

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BROADOAK HOTEL,  
ASHTON-under-LYNE ON THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: The Captain (Mr. A.N. Howard) in the Chair, the President (Mr. F. Cooper) and approximately 100 Members.

The Captain (A.N. Howard) opened the Meeting and welcomed those present.

He then requested the Members to stand in silence in respect to those who had died during the year, which included Mrs. E. Payne, and Messrs. A. Shaw, J. Whitehead, E. Stafford and D. Firth.

The General Secretary was requested to read the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1971. These were accepted a true and correct record.

MATTERS No matters were raised.

ARISING:

TREASURER'S Mr. L. Butlin gave a detailed Report on the Financial situation and break-down on figures for the accounting year under review and the comparison with the previous year.

REPORT:

He was pleased to Report that increase in certain receipts was noteworthy and although some costs had again grown, the amount placed to Reserve was most creditable.

Record House profits were recorded.

AUDITORS' In the absence of both Auditors, Mr. P.W. Carter presented their Report and stated that he had spoken to both auditors and also examined the books personally and these appeared to be in excellent order.

REPORT:

Matters Raised:

No matters were raised at this point.

The Accounts were then formally adopted.

SECRETARY'S Mr. P.W. Carter gave a resumé of the general work carried out on the Course and Premises and the changes which had been made during the year.

REPORT:

He explained to the Meeting the events which had transpired between the Committee of the Ladies' Section and the Committee of the Men's Section which involved a plan to change the Ladies Competition Playing Day to Thursday, but owing to the dissatisfaction this appeared to have caused, the day would be left at Wednesday.

Plans had been made to allow a number of selected Golfing Societies to play our Course on Wednesday afternoons, which would have resulted in increased revenue. The Captain having received a "Round Robin" signed by

55 Male Members, objecting to these changes, had caused the Committee not to pursue this plan.

The proposed acquisition of further Land around Dirk Farm was Reported and that further Interviews had been held between Mr. Wrigley (farmer) and the West Pennine Water Board authorities and the Golf Club Sub-Committee (comprising the Captain, Treasurer and General Secretary) with a view to the Golf Club being granted a long Lease of 18.36 acres and matters in this connection had been satisfactory to date.

Mr. P.W. Carter stated that the Club owed a lot to Mr. Norman Dale, who had taken such an interest in the Juniors, who in later years should provide some good golfers and future officials. He thanked Mr. Dale for his efforts and also Mr. Greenhough for his prodigious efforts in the Bar and Messrs. Meeks and Frost who had devoted such a lot of time to improving the Course and had received occasional voluntary assistance by Members of practical help.

The new Greenkeeper had now settled in the Ashton area and it was hoped he would prove an efficient and hard working employee. The new Steward and Stewardess still lacked experience and further meetings between them and the Captain and House Secretary were proposed.

Tree planting was to continue under the direction of Mr.W.S. Wrigley and ours staff.

The Captains for the teams playing in the Stockport League for the forthcoming season would be Messrs. N. Casson and K.J. Clayton.

The changes made in the length of certain holes and par rating had now been tried for a season and Members who wish to pass comment were invited to do so later in the Meeting.

The Secretary stated that he had been expressly requested to remind Members that penalties could be imposed by the Handicap Committee, where they thought necessary, owing to slow play.

Competitions were being better supported than ever, and the time taken to compete in these was getting far too long, therefore players were asked to give their full co-operation in the matter of correctly calling other competitors through when looking for lost balls, and when a complete hole had been lost (as stipulated in the etiquette of golf).

Also in certain circumstances the speed of play could be increased.

THE CAPTAIN then paid tribute to Mr. P.W. Carter for the efforts he had made on behalf of the Club and the Committee over the last three years as Hon. Secretary.

The General Secretary then thanked all who had assisted and encouraged him during the term he had served the Club.

PROPOSED INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS and REDUCTIONS for the ELDERLY.

Mr. Butlin then outlined the recommended proposals by the Committee and Mr. Carter seconded this proposition.

This was as set out in the Annual Meeting Notice and was duly carried.

