

Annual Autumn General Meeting Saturday October 3rd 1925.

The Captain, M^r J Lohead presided until the election of the new Captain when M^r S W Herbert took the chair, about sixty members were present,

The Minutes of the last Annual and Special Meeting were read and adopted..

~~The~~ M^r Lohead stated that as there were no other nominations, he declared M^r S W Herbert Captain; proposed by J Lohead, seconded by H L Boardman. M^r Herbert then took the chair; he stated that he appreciated the honour very much and thanked M^r Lohead for the kind things he had said about him and said that he would be pleased to do everything possible to increase and promote the welfare of the Club.

M^r Herbert proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Captain, M^r Lohead and stated that he had made an excellent Captain, he had been very painstaking and stated that he had carried out his work admirably, he had to deal with a good many controversial matters and all difficulties had been surmounted. M^r Whitworth seconded and spoke highly of the Captain's work.

The vote of thanks was passed with acclamation and M^r Lohead replied; he stated that he greatly appreciated the trust reposed in him for the last two years, also the loyalty and support of the members and that he was very pleased that the Cattle had been got off the Course during his term of office and thanked the members for their vote of thanks. M^r Lohead also referred to the absence of M^r Slatter through illness and mentioned the valuable services rendered by him from the inception of the Club. It was then decided to send a letter of sympathy to M^{rs} Slatter.

The Captain, M^r Herbert then stated that as there were no other nominations, he declared the following duly elected.

Treasurer: G Robson proposed by J C Payne, seconded by E S Jones.

Secretary: J Gibson proposed by J W B Hall, seconded by R Bennett.

Auditors: The chairman explained to the meeting that there had been no nomination of Auditors, the retiring Auditors were Mess^{rs} J Kershaw and J M Williamson

M^r Kershaw had been approached and was willing to stand again, but M^r Williamson had declined owing to ill health. He therefore moved that M^r Kershaw and M^r Charles Shaw be elected Auditors, this was seconded and carried.

M^r J M Williamson's letter was then read to the meeting and it was decided that a letter be sent to him expressing the sympathy of the members with him in his illness.

The valuable services of the Auditors were referred to and M^r Kershaw acknowledged.

The following names, duly nominated for the Committee (3 Vacancies, 4 Nominations) were balloted for, Mess^{rs} E Hallsworth and J W B Hall acting as Scrutineers.

E S Jones, proposed by W Monk, seconded by E Raines

R Bennett, proposed by J Gibson, seconded by T Price

F L Eaton, proposed by H H Livesey, seconded by J H Firth

J H Taylor, proposed by F L Boardman, seconded by H Holden

The result of the ballot was as follows:- F L Eaton 49, R Bennett 48, J H Taylor 39, E S Jones 24. eehe
Chairman therefore declared the first three elected for three years.

Proposed alteration of Rule No 2(c) by R Bennett: The ex-captain to be on the Committee for the period occupied by his successor, and for one year subsequently. This was seconded and after considerable discussion passed.

Proposed alteration of Rule No 9 by M^r R Bennett: Visitors shall be admitted as temporary members of the Club. They must be introduced by a member and the introducing member shall be responsible for the subscription. Visitors, before playing on the links must have their names duly entered into the Visitors Book and must obtain a ticket from the Secretary or Caretaker. Charges 2s per day, except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays when the charge is 3s.

One Week: Gentlemen 7/6; Ladies 5/-

One Month: Gentlemen £1-/-; Ladies 15/-.

This was seconded and carried.

Proposed alteration of Rule 9 by J C Payne: That it shall not be a condition for a visitor to be introduced by or play with a member. It was pointed out that this rule only applied to Sunday play and M^r Payne eventually moved that the rule relating stating that visitors must play with a member on Sundays be rescinded. This was seconded and carried.

Proposed alteration of Rule 10 by R Bennett: No person being resident in Ashton or immediate neighbourhood shall play more than three times as a visitor in any year unless such person is a bona-fide member of a Golf Club. After considerable discussion M^r Bennett agreed to the substitution "within three miles of the Golf Club" in place of "immediate neighbourhood", this was then seconded and carried.

Proposed alteration of Rule 20 by J C Payne. The Club House and Links shall be open on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. during Summer Time and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. other months, this was seconded and passed.

Notice of Motion by R Craig. That a postal ballot of members be taken that the Club House be opened on Sunday each week for the sale of refreshments at the bar during hours to be arranged; this was seconded by G Handforth and supported by P C Firth. Several members spoke for and against the motion. On a show of hands, 40 voted for and a few against, therefore the motion was declared carried.

Notice of Motion by J C Payne for New Rule: That the Club Colours be blue, black and white, and that they be registered as the colours of Ashton Golf Club. This was discussed and the members did not seem favourably inclined. M^r Payne withdrew his motion.

The Captain, M^r Herbert then asked M^r Lohead to present the following prizes and mementos:

Kenworthy Cup	E N Smith	Runner Up	J Gibson
Aitken Cup	H Ridyard	Runner Up	Sydney Hall
Hall Cup	J H Firth	Runner Up	T H Bowers
War Trophy	T L	Runner Up	E F Widdop
Payne Bowl	Sharpley		
	E Raines		

Captains	J C Payne	Runner Up	J Gibson
Prizes			
Special Running Mixed		E	and M ^{rs} F Moss
Foursomes		Hallsworth	
Men's	Mess ^{rs} H Holden and J Kershaw		
Fourball			

M^r H Ridyard proposed a vote of thanks to the Donors of prizes and M^r Hallsworth seconded and same was carried.

M^r F Moss moved a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding, this was seconded by M^r Hallsworth and carried and M^r Herbert acknowledged.

S W Herbert
May 1st 1926