

Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting held Thursday October 1/53 called to interview further applicants for the vacancies of Steward and Wife.

Present: Mr R Wood (Chairman) and Messrs: - Hobson, Harrop, Cooper, Haworth, Wright, and Sykes.

The following applicants were interviewed: -

1. Mr & Mrs Tong, Dunahm Massey.
2. Mr & Mrs Booth, Satlybridge.
3. Mr & Mrs F E Cowen, 16 Union Street, Oldham.

The Committee were very favourably impressed by Applicants 1 and 3 and after discussion decided to appoint Mr & Mrs Cowen who were prepared to commence duties on Monday next October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Signed. J Harrop 15/10/53

#### **Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7-30 p.m.**

Present all Members of the Committee.

Mr Hobson, (Captain) in the Chair.

Mr Firth expressed pleasure at seeing the new Captain in Office and wished him success during his term as Captain. This was endorsed by all present.

The Captain opened the Meeting by welcoming the newly-elected Members to the Committee.

The following were appointed as Committee Secretaries: -

Handicap - Mr F Cooper

House - Mr H H Cawthron. Special thanks were extended to him for his services during the change of Steward.

Greens - Mr N Sykes. The Course Sub-Committee to consist of Messrs: - Bolt, Hobson and Buckley.

Catering - The Captain and Messrs: - Firth, Cawthron and Sykes. This Committee to work in conjunction with the Ladies' Committee.

Social - The Captain and Mr F Cooper.

The Minutes of Handicap, House and Greens Committee were approved. It was agreed that a letter be written to Mr Woods thanking him for his past services on the Committee and also for his special services in the Bar. In this connection Messrs: - Cawthron and N L Wright were thanked.

The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held September 17<sup>th</sup> were read and passed.

In Business arising: -

The Secretary reported on the latest information regarding tenancy of Dirk Farm.

Mr Bolt had dealt with the roughness of the Dining-room chairs and he was thanked for his efforts.

The Secretary gave details of Howards estimate for £25 for decorating the lounge. He was asked to obtain a price for doing it in plastic.

In Business arising from the Autumn Meeting: -

The request for a practice-net was left in abeyance.

As regarding catering facilities on Mondays it was thought that the change of Steward might enable something to be arranged in this connection.

Correspondence related to the Manchester and District Golf Alliance and Mr Cooper is to try and attend the Meeting.

Ben Hogan Competition in aid of Golf Foundation to be left in abeyance.

Accounts to the value of £368-2-11 were passed for payment.

Applications for Membership were received from: -

Mr E S Higginbotham, York House, York Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, Full Member.  
Mr P R Potter, "Claremont", Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne, Junior Member.

These were duly elected.

The Secretary referred to the Club's Licensed Hours as registered.

It was decided to close the Club-House during Winter on Sundays from 7 p.m. commencing Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was decided to appoint Mr V Haworth as Locker-Secretary during Mr Harrop's Captaincy.

Regarding the new Steward, it was agreed that a Fidelity Bond be taken out for £150. Mr Cawthron mentioned the spare Bar key which is to be handed to the Steward.

The Secretary's action in instructing Hadfields to write the Trophy Winners on the Boards was confirmed.

A Special Committee Meeting is to be held on Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> to consider the present financial position of the Club.

The Steward is to be given permission to leave his piano in the lounge for the time being.

Mr R Wood reported that he had fixed up with Mr Remington, Farmer, regarding an Agreement at a rental of £5 p.a.

It was agreed that the Winter Four-ball Competition shall be played from Competition Tees until Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> after which it may be played from the Tee-Boxes.

Mr Wright, Treasure is to arrange regarding the new Captain's signature for the Bank.

Mr Cooper enquired regarding the safe custody of the Trophies and he is to try and arrange for them to be kept at the Bank.

Mr Battersby reported that the Club Dance would be held on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> and he is to arrange with Mr Cawthron for the Steward to run the Bar at the Town Hall.

Signed. J Harrop 15/10/53