

## Annual Autumn Meeting: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1945.

Present: M<sup>r</sup> C I Baker in the Chair and 70 members. 7-30 p.m.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> were read and adopted.

The Election of Officers then took place: -

Captain: - M<sup>r</sup> Frank Jones proposed by M<sup>r</sup> C I Baker seconded by M<sup>r</sup> E S Jones and carried unanimously. M<sup>r</sup> Baker referred to his long acquaintance with M<sup>r</sup> Jones and his capability, and service on the Committee, and said that he would without doubt make an excellent Captain; this was endorsed by M<sup>r</sup> E S Jones and supported by M<sup>r</sup> H R Schofield.

M<sup>r</sup> Frank Jones then took the chair, he said that he thanked the members for his election and would do all that he possibly could to fulfil the duties of office and merit the confidence of the members. He was pleased to say that the Course was in good condition and the financial was sound. He also welcomed suggestions from the members which would receive the careful consideration of the Committee.

M<sup>r</sup> W Derbyshire moved a vote of thanks to the retiring captain, M<sup>r</sup> C I Baker and spoke highly of his services during the last twelve months and hoped that he would enjoy good health and live long in his impending retirement from the services of the Ashton Corporation. M<sup>r</sup> J W Whitworth seconded and the vote was carried by acclamation.

M<sup>r</sup> Baker in acknowledging the vote of thanks, thanked the members for their loyalty and support, was pleased to know that the efforts of the Social Committee had been maintained, the Course was in fine condition and he congratulated the ground staff on their efforts under difficulties. He also thanked the Committee and Officers for their valuable help and said that he would always retain many happy memories of his membership.

Election of Hon. Treasurer: - M<sup>r</sup> J H Firth, proposed by M<sup>r</sup> N S Dale seconded by M<sup>r</sup> R Hartley who both spoke highly of M<sup>r</sup> Firth's services in the past. M<sup>r</sup> Firth was declared elected and made suitable acknowledgement.

Election of Hon Secretary: - There were two nominations: - M<sup>r</sup> Leo Butlin proposed by M<sup>r</sup> C I Baker, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> F Jones and M<sup>r</sup> H Swallow proposed by M<sup>r</sup> T H E D Turner, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> E Buckley. A ballot was taken and resulted in M<sup>r</sup> H Swallow being elected for twelve months. M<sup>r</sup> Swallow thanked the members for his election and said that he would endeavour to carry out his duties in the best interests of the Club.

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

M<sup>r</sup> F Thornley proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Syd King, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> E Kidd. M<sup>r</sup> E S Jones proposed by M<sup>r</sup> R Whitfield seconded by M<sup>r</sup> J H Knowles. M<sup>r</sup> W Walker proposed by M<sup>r</sup> F H Knowlson, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> H Burlinson. M<sup>r</sup> H R Schofield proposed by M<sup>r</sup> J C Payne, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> A Salthouse. M<sup>r</sup> H Cawthron proposed by M<sup>r</sup> A Salthouse, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> T Moorhouse.

A ballot was taken and the Captain declared M<sup>r</sup> H R Schofield, M<sup>r</sup> E S Jones and M<sup>r</sup> H H Cawthron

duly elected for three years.

It was moved seconded and carried that figures by given shewing the result of the voting and the Captain supplied same.

M<sup>r</sup> E F Widdop and M<sup>r</sup> W Lowe were nominated as honorary Auditors, and as there were no other candidates they were declared elected.

The following were duly elected member of the Social Committee: - Mess<sup>rs</sup> J Whitehead, H Burlinson, E Buckley, L Butlin, N D Ainley and N S Dale.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that our best thanks be given to the Treasurer, Secretary, Auditors, Committee and secretaries of sub-committees for their services.

M<sup>r</sup> E Kidd proposed and M<sup>r</sup> A Dale seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Donors of Prizes and this was carried by acclamation.

Presentation of Prizes: - M<sup>r</sup> C I Baker the late Captain presented the prizes as follows: -

Kenworthy Cup and Memento, M<sup>r</sup> W Brown, runner up M<sup>r</sup> W Walker. Aitken Cup and Memento, M<sup>r</sup> W Stanfield, runner up M<sup>r</sup> H Haslam. Hall Cup and Memento, M<sup>r</sup> L Butlin, runner up M<sup>r</sup> H Ridyard. War Trophy and Memento, M<sup>r</sup> J Wills, runner up, M<sup>r</sup> J Lewis. Payne Bowl Memento M<sup>r</sup> W Walker, runner up, M<sup>r</sup> E Buckley. M<sup>r</sup> W H Andrew's "Infirmiry Cup" and memento: - M<sup>r</sup> J Wills, runner up M<sup>r</sup> W S Schofield. Captains Prize: - M<sup>r</sup> H Burlinson, runner up M<sup>r</sup> W Brown.

In connection with the Infirmiry Cup, the Captain informed the meeting that D<sup>r</sup> J V Fiddian had promised to provide the runner up prize as long as he remained in the district.

M<sup>r</sup> W H Andrew moved that M<sup>r</sup> J Gibson be elected a life member of the Club in recognition of his services as secretary for over a quarter of a century, this was seconded by M<sup>r</sup> E Hallsworth and supported by M<sup>r</sup> Jas Kershaw and carried unanimously and the Captain declared M<sup>r</sup> Gibson a life member of the Club and in doing so, presented him with a cheque as some acknowledgement for his past services.

M<sup>r</sup> E S Jones proposed and M<sup>r</sup> W H Andrew seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Captain, M<sup>r</sup> A Hall, they spoke highly of the services rendered by him during his two years of office and the vote was carried by acclamation.

M<sup>r</sup> Gibson, in thanking the members said that he appreciated the kind remarks that had been made regarding his services. He realised that this was the highest honour that the Club could confer upon him. He thanked the members and committee for their support and hoped that the same support would be given in future as no Club could be successful without it.

M<sup>r</sup> Gibson paid tribute to the first Committee of the Club who had carried out many schemes financial and otherwise under difficulties and thus made it possible for the undertaking to be carried on successfully. In giving up office, he was pleased to say that the

Course was in excellent condition, the financial position sound and that he was pleased to know that he had contributed in some small way to the success of the Club.

It was moved seconded and carried that a Honours Board be fixed to contain the names of Life Members.

It was decided that one end of the two open shelters be enclosed.

A vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding concluded the meeting.

**F Jones.**