

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BROADOAK HOTEL ON  
THURSDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 1969.**

**PRESENT:** The Captain (Mr. F. Robinson) in the Chair, the President, (Mr. J. Harrop) and about 143 members.

The Captain called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the Notice convening the Meeting. The Secretary then affirmed the Committee support to the Captain in changing the venue from the Club House to the Hotel because of the number of Members not being enabled to get into the room at the Club, when seats were all filled and standing room was not even possible: the danger of this situation was also mentioned.

**CAPTAIN'S  
REPORT:**

The Committee had again gone into the costing for the ensuing year and in view of the attitude prevailing at the Annual Meeting were now to recommend an increase for full Playing Members (Ladies & Gentlemen) of £2. Juniors in various categories to pay 10/-.

In mentioning the appointment of a Manager for the Club, the Captain said he felt the Committee had perhaps been rather hasty in not putting the matter before them, before, in fact deciding the issue. He then went on to define the heavy duties and tasks, especially of the Treasurer and Secretary, mentioning the fact that these tasks had grown over the years; and also other Secretaries of House, Greens and Bar, had numerous duties to perform. The appointment would have relieved all these voluntary Officers Mr. L. Butlin had, at the last Committee Meeting, informed the Committee that he now declined to allow his name to be put forward for the post of Manager of the Club.

The expenses of the Club were to be cut where possible, examples being less assistance in the Bar: cleaning and laundry to be investigated; the employment of a woman assistant in the afternoon, to be the liability of the Steward and Stewardess, after the first two hours work.

Details of a Sub-Committee Meeting with the Steward and Stewardess were then expounded by the Captain. He gave his assurance that all points raised at the Annual General Meeting were discussed and special facts of Members' complaints appertaining to service, civil attention, and the addressing of all Members by the Mulroys to be made in "Surname" terms: this must also be reciprocated by the Members.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT:**

Mr. L. Butlin the re-iterated some of the remarks he made at the previous meeting as to future costing. He referred to a letter received by the Secretary requesting certain details which were as follows: -

The breakdown of the figure of £2,264 appertaining to wages in the House Account.

The amount spent on Kitchen improvements over the last two years.

These items were all given in detail. The terms of reference in the employment of the Steward and Stewardess were explained, but no similar

conditions were available for other employed staff.

Numerous questions and explanations were requested from the body of the hall and the Treasurer answered these to the best of his ability.

MATTERS

RAISED:

Various Members then made suggestions and the Committee were asked to consider certain aspects relating to costs and general conditions. The main items which appeared to have support were:-

- (a) That Non-Members, when dining at the Club, should have a surcharge, to be fixed by the Committee which should go to the receipts of the Club.
- (b) That the cleaning staff should be cut, where possible.
- (c) That the woman employed for two hours per day to assist in catering services, be cut out altogether, as far as the financial liability of the Club was concerned.
- (d) That the courtesy of the Course being granted to the Steward was questioned.
- (e) That the appointment of a Club Manager was ill-timed and perhaps too expensive a liability at the moment. When, and if, such an appointment be made, this may be better advertised, so that applications could be received from out of the Club.

Certain Members felt it was time such a job was created and all would feel the benefit in better service and reduction in costs.

MANDATE:

The Captain then called upon the Members to grant the Committee their support in appointing a Manager in due course, when the time was considered opportune. On a Show of Hands, this was defeated by approximately 3-1 against.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Captain then requested observations on the proposed new Subscriptions.

Three proposals were made in addition to the one recommended by the Committee. These ranged from "the figures to stay as they were": "an increase of £1 for Full Members" to "an increase of 30/- for Full Members". These were all put to the Vote and the majority carried the Resolution that an Increase of £1 in Subscriptions be made to Full Playing Members (Ladies and Gentlemen) and 10/- for all Juniors. This had been proposed by Mr. R. Lees and seconded by Mr. N. Wrigley.

CLOSING

REMARKS:

The Captain then made one or two observations on the Meeting and assured the Members that Wages, perks and allowances of grants to the Steward and Stewardess would now be frozen forthwith.

The general body were then asked if they would prefer the next Annual General Meeting to be at the Broadoak Hotel and this appeared to be almost unanimous.

The Captain closed his remarks by observing that both Meetings had helped to "Clear the Air" as it were, and could do nothing but good in improving the atmosphere and conditions all round. He was most struck by matters raised by a number of Past Captains and Committee Members.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for chairing the Meeting, was made by the

Secretary, who congratulated him on handling matters so well.

The Meeting was then closed.

Signed..... F Robinson Captain

Date..... 7/3/70.