

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON
SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1968 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: The Captain (R.H. Meeks) in the Chair, the President and over 100 members.

The assembly stood in silence, as a mark of respect and to the memory of four distinguished members who had died during the past year, namely, R. Bennett, Mrs. J.W.B. Hall, Miss Hannah Hall and Mrs. S. Littlewood.

In opening the Meeting, the Captain extended a warm welcome to all present and asked the Secretary to read the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. These were accepted a true and correct record.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commenting on the somewhat unusual circumstances of his report of the previous year and thanking his "Producers", Mr Butlin expressed his delight to appear live on this occasion.

Proceeding, he gave a lucid account of the transactions executed during the Financial Year, explaining the variances in a manner easily understood by the assembly.

AUDITORS' REPORT: The Hon. Auditors, Messrs. P. Wycliffe Carter and S. Roberts in expressing their satisfaction with the record of accounts, paid tribute to the manner in which the accounts were kept.

As there were no questions, it was proposed by J. Harrop and seconded by H. Burlinson, the Balance Sheet be adopted. This was passed unanimously. In making the former proposition, both paid tribute to the tremendous amount of work undertaken by the Treasurer and how pleased all were to see him apparently fit and well again.

A vote of thanks for their services was extended to the House and Bar Secretaries and the Auditors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary was pleased to state that financially we had enjoyed a successful year, largely due to the drive and initiative of a young and enthusiastic Captain. The support of members at the social events had been very heartening, the gift of new flags and an underlay for the Smoke Room carpet by A. Blakey together with the insulating of the Beer Cellar by R. Mansergh typified the spirit prevalent within the Club. Regrettably the Greens had been very poor during the season, but the Committee had consulted The Bingley Research Institute and was carrying out a programme which it was hoped would restore them in the coming year. The drainage of the course was still quite a problem, but a scheme had been embarked upon and despite the atrocious weather, the Greens Staff had created a new Water Hazard at the 5th. and 8th. Holes. A number of large trees had been planted with a good number of Lombardy Poplars, the latter having been purchased by private subscription. In conclusion the Secretary announced that W.E. Sowerbutts had kindly

offered to direct operations on the Course until such time it was satisfactorily restored.

A vote of thanks, proposed by C. Baxendale, seconded by N. Berry was given to the Secretary , the Handicap and Greens Secretaries.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

The Social Secretary (E.H. Green) gave a resumé of activities of his Committee during his term of office, many events had successfully taken place, as a result they were able to purchase and present the Club a Record Player together with a microphone and sound equipment satisfying a long felt want.

Furthermore his Committee had borne the cost of completely decorating the Cocktail Bar.

A warm vote of thanks was extended to the Social Committee.

NEW CAPTAIN:

The retiring Captain (R.H. Meeks), proposing Dr. J.A. Fiddian to be our next Captain, drew attention to the nominee's keen interest in the well being of the Club over many years, which together with his undeniable prowess at the game and a flair for organisation, made him an ideal person to be at the helm in the coming year.

F.J. Rowley, seconding, felt an excellent choice had been made, but was mindful of the fact that tonight a further 500 patients would be added to an already sizable practice.

The proposition was unanimously accepted and musical honours were accorded.

Upon receiving the Captains tie and occupying the Chair, the Captain thanked the members for conferring this honour upon him and he welcomed the opportunity to serve if only to repay a little in return for the many years of happiness and good fellowship, it had been his privilege to enjoy. Whilst outlining the various improvements he would wish to be made both on the Course and inside the Club House, the Captain expressed a desire to continue the planting of further trees, thereby supplementing a scheme started by his predecessor.

**VOTE OF THANKS
TO THE PRESIDENT:**

The Captain moved a vote of thanks to the President for his services during the past year and trusted he would continue for a further term.

This was seconded by F. Cooper, who in light hearted vein, stated that now he was retired, he looked forward to joining the "Old Brigade".

**VOTE OF THANKS TO
EX-CAPTAIN:**

The Captain thanked and congratulated the Ex-Captain on his year of Office, stating that his exuberance (sic) and enthusiasm had reverberated throughout the Club. This, together with his patience and thoroughness exercised in his duties, had earned him the respect of all.

Seconding, F.J. Rowley echoed similar sentiments.

EX-CAPTAIN'S REPLY: R.H. Meeks, in reply, thanked all for their support and was appreciative in the way the social events had been attended, which in turn reflected in increased bar receipts. The Tree Planting Scheme he had implemented had caused some disruption on the Course, this he felt would recover in the near future and he was particularly pleased to learn that further planting would take place in the Autumn. In conclusion, he thanked the retiring members of the Committee for their services.

CAPTAIN-ELECT: It was proposed by N. Howard and seconded by R. Clegg, that F. Robinson be Captain-Elect for 1969/70. The proposal was warmly received.

In accepting, F. Robinson stated that he was deeply conscious of his obligations and could only do his best.

TREASURER & SECRETARY L. Butlin was re-elected Treasurer and J.W. Stephenson , Secretary for the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE: After ballot, the following were elected to serve on the Committee: - Messrs., J.L. Brodie, P.W. Carter, and J.C.E. Meeks for three years, F.W. Greenhough and F.J. Rowley for one year.

AUDITORS: S. Roberts and B.R. Shaw were elected to serve as Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: A.J. Dixon was elected as honorary Secretary of the Social Committee along with W. Pickles to assist.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Members requested the Committee to examine the possibility of improving the ventilation of the Smoke Room and complained of the lack of toilet facilities on the Course.

PRESENTATIONS: The Captain presented prizes to the winners of the Winter Four Ball Competition, namely Messrs., J. Wellock and T. Slater, the runner-up prizes were won by Messrs., B. Kaye and J.L. Smith.

The result of the Competition of the day was 1st. Division A. George and 2nd. Division A.D. George.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed.....J.A. Fiddian.....Captain.
Date.....1/3/69.....