 1972, Ladies' day would be changed to Thursdays, as the Ladies' Committee appeared to have no objection to this change.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

The arrangements for the New Year's Eve Celebrations in the Club House was queried by Mr. Wrigley, who questioned the fact that the number of visitors may be many and may not provide the envisaged by the older Members. The Meeting felt that this would have to take its course, as arranged.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the next Committee Meeting to be held on 9th December, 1971.

Signed.....Alfred N. Howard.....Captain
Date 9/12 /71.....
