Meeting held at Hurst Hall Monday 10 Mar 1913 8 30 p,m

Present: M^r Kenworthy in the chair. Messrs W H Andrew D^r Hamilton, D^r Bleasdale, Messrs W H Andrew, H G Hall, H H Knight, T F Kershaw, A Morris, Parnaby, Whitworth & Slatter.

M^r Kenworthy explained that the House Committee recommend J Knight, recently greenkeeper at the Prestwich Club for the post of caretaker. M^r & M^{rs} Knight were interviewed by the Committee Resolved that M^r & M^{rs} Knight be appointed subject o confirmation of recommendations by the Secretary of Prestwich Golf Club.

Minutes of Previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Resolved that without binding this Club in any way, the S^t John's Fishing Club be allowed to continue to enjoy the privilege of fishing the pond near the Club House on condition that no new members be entered. The fee to be paid to this Club in future in place of M^r Bowler and the tenancy terminable by either side at six months notice.

Handicap Committee's Report: Mr Knight reported the Calendar for the Sseason to be:-

April 12 Opening Day.

- 26 Handicapping Competition.
- May 10 Handicapping Competition 24 Handicapping Competition
- June 7 Mixed Foursomes 28 Summer Meeting (Captain's Prize)
- July 26 Bogey Competition
- Sept 6 Autumn Meeting (President's Prize).

Conditions

- The Championship Cup The 16 players returning the best gross scores at the Summer and Autumn meetings will qualify to play off for the Cup by match play.
- 2) For the Summer and Autumn Meetings 6^d will be charged for each card taken out. For all other competitions 3^d will be charged.
- 3) On handicapping competition days prizes will be given and every card must be returned.

In Match Play Strokes must be taken as under:-

Strokes: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 Holes: 15 2 14 4 12 7 8 18 13 17 1 10 6 3 9 16 11 5

Report of length of holes and total length of course 5152 yds.

Bogey 79

The Calendar with lists of Officers and Committees etc. to be issued to members. It was resolved that the Report be accepted.

On behalf of the House Committee, M^r Kenworthy reported that sample tables and chairs would be sent over shortly for inspection. Arrangements for furnishing the rooms had been left in M^r Kenworthy's hands by the House Committee.

Resolved that the House Committee Report be accepted.

A letter was read from Sir Max Aitken intimating that if a convenient date could be arranged, he would be pleased to open the Club formally.

M^r Kenworthy explained that is was proposed to have a house warming a formal opening in May when everything would be complete about the Club House.

It was decided to have a sides game on April the 12th, the day the permanent greens will be open for play. Details to be arranged by the Greens Committee.

A letter was read from the Misses Hague desiring to withdraw their names as members. It was decided the Committee would not make a precedent by returning to them the entrances fees and subscriptions.

A letter from the Royal Insurance Co was read. It was decided to leave over the matter of insuring against third party risks for further consideration.

A letter was read from the Stamford Estate enclosing a minute of the Trustees in the following terms:-

M^r Hall produced a letter dated the 13th instant from the Secretary of the Ashton under Lyne Golf Club. M^r Hall was instructed to reply that the Trustees were unable to bind themselves as would be readily understood, but they had given instructions that when the tenancies should fall in the desire of the Committee for greater permanency of occupation should receive further consideration".

Letter from W Page, professional at Old Trafford was read. It was decided to answer by stating that we should not appoint a professional.

It was resolved that a banking account be opened in the name of the Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club with the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank Limited and that the said Bank be and is hereby empowered to honour cheques drawn on said account by:- Robert Bleasdale and to act on any instructions given by him relating to the account. And that all cheques and other negotiable instruments requiring the endorsement of the said Club be endorsed by Robert Bleasdale.

Greens Committee: M^r Parnaby reported progress of the work of making the course.

The Secretary gave a statement of the financial position. The expenditure up to the end of March 1913 would amount to £707		
The estimated expenditure from Mar 13	3 to Mar 29 1914 5	597
Making a t total of	13	804
The Subscriptions now received were Estimated income for the Season 1913 Total Income	£467 126 593	
Leaving a deficit to be provided by way of loan	711	

For a normal season the income was estimated at £599 and the expenditure at £509 leaving a surplus of £90. The Secretary suggested that the amount of loan fund authorised to be raised should be altered from £400 to £700. The difference between the original estimates and the present was accounted for the by the unforeseen unexpected change in policy in regard t drainage. We were draining efficiently the whole course so that after next winter the links would be playable in winter as well as summer. It had been expected that this expenditure would be spread over a number of years but it was contended that to carry out the work immediately, would add greatly to the prestige of the Club and to the enjoyment of the game.

The difference was also partly accounted for by the expenditure on lockers for which there had not enough money been allowed.

In view of the heavy expenditure during the year, M^r Kenworthy offered to forego the rent on the Clubhouse for the year. It was also resolved to accept M^r Kenworthy's offer to forego the rent and also his offer to furnish the men's Club room and the Committee tendered to him the thanks of the Club for his generosity.

It was resolved to hold a General Meeting of the Members at the Club house in May for consideration of the finances, when the Meeting would be asked to authorise the raising of £700 by loans.

The Chairman suggested giving a house warming on the occasion.

It was resolved, on the suggestion of the Greens Committee to appoint Roberts as second groundsman at 24/- per week.

It was resolved to elect M^r Rupert Wood of 70 Turner Lane, a member of the Club.

It was resolved to elect M^r Brown, the postmaster of Ashton, a member of the Club.

It was resolved that the Local Rules be included in the Calendar Book.

It was that the Secretary arrange for the installation of a telephone if possible, a 1^d in the slot box for the Club.

It was resolved that the Handicap Committee arrange for handicap cards etc.

M^r H G Hall explained that J Bowler had considered giving up the land at present leased from him by the Golf Club and that if a change should take place the Club might arrange to take the land direct from the Earl of Stamford's Trustees at a rent of 24^s/6^d per acre. On these terms we should have to pay £37 rent and £1 tithe for Bowler's land. M^r Bowler had since decided to leave the matter for the present.

John W Kenworthy.