

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON  
THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 1969.

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

Apologies for absence were received from the President (Mr. J. Harrop) and Dr. J.A. Fiddian.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

MATTERS        The Captain stated that he had approached Mr Frost with a view to the next  
ARISING:        Annual General Meeting being held at the Broadoak Hotel on a Saturday evening, but this matter was not as yet resolved. The Central Conservative Club was not free on the date required.

The refund and account from our employee Mr. K. Briggs had now been received.

The Captain then formally announced that the Captain-elect for the 1970/1 season was to be Mr. A.N. Howard, and cordial congratulations were afforded him which were received with thanks.

HANDICAP        The Handicap Secretary stated that Competitions would now be over fourteen holes  
COMMITTEE:     for the Winter Season.

The Major Prize Winners' list would be handed to the General Secretary to enable him to instruct Messrs. Hadfields (signwriters) to enter these details on the appropriate Boards. The names would also be required from the Ladies' Section.

The Committee Resolved that whilst playing the old Course, Competitors would ignore strokes given in brackets on the Score Card.

GREENS        The Greens Secretary was sorry to Report that he had not been enabled to obtain a  
COMMITTEE:     reduction in the account for the hire of the Ollertiner Machine, in spite of strenuous efforts on his part. The Committee therefore passed the account for payment.

The Month's work on the Course was then discussed and it was Reported that damage had been done to the First and Fourth Greens by person unknown.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee decided to increase the wages of the Greens Staff as follows: -

K. Briggs to be officially appointed Head Greenkeeper at a wage of £21 per week (no overtime payments to be made to him).

A.R. Bridden be paid £16 per week and

P. Breen £12.16.0 per week.

This to take effect as from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1969.

Placing was to commence as from Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1969.

Repairs around the Eighth Green and land in the hollow would be commenced.

Mr. J.L. Brodie brought up the matter of lengthening a number of Tees, i.e. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &c... Work had commenced on certain of these now.

The Greens Secretary was requested to approach Mr. W. Hyde on the matter of the surface of the Car Park which was in a most unsatisfactory state and Mr. F.W. Greenhough would also approach one of his business colleagues with a view to advice on this matter.

The General Secretary again brought the attention of the Committee to a letter which he had received from the Secretary of the Ladies' Section complaining about the Eighth Tee when playing the new Course, although he had already replied as per the Minute of the November Meeting, but Miss E. Hague was still not satisfied about this matter and Mr. J.W. Stephenson felt from what he had heard, that the Ladies had a point and the Committee should perhaps reconsider the position. Mr. P.W. Carter then mentioned that he had had a chat with the Lady Captain only that evening and she had stated "Forget it." but it was felt that we should leave this matter in abeyance and note future comments and the time which the Green Staff had at their disposal.

The Junior Members playing on Saturdays before 3-30 p.m. was again discussed as the Ladies were still not satisfied on this matter. The wording in the Calendar was not very clear and this matter would be put before the Calendar Sub-Committee in due course. The General Secretary was requested to write to Miss Hague to this effect.

The Captain then requested the Secretary to read a letter received from Mr. Rupert Wood which had enclosed a copy letter received from Mr. R. Cordingley, appertaining to Lord Deramore's Estate and sale of Gorse Lane Farm being a matter of contention in holding up further negotiations in the sale of a strip of land from the Club House to Gorse Lane. Mr J.W. Stephenson took strong objection that the Sub-Committee had not been called to meet, which have enabled them to explore matter before putting the said letters to the General Committee. The General Secretary stated that he had contacted the Captain within two days of receiving the letter and the Captain felt that as the General Committee were to meet shortly afterwards and the contents of the letter, in his opinion, did not warrant immediate action at that stage, the subject was left in abeyance.

Various aspects of the whole question were then voiced by many members of the Committee and it was Resolved that the General Secretary should contact Mr. Rupert Wood with a view to the Sub-Committee meeting him for further discussion.

BAR COMMITTEE: The Bar Secretary was pleased to state that he had just received the Stocktaker's Report, although this was much overdue and he had made numerous requests for these figures. The Committee were advised by him to change the Stocktaker in the New Year and this was left in his hands to use his discretion in due course.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Estimates for decorating the Upstairs Lounge were reported upon by the House Secretary and the one submitted by Mr. Millin was accepted. £29. Mr. & Mrs. Gibson were to sleep on the premises of the Club on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1969, whilst the Steward and Stewardess were away for one night.

The Committee agreed to increase the wages of the Steward & Stewardess, Mr. & Mrs. Cowan to £20 per week immediately.

