

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BROADOAK HOTEL,
ASHTON-under-Lyne on THURSDAY, 6th MARCH, 1975

PRESENT: The Captain (Mr.W.Roberts) in the Chair, the President (Mr.J.Buckley, J.P.) and approximately 120 Members.

The Captain opened the Meeting and welcomed all present.

He then requested the Members to stand in silence in respect to those who had died during the past year. These included Mr. N.S.Dale, Mrs.W.Derbyshire, Mr.J.H.Firth, Mr.E.P.Poole, Mr.E.Baines and Mr.S.Walker.

The General Secretary was requested to read the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th March, 1974.

These were accepted as a true and correct record.

MATTERS
ARISING:

Mr.H.Schofield requested that the replacement of divots, as mentioned by the General Secretary, be emphasised to all present.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Mr.L.Butlin, in his 21st Report, gave a detailed explanation of the Income and Expenditure Accounts. Income had increased by £3000 over the estimate, but the expenditure had increased by £4,000. There was a surplus of £1,000 for the year compared with £4,000 the previous year.

AUDITORS'
REPORT:

Mr.W.Pickles Reported that Mr.B.Kay and himself had audited the Accounts and there were no queries.

Questions from the floor were answered and the cost of cleaning the Club House was a topic for discussion. The Captain stated that the Committee were attempting to reduce this cost in the near future.

^{PROPOSED}
Mr.F.Cooper and Mr.H.Greaves seconded the adoption of the Accounts.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT:

The Secretary spoke of the abnormal amount of rain suffered in the Autumn and Winter months and the fact that the Course had taken this far better than other Courses in the area.

Changes had been made in the greenkeeping Staff and an assistant professional would be commencing his duties the following week.

It was intended to hold a Special General Meeting in the near future to discuss the possibilities of

a new Club House.

Competitions had been well supported and both Club Teams had won their respective divisions in the Oldham & District League.

Waiting Lists were in operation for Male Membership and this was likely to continue.

He appealed to all Members to challenge unauthorised people trespassing on the Course and spoke of the problems of vandalism.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Hon.Treasurer proposed and the Hon.Secretary seconded that the Subscriptions be increased as set out in the Agenda.

After some discussion, the Subscriptions as listed were passed by a substantial majority.

Amendments to Constitutional Rules 4, 8a and 15 as listed in the Agenda, were passed unanimously.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Mr.Alan Dixon gave a concise Report on social activities and the Captain thanked him and his Committee for their efforts.

ELECTION OF CAPTAIN:

Mr.W.Roberts proposed and Mr.P.W.Carter seconded the election of Mr.J.T.Frost as our Captain for 1975. This was carried with musical honours.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mr.J.Buckley proposed and Mr.W.O.Bolt seconded the election of Mr.E.B.Hartley to be our President for 1975. This was carried with musical honours.

CAPTAIN ELECT:

Mr.C.W.Cooper proposed and Mr.A.N.Howard seconded the election of Mr.A.J.Dixon as Captain-Elect for 1975.

This was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

The following were elected:-

For THREE YEARS:

Messrs.P.W.Carter, P.H.Stansfield and W.S.Wrigley.

For ONE YEAR:

Messrs.S.G.Butlin and R.Potter.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The following were elected:-

Messrs.P.W.Carter, R.Ferris, D.Fowden, B.Hudson, J.Merriman, W.Roberts and M.Winterbottom.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

Mr.K.Dodd suggested that the value of prizes in Club Competitions was insufficient.
It was suggested that a levy be placed on all Members to improve the Standard.

Mr.Merriman appealed for more support on Social occasions.

Mr.S.Butlin asked for clarification of the 'Out of Bounds' markings from the 11th tee.

Mr.B.Hudson asked if it were possible for the rule in Knockout Competitions regarding the compulsory playing of 9 or 18 holes after a tie on the first 18 be changed, so that if the two sides agree, 'sudden death' could be played.

Mr.H.Craig suggested that the Competition Sheets be posted early in the week of the Competition.

Mr.Spencer suggested that the old 16th hole be played and a new tee be made on the 17th to play the 18th green.

Mr.Pickles suggested a levy on all Members to compel them to spend this money over the Bar.

All these suggestions would be considered by the Committee.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 11-20 p.m. with a VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding.

Signed.....Captain.

Date..... 4/12/75

Rising cost of a game of golf

THE ROARING cost of inflation has hit golf clubs and members of Ashton. At their annual meeting they approved an increase of thirty per cent in subscriptions. Mr Leo Butlin, in presenting his twenty first treasurers report, explained the reasons for the steep increase which he said were largely to maintain the existing standards.

Mr Butlin emphasised that the club was in a sound financial position.

The secretary, Mr Frank Robinson, referred to the abnormal amount of rain in the past six months and added that the course had stood up well to the deluge in comparison with other courses in the area.

He announced that the club had appointed an assistant professional to help professional, Charles Gillett, who had served the club well for 26 years.



MR J. T. FROST

The assistant Michael Walker, is a former junior member of the club who turned professional twelve months ago. Michael is 18 and has been with the Withington club. He will be available for teaching and for playing with members and will play off a handicap of two. It is intended to encourage Michael in competitive golf.

Mr J. T. Frost was elected captain. He has been a member of the committee for four years and has a particular interest in the greenkeeping side. The new president is Mr E. B. Hartley, a former captain.

The following officials were also elected: secretary Mr F. Robinson, treasurer Mr L. Butlin, committee Messrs S. G. Butlin, P. W. Carter, R. Potter, P. H. Stansfield and W. S. Wrigley.

The captain-elect is Mr A. J. Dixon and Mr David Scott is social secretary.