

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
BROADOAK HOTEL, ASHTON-under-LYNE on THURSDAY,  
7th MARCH, 1974 at 7-00 p.m.

PRESENT:

The Captain (Mr.P.W.Carter) in the Chair, the  
President (Mr.W.O.Bolt) and approximately 100 Members.

The Captain opened the Meeting and welcomed all  
present. He then requested the Members to stand in  
silence in respect to those who had died during the  
year. These included Mr.H.L.Sagar, Dr.P.W.H.Bleasdale  
and Mr.H.Holden.

The General Secretary was requested to read the  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on  
6th March, 1973.

These were accepted a true and correct record.

MATTERS  
ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT:

Mr.L.Butlin, in his 20th Report to the Members,  
announced the most successful year financially, in  
the history of the Club. He went on to compare  
the estimated income and expenditure for the year,  
with the actual. The net result was a surplus of  
some £4,000 over the estimate.  
This was mainly due to the high interest rates on  
money loaned to the Club and increases in Entrance Fees  
and Competition Fees.  
Mr.Butlin then gave a breakdown of each section of  
the Accounts and full explanations of major transactions.

The Hon.Auditors, Mr.Kay and Mr.Pickles gave Mr.Butlin's  
Accounts the usual unqualified seal of approval.  
Several questions of a minor nature were then answered  
by the Treasurer.

Mr.J.Harrop proposed and Mr.R.H.Meeks seconded the  
adoption of the Accounts.

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT:

The General Secretary spoke of a successful year, both  
financially and competitively. He assured Members that  
the Course would be in a good condition by early Summer  
and said that although there had been an exceptional  
amount of rain in the Winter, at least the Course had been  
reasonably playable.

He complained of the number of people who were not  
replacing divots and appealed to Members to see that this  
was done. He spoke of the necessity of replacing  
the Greenkeeper's hut and said that the new building would  
be erected later in the year.

The Membership figure of 600 would be taken as a ceiling  
and nominations for full playing men and junior boys would  
only go through at the same rate as resignations.

He thanked the six retiring Members of the Committee and



paid tribute to the men who took on the Captaincy, a job that increased in responsibility every year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Treasurer Proposed the increases in Subscriptions as outlined in the Agenda. These were seconded by the General Secretary and passed unanimously, together with an addendum to the effect that if the rate of V.A.T. is altered, the subscriptions will be rounded up to the next 50p, inclusive of V.A.T.

AMENDMENT TO  
THE RULES:

The General Secretary proposed and the Treasurer seconded the amendment to Rule 8(a) to read -  
"Each election or admission shall be made by a simple majority of a vote, taken by ballot, of the Members of the Committee present at the Meeting."  
The change in Rule was passed unanimously.

Mr.B.Lees Proposed and Mr.J.W.Stephenson Seconded that with effect from 25th March, 1974, -  
"Unless a Member has had three years Membership he shall not qualify to nominate or be nominated for Membership of the Committee."

Mr.J.Baxter and Mr.P.H.Stansfield spoke against the motion.  
On a show of hands, the motion was lost.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S

REPORT :

Mr.A.Brierley announced a record Profit from Social activities of £400. This would be put into a Deposit Account to earn Interest and would be used in future Club development.  
He hoped for another successful year in 1974.

NEW CAPTAIN:

Mr.P.W.Carter, Proposed and Mr.C.W.Cooper, seconded the election of Mr.W.Roberts to be our Captain for the ensuing year. This was passed with the usual musical honours. Mr.Roberts was then given the tie of office and addressed the Meeting.

He said that he intended to commence the "spade work" in regard to a new Club House, also to carry on with social activities.

He then proposed a "Vote of thanks" to the retiring Captain, Mr.P.W.Carter.  
Mr.Carter replied in a suitable manner, particularly in thanking his Officers and the President for their assistance.

NEW PRESIDENT: Mr.W.O.Bolt proposed and Mr.F.Cooper seconded the election of Mr.J.Buckley to be our President for the ensuing year.  
This was passed, again with musical honours.

Mr.Buckley spoke of his pleasure in taking the position and said he was looking forward to his year of office.

Mr.A.N.Howard proposed and Mr.J.W.Stephenson seconded the election of Mr.J.T.Frost to be our Captain-Elect for the coming year.

The Proposition was carried unanimously and Mr.Frost said he would try to keep out of trouble.

ELECTION  
OF OFFICERS:

The Election of Hon.Secretary, Hon.Treasurer and Hon. Auditors. As these nominations were not opposed, they were taken 'en bloc'.

Hon. Secretary	Mr.F.Robinson
Hon.Treasurer	Mr.L.Butlin
Hon.Auditors	Messrs.B.Kay & W.Pickles

These were passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

This resulted as follows:-

TO SERVE FOR THREE YEARS:

Messrs.A.J.Dixon, R.Frost, and N.Scanes

TO SERVE FOR TWO YEARS:

Messrs.B.W.Broadbent and M.Doyle

TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR:

Mr.B. Potter

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The following were elected:-

Messrs.P.W.Carter, A.Brierley, R.Ferris, J.Merriman, R.Frost, D.Fowden, J.Heap, S.Bennett and J.T.Frost.

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS:

Mr.J.Baxter pointed out the inadequacy of the Locker Rooms. He asked the Committee to go into the question of improving the facilities.

Mr.Smethurst asked the Committee to ensure clear cut Rules for Winter Competitions. Also that new holes and Greens are cut on Friday and not on Saturday mornings.



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It was requested that the achievement of the 1st Team  
in reaching the Semi-Final of the Dunham Forest Trophy  
be recorded in these Minutes.

The Meeting closed at 11-25 p.m. with a Vote of  
Thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed..........Captain

Date.....6th March, 1975.