The Tipping of Draymen and Dustmen was to be left to the discretion of the Steward.

The Staff of the Club were to be given Christmas Bonuses as per the Treasurer, Mr. L. Butlin.

Mr. N. Howard was given permission to hold a Staff Luncheon, on Tuesday before Christmas (23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1969). Also Luncheon Dates were granted to Mr. Butlin (18<sup>th</sup> December 1969) and Mr. Bland (24<sup>th</sup> December 1969).

Mr. A.N Howard was requested to approach Mr. R. Ferris with reference to the metal edges on the stairs leading to the Gentlemen's Locker Room.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT:

The Accounts passed for payment amounted to £875.18.7.

The Gaming Machine still showed a loss on the previous year's figures, i.e. £1,091.0.0. as against £1,353.8.0. This was a decrease of £262. The Captain mentioned the fact that this appeared to be the general trend in numerous Clubs. The General Secretary pointed out that he thought this income should not be relied upon whatsoever in arriving at Budgets appertaining to Subscriptions.

The Rates of the Club House had been increased slightly owing to the Garage being built.

The Treasurer had written to all Members in ~~the~~ arrears with subscriptions under Rule 9E, as per the Minutes of the last Meeting, and three persons had now paid. Mr. Butler had verbally requested that his son be allowed to transfer to Social Membership, but the Committee felt that owing to the timing of this request, this should not be agreed to, on principal.

The persons who still had not paid off arrears had been given final notice.

The Treasurer stated that he would have to request the Bank to allow an overdraft for a period as had happened in previous years at this part of the Season.

The Rules and Constitution of the Club were now to be brought up to date by Mr. Butlin as promised.

NOMINATIONS  
&  
RESIGNATIONS:

No resignations had been received and the names of new applicants were read out by the General Secretary. Matters of this nature were then left in abeyance.

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS

The General Secretary stated that he was sorry to have to officially Report the death of Mr. E. Widdop, a respected Member of long standing.

He then went on to read a letter received from Mr. J Smethurst who complained of The way his wife had been received in the Cocktail Bar on a Social Evening, when invited to have refreshment by the Bar Secretary. The General Secretary was requested to write and express his regret on behalf of the Committee that this incident had occurred, and a copy of the original Notice mentioning the ruling in

question should be re-posted in the Tea Lounge and Bar Room.

The Captain then raised the question of the advisability of continuing with a Social Committee and after some discussion, in which the Captain Elect was requested to express his views, it was decided that it be left to the Captain in Office, whether, in fact, he wished to continue with such a Committee.

The Captain Elect, Mr. J.W. Stephenson, then promised to have a further chat with Members of the Ladies' Section.

The Secretary was requested to post a notice inviting Members to meet the Captain at 12-0 (noon) on Christmas Day in the Club House to exchange customary Greetings.

The Meeting was reminded that the Annual General Meeting was to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1970.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting (Time...12-45 a.m.), the date of the next Committee Meeting to be one week later than was usual, at the request of the Bar Secretary, i.e. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1970.

Signed..... F. Robinson Captain  
Date..... 15/1/70

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON  
FRIDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 1969.

PRESENT: The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair,  
and Messrs: J. Harrop (President), L. Butlin, J.W. Stephenson, A.N. Howard,  
N. Howard, C.W. Cooper, J.A. Fiddian, A.J. Dixon, R.H. Meeks, and P.W. Carter.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. N. Sykes, J.L. Brodie, J.C.E. Meeks and F.W. Greenhough.

BUSINESS: The Captain requested the General Secretary to read the correspondence received from Mr. Rupert Wood, Solicitor and also copy letters the latter had received from Messrs. Hill & Cordingley.  
The letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1969 had not been notified to the Golf Club Officials until they called upon Mr. Wood at his Chambers on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1969.

The Committee after a long discussion on various points, Resolved that the General Secretary write to Mr. Rupert Wood to the effect that the Committee wished to know the full extent of the ideas and estimated costs involved in Sections 1 and 2 of Mr. Cordingley's letter of 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1969, plus a promise of assistance in obtaining an agreement by Mr. Wrigley to relinquish the tenancy of the land adjoining Dirk Farm, leased from the Water Board; and that we might be interested in purchasing Gorse Lane Farm, if the price were reasonably, in our opinion. The point was

stressed that on no account would we relinquish any land whatsoever, i.e. the field in which the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Holes are played, unless other land was given to us in exchange in addition to further acreage being acquired around Dirk Farm.

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

Signed.....F. Robinson Captain  
Date.....15/1/70