

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE

ON THURSDAY, 8th April, 1976.

PRESENT: The Captain (A.J.Dixon) in the Chair and approximately 100 Members.

The Meeting had been called to consider the business -

"What action should be taken to improve the Club House facilities?" and was a follow-up to the special Meeting held in May of the previous year (1975) when it was passed that extensions be made to the existing Club House and that the Committee put forward plans and costs for consideration by the Members.

The Captain opened the Meeting and asked the Ex-President, Mr.Eric Hartley, to put forward the ideas of the Sub-Committee formed to study the possibilities of extensions.

Mr.Hartley spoke of the limited facilities provided at present and said that the plan presented would allow for 250 people to be seated in comfort, with resultant extra profits in Bar takings. It would necessitate alterations and additions costing in the region of £25,000.

Mr.Butlin then spoke of the various ways in which the capital required could be raised.

- (1) Raising the money from outside sources.
- (2) Raising the money from Members compulsorily.
- (3) Raising the money from Members voluntarily.

He spoke in great detail on each possibility and concluded by saying that the decision must be made by the body of Members present.

The Meeting was open for discussion and the following points were raised:-

Mr.F.Cooper suggested that an extra temporary building would suffice at this time.

Mr.Powrie said that most of the Members would have to change their ways before we could see an appreciable increase in Bar profits.

Mr. Kay said that he considered that the time had come to form the Club into a limited company. This would mean every Member had to purchase one £50 Share.

Mr. C.W. Cooper said that we should go ahead now, as building costs are increasing at the rate of 3% per month.

The Secretary spoke of the success of the various schemes to raise monies for the purchase of the land and said that he favoured voluntary schemes.

Mr. C.W. Cooper proposed and Dr. N. Lucas seconded that the extensions as proposed be sanctioned. This was carried by a substantial majority.

Mr. J. Baxter proposed and Mr. P.W. Carter seconded that a voluntary scheme be formulated by the Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. B. Kay proposed and Mr. C. Croft seconded that the Committee go into the question of forming a limited Company. MOTION DEFEATED

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding closed the Meeting.

Signed.....Alan [Signature].....Captain

Date...2 December 1976.....
