

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE
ON THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1972.

PRESENT: The Captain (A.N. Howard) in the Chair, the President (F. Cooper) and Messrs. L. Butlin, W.S. Wrigley, F.W. Greenhough, N. Howard, J. Grundy, R.H. Meeks, J.H. Frost, J.W. Stephenson, I.F.W. Kerr, G.R Windsor and P.W. Carter. + F Robinson.

Apologies for absence were received from C.W. Cooper.

The Minutes of the last General Committee Meeting and those of the Financial Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING: The General Secretary Reported the following fact that he had now traced the Veterans Cup which will (sic) engraved with the name of the last Winner.

The General Secretary stated that he had again been in contact with the Chief Engineer of the West Pennine Water Board, and as promised a reply had been received acknowledging our application for the land around Dirk Farm. It was possible that we may be enabled to hold a Meeting at the end of the month.

The Spoons which were presented to the winners of the Medal Rounds would now cost £2.25 and Messrs. Kenworthy's, Jewellers, promised delivery six weeks from ordering. If no stock were in their hands, we would order 2 dozen.

Matters arising from the Finance Meeting Minutes were that the words "or Provisional Member" be inserted in the ruling of the qualifying ruling for reduction of fees for the elderly; the birthdate operative to apply this concession would be the 25th March in the applicable year.

The Treasurer gave a further Report on the position appertaining to Subscriptions which were still in arrears and others which had now been collected.

The Subscription of Reginald D. Hardman (a Junior Member) would be left in abeyance to see if an application was received for a suspension of Membership whilst he is studying.

The Tractor and Trailer had been purchased and was recently delivered. The Drainage Digging Machine had also been purchased. In the near future Mr. E. Wrigley would be employed as a tractor driver at a wage of £10.00 per week.

LADIES' PLAYING DAY: The Captain requested the General Secretary to read out the Minutes and Correspondence on this matter and the fact that objections were raised as to visiting Societies being allowed to play the Course.
The General Secretary was requested to place Notices announcing these facts and was also given instructions to clarify the position of the General Committee in his Report at the Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer then requested the Committee to re-consider the

recommendation of future fees, owing to the loss of estimated revenue because of the decision as to visiting parties.
It was Resolved that the Committee propose that Full Playing Members Fees for both Ladies and Gentlemen be increased by £2.00.

HANDICAP
COMMITTEE:

The Stockport League Matches would now be played on Thursday evenings.

Messrs. N. Casson and K. Clayton had accepted the positions of Captain for the 1st and 2nd Teams, respectively.

The Manchester Golf Alliance would be asked if they could make the fixture on a Wednesday in September or October, 1972 or May, 1973.

Mr. W.S. Wrigley gave his Report on the Calendar Meeting and the Competitions were now complete as to dates and type.

The Captain's Prize winner and the Kenworthy Cup 1973 would be nominated as our representatives in the "Daily Mail" Foursome Competition in 1973.

It was Resolved that as a trial two Medal Rounds and two Fourball Competitions be played on Sundays, starting time to be between 8-0 a.m. and 10-0 a.m., the Competition Fees to be paid to the Professional before competing. The limit would be raised to qualify for 1st Division players to 14.

The fixtures in the new Calendar and alterations to Local Rules and Competition Regulations would be amended by Mr. W.S. Wrigley and handed to the General Secretary.

Gross Prizes would be given in the Hall Cup and War Trophy Competitions. Slow play in Competitions had been mentioned by a number of Members to Committee Members and the General Secretary was asked to mention this in his Report at the Annual General Meeting, and also an entry would be made in the Calendar and a Notice placed on the notice board. The loss of a complete hole may mean disqualification from the competition.

The Member (Mr. Charnock) would be written stating that he must start at the 1st or 12th starting points on the Course.

The Prize Night for 1972/3 would be held on Thursday, 30th November 1972.

Mr. R. Frost would have his handicap reduced from 20 to 16.

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

Messrs. Fison's Report was presented by the Greens Secretary. The Paladin Mower would be re-built and a new engine fitted. The Gang Mowers would be overhauled and repaired.

The Committee agreed an allowance of £100.00 be allocated to the planting and purchasing of new Trees and Mr. Wrigley would supervise this operation.

BAR
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary Reported the fact that a deficiency of £26 was shown on the last stocktaking figures. On 24th February a Sub-Committee would meet to

review the Bar Prices.

Our suppliers had written the Bar Secretary stating that they did not envisage any substantial increase in Spirit prices in the near future. In any case, we would be warned of any changes and have ample opportunity to increase stocks.

The Committee decided to repay the Financial Bond entered into by Mr. F. Cowan, in full.

HOUSE
COMMITTEE:

Quotations for the tiling of the kitchen were read to the Meeting by the House Secretary and the one submitted by Messrs. Merriman's was accepted, the work to be carried out in white tiles at a figure of £227.50 net.

