

**Annual Autumn General Meeting: Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 1944.**

Present: M<sup>r</sup> A Hall in the Chair and 60 members.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> were read and adopted.

The Election of Officers then took place: -

Captain: - M<sup>r</sup> Chas I Baker proposed by M<sup>r</sup> A Hall seconded by M<sup>r</sup> E S Jones and carried unanimously. M<sup>r</sup> Hall referred to the excellent services of M<sup>r</sup> Baker and asked the members to give the same support to the new captain as they had given to him during his term of office. M<sup>r</sup> E S Jones also referred to the work done by M<sup>r</sup> Baker on the Committee and M<sup>r</sup> L Butlin supported.

M<sup>r</sup> Baker then took the chair, he stated that he appreciated the honour conferred upon him and would do his best to further the interests of the Club and members; he referred to the cattle on the Course and said that he would be glad to see their removal at an early date; also mentioned the work of the Treasurer, Secretary, House Secretary and Secretary of the Social Committee and thanked the members for his election, also thanked all Donors of Prizes.

Election of Treasurer: - M<sup>r</sup> J H Firth, proposed by M<sup>r</sup> R Shepherd seconded by M<sup>r</sup> R Bennett who both spoke highly of M<sup>r</sup> Firth's services in the past. M<sup>r</sup> Firth was declared elected.

M<sup>r</sup> Jas Kershaw moved a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and M<sup>r</sup> J W Whitworth seconded and this was carried and M<sup>r</sup> Firth acknowledged.

Secretary: - M<sup>r</sup> J Gibson proposed by M<sup>r</sup> S Burton seconded by M<sup>r</sup> W Brown. M<sup>r</sup> H Swallow proposed by M<sup>r</sup> W Walker seconded M<sup>r</sup> J W Whitworth. M<sup>r</sup> Swallow with the consent of his mover and seconder withdrew his nomination and the Captain declared M<sup>r</sup> J Gibson elected. M<sup>r</sup> Gibson acknowledged his election and thanked the members.

For the three vacancies on the Committee: -

M<sup>r</sup> R Bennett proposed by M<sup>r</sup> E Buckley seconded by D<sup>r</sup> Cochar

M<sup>r</sup> R Wood proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Sy<sup>d</sup> Hall seconded by M<sup>r</sup> R Hartley.

M<sup>r</sup> F Jones proposed by M<sup>r</sup> L Moorhouse seconded by M<sup>r</sup> H Mather.

As there were no other nominations, the three retiring members were elected for three years.

Auditors: -

M<sup>r</sup> E F Widdop proposed by M<sup>r</sup> N Jackson seconded by M<sup>r</sup> H R Schofield. M<sup>r</sup> W Lowe proposed by M<sup>r</sup> H Swallow seconded by M<sup>r</sup> H Cawthron were declared elected.

Election of four Members to the Social Committee: - The following members were elected, Mess<sup>rs</sup> J Whitehead, H Burlinson, E Buckley, L Butlin, and N D Ainley

The ex-Captain presented the prizes won during the past season.

Kenworthy Cup and Memento, M<sup>r</sup> W Brown, runner up M<sup>r</sup> L Butlin.

Aitken Cup & Memento, M<sup>r</sup> R Wood, runner up M<sup>r</sup> W Brown.

Hall Cup and Memento, M<sup>r</sup> S Burton, runner up M<sup>r</sup> H R Schofield.

War Trophy and Memento, M<sup>r</sup> N D Ainley, runner up, M<sup>r</sup> E F Widdop.

Payne Bowl Memento M<sup>r</sup> J W Whitworth, runner up, M<sup>r</sup> L Butlin.

Captains Prize: - M<sup>r</sup> J W Whitworth, runner up M<sup>r</sup> R Bennett.

Four-ball bogey competition held this day: Winners: - Mess<sup>rs</sup> W Brown and H R Schofield, 5 up on bogey.

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> A Hall thanked the mover and seconder, also the members and said that he had done his best to serve the Club and its members, and thanked everyone for their support and hoped that the same support and backing would be accorded to his successor.

M<sup>r</sup> L Butlin raised the question of the election of Captain and nomination by the Committee, also the question of election of Captain for one year only and asked the Committee to consider the question. Mess<sup>rs</sup> J W Whitworth, W H Andrew, R Wood, T H E D Turner, E S Jones and R Bennett took part in the discussion which followed. The Captain promised that the Committee would give the question consideration.

M<sup>r</sup> Butlin suggested that the Kenworthy Cup competition should be altered and the Captain promised that this ~~should~~ would be considered by the Committee.

M<sup>r</sup> W E Sowerbutts asked the Committee to consider the question of keeping the Club-house open until 10-0 p.m. on Sunday evenings during Winter time, this was supported by M<sup>r</sup> R Whitfield and the Captain said that the matter would receive consideration.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 1945 C.I.Baker.**