

Autumn General Meeting: Sat 4th Oct 1947.

Present: M^r Frank Jones (Cap) in the Chair and 73 members.

Reference was made by the Captain to the death of two old and esteemed members since our last General Meeting viz: - M^r James Kershaw and ex Captain & Mr J Gibson Secretary for over 30 years and the members stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting held Saturday 3rd May 1947 were read and confirmed.

Election of Captain: -

Before proceeding to propose M^r J H Firth as Captain, M^r Frank Jones gave a brief resume of his service and experience as Captain during the last two years. He heartily congratulated M^r W Brown on his success as a County Player & ~~to~~ one of our members. M^r J W Whitworth who will in November be elected Mayor of Ashton under Lyne. He had much pleasure in submitting the name of M^r J H Firth as Captain for the ensuing year, M^r Firth would make an excellent Captain & he had no doubt he would give the Office of Captain the same attention as he had done so faithfully and well as Treasurer. M^r C I Baker seconded the proposal which was carried with acclamation.

M^r Firth then occupied the Chair & said he was gratified that the members had this evening conferred on him the highest honour in their power in electing him Captain, He thanked M^r Jones, M^r Baker and all the members for their confidence. He would endeavour to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of all & would do all that he could to preserve the good feeling of comradeship at present prevailing amongst the members.

M^r J H Firth (Capt) proposed and M^r Jack Harrop seconded that our sincere thanks be given to M^r Frank Jones for his services as Captain during the past two years. Carried Unanimously.

Election of Treasurer: - The Captain proposed and M^r H Ridyard seconded that M^r T H E D Turner be elected Treasurer for the coming year. There being no other nomination, M^r Turner was declared elected and he made suitable acknowledgement.

It was moved by M^r T H E D Turner & Seconded by M^r W Walker that the best thanks of the members be accorded to M^r Firth for his efficient services as Treasurer during the term of office. Carried with acclamation.

Election of Hon Secretary: - M^r H Swallow proposed by M^r E S Jones & seconded by M^r R Bennett There being no other nomination he was declared elected. M^r Swallow thanked the members for their confidence in re-electing him Hon Secretary.

There were three vacancies on the Committee, and six nominations as follows: -

R Wood	Proposed by	E Raines	Sec by	J Whitehead
A Hobson	"	W C Woods	"	A G Thewlis
R Bennett	"	W Brown	"	F W Wright
N S Dale	"	H Burlinson	"	J Whitehead
S King	"	S Burton	"	W F Buckley

W E Sowerbutts

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S Cartwright

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H Lawton

The Secretary reported that M^r S King had hid withdrawn his nomination.

A ballot was taken & the Captain declared that M^r A Hobson, R Wood & R Bennett were elected to the Committee for three years.

Election of Hon Auditors: - M^r W Lowe & M^r E R Widdop proposed by N L Wright, seconded by the Captain carried unanimously.

M^r H Burlinson & M^r N S Dale were re- elected Members of the Social Committee.

M^r R Whitfield proposed & M^r W F Buckley seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Committee, Hon Secretary, the Auditors, the Handicap Secretary & the House Secretary. Carried with acclamation.

On the motion of M^r W O Bolt, seconded by J H Hawley, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Social Committee & M^r H Burlinson Secretary and the Secretary was instructed to convey our thanks to the Lady Members of that Committee for their valuable assistance.

The Ex Captain presented the prizes for the Season's Competitions as follows: -

	Winner	Runner Up
Kenworthy Cup	W Brown	W Walker
Captains Prize	P Whitfield	W Brown
Hall Cup	J H Lewis	J H Firth
Lady Aitken Cup	F W Wright	J Harrop
War Trophy	F Turner	J H Firth
Payne Bowl	J H Lewis	P Whitfield
W H Andrew Infirmary Cup	R V Fiddian	W O Bolt
Running Mixed Foursomes	Mrs Gregory & Mrs N S Dale	
Today's Stableford	L Butlin & E Kidd	

M^r F Turner proposed and M^r seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the numerous Donors of Prizes. This was carried with acclamation.

Proposed by M^r S Hall, seconded by M^r J Littlewood that the Secretary convey the thanks & appreciation of this Meeting to the Greenkeeper & his assistance (Sic) for the work they have done in maintaining the course & its excellent condition.

Moved by the Captain, seconded by M^r E S Jones that the following amendments be made to the Rules be approved. Carried.

4. Proposed alteration of Rules:—

The Committee recommend—

Rule 2 (c) to read: "The ex-Captain to be on the Committee for the period occupied by his successor," deleting the words "and for one year subsequently."

Rule 3: New heading, "General Meetings."

Rule 3 (a) to read: "The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first Saturday in May, or if the Committee decide that date to be unsuitable, on the first convenient Saturday thereafter, and at least one week previous to the meeting an audited statement of the Club's Accounts for the past year shall be printed and forwarded to each member and submitted to the meeting."

Rule 3 (b) to read: "An Autumn General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first Saturday in October, when the officers and general members of the Committee shall be elected."

Rule 3, last par. The words "duly" and "this meeting to be called the Autumn General Meeting" to be deleted.

Rule 5 to read: "The Captain shall be Chairman of all meetings. In all cases of equality of voting, the Chairman shall have a casting vote," deleting the words "as well as a deliberate vote."

Rule 6: New heading, "Notice of Meetings."

Rule 7: The words "The number of full members shall be limited to 220" to be deleted.

Rule 7 (b) last par. to read: "The Committee shall have power to declare void the election of a member who fails to comply within one month with any Rule or Regulation of the Club," deleting the words "for the time being in force."

Rule 8 to read: "The Entrance Fee shall be such an amount as the Committee shall from time to time determine, and the Committee shall have power at any time to suspend or waive payment of Entrance Fees, either generally or in individual cases."

Rule 9: The words "The number of Lady Members shall be limited to 150" to be deleted.

Rule 9 (a) to read: "Ladies shall be admitted to membership of the Club at an Annual Subscription of £3 3s. 0d."

Rule 9 (b): The same wording as Rule 8.

Rule 9 (d): The words "on Saturdays" to be deleted.

Rule 13, Temporary Members: Amend subscriptions to £2 per month for gentlemen and £1 10s. 0d. per month for ladies, deleting the figures of £1 and 15s. 0d. respectively.

Rule 14, Visitors: 10s. 0d. weekly ticket to be discontinued.

*The Meeting terminated with a hearty vote of
thanks to the Captain for presiding*

*J. H. Smith.
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