The decorating of the kitchen and staircase leading to the Steward's quarters, (sic) plus decorating of his Lounge was accepted at £70.00 as submitted by Mr. Lord.

The prices appertaining to Catering would be agreed with the Steward and Stewardess when they were interviewed by a Sub-Committee consisting of the Captain, House Secretary and the Lady Captain.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £1,509.39.

The copy accounts for the last financial year and Meeting Notices would be duplicated for us again, and as the wife of the General Secretary had completed the envelopes, these notices would be inserted and posted as soon as possible.

RESIGNATIONS
& NOMINATIONS:

Mr. H. Schofield was granted a transfer from Social Member to Full Playing Member for the ensuing year.

Mrs. L Whitworth was transferred from Full Playing Lady Member to Provisional Membership.

The General Secretary Reported that he, along with the Captain, Lady Captain, and Past Captain Mr. N. Dale had met 20 persons and introductions had been made.

In all cases they would be recommended for Membership in due course.

The death of Mr. E. Stafford was recorded with regret.

The making of any Male Life Member was left in abeyance until all felt that a suitable person was applicable.

The Captain then thanked all his Officers and Members of the Committee for their loyal and unflinching efforts during his term as Captain.

He, in turn, was complimented on the way he had conducted the Meetings and business of the Club.

A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CAPTAIN closed the meeting, the next General Committee Meeting would be held on Thursday, 9th 16th March, 1972.

Signed C.W. Cooper Captain
Date 16/3/72

In view of a recent Competition experience it was Resolved that in future, the minimum number of entries for such Events should be 20 players. This appertains to Competition Conditions (Section 6).

GREENS

The Greens Secretary an Staff were congratulated on the condition of the

COMMITTEE:

Course at the Open Day.

The Greens Secretary Reported that he had now placed the order for various trees to the price of approximately £100, which were to be planted by our own Greens Staff.

The Committee Resolved that a Notice be displayed requesting members not to use trolleys, if possible, during Winter play.

The Ashton Cricket Club were to be allowed the loan of the scarifier once more, but in future this would have to be reviewed with a monitory consideration.

BAR:

COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary was sorry to Report a deficiency on the recent Stock-taking of £8.12.10. He pointed out that this matter would be carefully note by him for future reference. The Takings were still showing an increase in comparison with the previous year, although recent income had not been as good. The price review was not yet complete, as yet, but this should be available in the near future.

HOUSE:

COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary stated that he had contacted Mr. R. Clegg and had placed the order for towels as agreed at the last Committee Meeting.

The Lady Captain had Reported to the House Secretary that the Ladies were willing to release twelve arm-chairs in the upstairs Lounge for use in the Smoke-Room, provided smaller chairs were purchased in replacement. It was Agreed that this be adhered to, the price of £7.3.0. being settled upon.

The Bar Secretary was to inform the Club Steward that he was granted permission to have a Television Aerial fixed to the chimney.

NOMINATIONS

AND

RESIGNATIONS:

The Committee Ruled the Resignation under default of Mrs. P. Lynton.

After the usual ballot, the following Junior Member was accepted: - J. Stevenson proposed by I.F.W. Kerr, seconded by J. Lawton.

ANY OTHER

BUSINESS:

Suggestion Book:

The suggestion that the next Fixture Calendar be printed in Gold Leaf with stiff backs to include Members' names and addresses, could not be accepted owing to the Members requesting the Committee to make all possible economies.

SPECIAL REPORT ON LAND AND BUILDING PROPOSALS

The President gave a resumé of a visit made to the Offices on the Stamford Estates by the Captain, Messrs. J.W. Stephenson, R. Wood and himself, when discussions took place with Mr. R. Cordingley.

In a Lucid Report, the Committee were informed that vacant possession

would occur on 25th March, 1970 of Gorse Lane Farm. The possibilities of this being purchased as a new Club House and all the problems entailed was then discussed. The President went on to Report that a request had been made to Mr. Cordingley to allow us to buy a strip of land from the present Club House to lead to Gorse Lane. This could not be ascertained at this stage, but the Committee were reminded that the Lease of Land expires in 1976 and it was envisaged, if renewed, an increased rental would have to be charged. Mr. Butlin was to be approached again as to the negotiation of more Land being rented from the Water Board. A full and frank discussion followed and matters were left in abeyance until the next Meeting.

The Captain was given power to instruct the Secretary to call a Sub-Committee Meeting on this subject should he think this desirable, the Members being the Captain, the President, Mr. J.W. Stephenson, Mr. L Butlin and Mr. P.W. Carter.

There being no further Business, a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the date of the next Meeting to be 13th November, 1969.

Signed.....F. Robinson, Captain
Date.....13/11/69.
