

**MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1971.**

PRESENT: The Captain, (A.N. Howard) in the Chair, the President (F. Cooper) and Messrs: R.H. Meeks, N. Howard, C.W. Cooper, J. Grundy, G.R. Windsor, F. Robinson, I.F.W. Kerr, W.S. Wrigley, J.W. Stephenson and P.W. Carter.

Apology for absence was received from J.T. Frost.

The Minutes of the last General Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS
ARISING

The Captain announced that he had seen Mrs. Whitehead again and the memorial to her late husband would be in the way of a seat with an appropriate plaque displayed.

The Greenkeeper's house should be shortly conveyed and it was agreed to make the suggested Loan as per the Minutes of the last Meeting. The Treasurer would see that this Loan was repaid by a deduction from wages at £2.00 per week. Mr. Butlin would draw up a Promissory Note and consult Mr. Rupert Wood, Solicitor about the Agreement.

The Greenkeeper had also been invited to bring his family down to Ashton and occupy the Club premises when they were vacated by Mr. & Mrs. Cowan, who would be leaving our employ on 14th December, 1971. This had been agreed upon.

The fact that the Veterans Cup appeared to be missing at the moment would be investigated as to the last known holder who had had this trophy in his possession.

The resignation of Mr. R. Scowcroft as Handicap Secretary which was to take effect immediately, was received and accepted with regret. Mr. W.S. Wrigley and Mr. F. Robinson would carry out these duties until the end of the current season.

The Captain Reported that he had seen Mr E. Wrigley and been informed that he was prepared to vacate the Land on 1st March, 1972, he therefore had instructed the General Secretary to write to Mr. Wrigley and also to the West Pennine Water Board to this effect.

The Secretary read out the copy letters which had been posted, one requesting Mr. Wrigley to write to the Board stating the fact in writing, and that we were agreeable to paying the sum of £500.00 at such time as the lease was signed over to the Golf Club Officials, to our satisfaction; and one to the Board stating our interest in the Land and also requesting a Report on the matter of Dirk Farm becoming vacant and what the position would be as to the future policy of the Board towards the property.

The Captain then announced that the Captain-elect for the Season 1973/4 would be the present General Secretary, P.W. Carter, should the Members approve.

In turn, Mr. F. Robinson had agreed to take over the duties of General

Secretary. If elected.

GREENS
COMMITTEE:

Mr. Meeks gave Report on current matters, in conjunction with notes from Mr. Frost, who had not been enabled to stay for the Committee Meeting.

It was agreed that Mr. Wood would be employed by the Club to dig drains on the 8th and 9th Fairways.

The Digger had now been purchased for the tractor.

The Committee agreed that the Tee near the 18th Green should be cleared away.

The matter of a Storage Shed would be left in abeyance until a suitable price could be agreed upon.

The question as to certain bunkers on the Course being filled in would be investigated.

BAR
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary formally announced the resignation of the Steward and Stewardess, which was accepted and approval given to the action so far taken as to advertising and interviews carried out. The matter was being further pursued.

The Bar Secretary was sorry to Report that the latest Stocktaking figure showed a further deficiency of £49.15p which, from the figures, appeared to be in Whisky stocks. The control card had not been kept by the Steward, as requested, and he therefore agreed he would have to be responsible and no monies would be returned to him, from his Cash Bond, at the moment. The Committee would review this position after the next Stocktaking, when shortages would then be made good.

Mr. Greenhough had drawn up a Rota of duties for the Staff remaining, so that the Bar would be open most of the time. Mr. N. Howard kindly proffered his services to assist in deliveries if called upon. Mr. Greenhough would be responsible for the keys to the Spirit Storeroom and Mr. Gibson would lock up the premises each night and cash up each morning. Mr. Butlin would see that the monies were banked.

Concern was expressed "from all sides" about the latest deficiency and a vigorous control would have to be maintained in the future. Any new Steward would have this point strongly pointed out to him and the wishes of the Committee and system defined, must be maintained.

HOUSE
COMMITTEE:

The appointment of a new Steward and Stewardess was also discussed in this Committee Business.

The Members present agreed that in principle the interviewing Members would have permission to increase the Salary to £1,250 per annum, if they thought this advisable, with six weeks Notice being required on either side, together with a Fidelity Bond of £500 being entered into.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £1.709.57p.

The new Gaming Machines were showing a net profit of £9.63 per week. The General Secretary was asked to approach Mr. Hague with a view to the machines paying out more generous odds.

Mr. Butlin was authorised to hand out gifts of money to the staff at Christmas.

RESIGNATIONS
AND
APPLICATIONS:

No Resignations, were received and a number of applications were read to the Committee, which would be left in abeyance.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

The General Secretary stated that he had written to the Ladies' Section Committee that it was proposed to change the Ladies' Playing Day to Thursdays, as from 25th March, 1972.

Mr R. Sheldon, M.P. had accepted the Honorary Membership of the Club with thanks.

The President brought the attention of the Committee to the names of three Ladies who might be considered for Life Membership. It was felt that the proposal should come from the Ladies' Committee, then the full Committee would consider these. The matter was left in the hands of the ~~President~~ Captain.

The General Secretary mentioned that it was time we considered the proposal for reduced Subscriptions for older Members of many years standing, and this was taken up by Mr. Butlin who promised to bring proposals to the Annual Financial Meeting of the Committee on this matter.

The formulation of working Sub-Committees who would report to the full Committee each month, was not carried, and it was Resolved that the Committee function as before. Sub-Committees could be formed if and when thought necessary.

The death of Mr. Eric Whitehead was recorded with regret.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the next Committee Meeting would be held on 13th January, 1972.

Signed..... A N Howard..... Captain
Date 13/1/72.....