SOCIAL  
COMMITTEE:

Mr. I.F.W. Kerr (Social Secretary) gave an account of the efforts during the year and was pleased to Report a profit on the year of £305. and a cheque for this amount would be handed to the Treasurer shortly to be credited to the Development Fund.

The date and venue of the Annual Dinner Dance for 1972 would have to be agreed upon in due course.

Mr. Kerr and the Social Committee were warmly thanked by the Captain and it was a reflection that the Bar receipts showed such a good increase, this being partly due to social activities.

The winners of the Winter Fourball Competition along with the runners-up were then presented with their respective prizes, i.e. Messrs. A.V. Powrie and D.J. Murkin (Winners) and Messrs. L. Butlin and J.C.E. Meeks (Runners-up).

NEW  
CAPTAIN:

The Captain proposed that Mr. C.W. Cooper be Captain for the ensuing year and this was seconded by Mr. J.W. Stephenson, who both spoke of his past Committee work and efforts.

The proposition was carried and musical honours were given.

Mr. C.W. Cooper then thanked all those present for the honour proffered to him and promised that he would see the Committee Meetings were carried out on democratic lines and abide by majority decisions. He wanted to see further progress in financial matters and improvements in the amenities of the Club. He went on to thank the Ex-Captain (A.N. Howard) for his work during his term of office.

The Ex-Captain then thanked the President, his Officials and Committee for their loyal and unstinting support.

On behalf of the Club, he thanked the Members of the Committee who were not seeking re-election and stated that they would naturally be missed.

PRESIDENT:

Mr. J. Buckley, J.P. proposed and Mr. J. Harrop seconded the re-election of Mr. F. Cooper as President of the Club, both paying tribute to his record over the last year of Office. This Resolution was carried unanimously with musical honours.

The President, Mr. F. Cooper replied and thanked those present for this honour, stating that he would continue to carry out the duties to the best of his ability.

CAPTAIN ELECT:

Mr. F. Robinson and Mr. R.H. Meeks then proposed and seconded Mr. P.W. Carter as Captain-Elect. Both remarked that they had worked with him in the

past in a harmonious way and in reply Mr. Carter thanked the Members, also his proposers and seconders both to the Club and to the Committee.

TREASURER: Mr. N. Berry proposed and J. Wellock seconded the re-election of Mr. L. Butlin as Treasurer and this was carried.

GENERAL SECRETARY: Mr. i.F.W. Kerr proposed and Mr. R. Ferris seconded the appointment of Mr. Robinson as Secretary, which was carried.

COMMITTEE: After ballot, the following were elected to serve on the Committee: -

3 Years: Messrs. S. Bennett, K.J. Clayton and W.S. Wrigley.

2 Years: A.E. Pye.

1 Year: Messrs. W. Roberts and T.E. Yaxley.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Mr. I.F.W. Kerr was re-elected Social Secretary and Messrs. R. Ferris and A.J. Brierley to the Committee.

AUDITORS: Messrs. B. Kay and W. Pickles were elected honorary auditors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The following points were raised for further discussion by the Committee; -

(a) Should Members of Buxton Golf Club be entertained at our Club, then Green Fees should be paid; or if not, then the fixture should be open to all playing members.

(b) Slow play on the course appeared to occur in many instances when players were looking for lost balls and other players were not being waved through.

(c) The raking of bunkers and replacement of divots was stated to be forgotten by many members.

(d) The investment of funds now being built up must be to the best advantage.

(e) The starting of Four-Balls on unauthorised parts of the Course had been experienced.

(f) The Gaming Machines were not giving fair odds to the players.

(g) The Handicap Boards records must be kept up to date.

(h) The length of some holes and the changes made in the par figures on certain holes was not to the satisfaction of a number of Members. The feeling of those present was tested and it appeared that the 14<sup>th</sup> Hole was preferred as a '5 Hole' from the old tee; the 4<sup>th</sup> Hole was preferred to be played as at the moment, as a Par 4.

All these points raised in "Any other Business" were replied to and would be further discussed by the Committee, where thought necessary.

The Meeting then closed with a VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding,

Signed ..... C.W. Cooper ..... Captain.

Date 6/3/73 .....