

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14th JANUARY 1960.

Present: H. Greaves (Captain) in the Chair and 7 Members
Messrs. Baxendale, Broadbent, Buckley, Broucher Gregory, Hartley, Lees,
the secretary and the treasurer.

Apologies for absence: Messrs. Plant and Bolt.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and signed as correct.

CALENDAR

J. Buckley proposed and C. Baxendale seconded, that the calendar prepared by the Handicap Secretary be adopted and this was unanimously agreed.

HOUSE

Heating was discussed again, and it was thought that the Steward was managing this side of his job quite well, but that he should be instructed to put a fire in the Smoke Room on busy nights, or as the weather dictated.

It was agreed that coal bunkers be bought to assist in the carrying and string of coal.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Accounts passed for payment to the value of £526-11-5d.

It was proposed by J. Buckley and seconded by R. Lees that final notices be sent out to those members still in arrears at 14.1.60. A special Finance meeting was called for Monday, January 25th 1960, at 7.30 p.m. in the Club House.

RESIGNATIONS.

The resignations of H. Bennett (social member) Mrs. E.E. Bennett (full member) and T.H.E.D. Turner (country member) were accepted with regret.

GREENS COMMITTEE

Equipment Purchase - There was discussion whether a new tractor should be bought, or gang mower units, and finally, at the suggestion of the Treasurer, it was decided that a decision could be arrived at when he was in a position to give a more accurate statement of the financial situation now and in the immediate future. Bank borrowing to cover machinery purchase was included in this discussion.

New Tee Positions – Proposed by E. Hartley and seconded by H.H. Broadbent, that the 2nd be extended approximately 40 yards to the new tee which is now pegged out. 13th - proposed by C. Baxendale and seconded by H.H. Broadbent that there be no change at this hole. 10th tee – E. Brooks to peg out a proposed tee on the 16th and another on the caddies pitch, with a view to the Committee and Members experimenting from these positions to see if either would be an improvement. 15th tee – E Brooks to peg out a new tee approximately 50 yards back, and somewhere near the fence at the third.

Frank Cooper to be approached to supply timber for E. Brooks to make competition and L.G.U. flags. J. Buckley agreed to make new flag poles.

E. Brooks to move forthwith on to the forward winter tees.

The secretary to consider buying ashes for the pond site, if this can be arranged at an economical figure.

The new hole lengths to be incorporated in the 1960/61 calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE

Valuation – Rating Assessment. - It was proposed by R. Lees and seconded by H.H. Broadbent that the Secretary approach R. Cordingley with a view to appealing against the rating assessment. C. Broucher was good enough to volunteer to provide Mr. Cordingley with all relevant information.

Claim by Mrs Henshall – Claim from Royal Insurance Co. to be completed and posted to Norman Sykes for the Company's consideration.

Fence at 3rd Tee – It was agreed that R. Cordingley be approached again to clarify the position whether in fact the fence is a party one or the owner's responsibility.

Clayton Aniline Golfing Society – The application by this Society to play at 4.45 p.m. on Friday, July 15th, 1960, was approved subject to the usual conditions.

British Golf Greenkeepers' Association – Their circular regarding nomination of an Associate Member, be filed without action.

Slazenger Film Show – The application by the Social Committee for the Smoke Room to be open to the ladies on 5th February, 1960, on the occasion of the Slazenger Golf Film was approved. This was moved by C. Baxendale and seconded by R. Lees.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Captain thanked E. Hartley for allowing his name to go forward for Captaincy in 1960/61; all retiring Committee Members were also thanked. The matter of a House Secretary to follow K. Gregory upon his retirement in March, is to be discussed later.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

H.Greaves..... Captain 11/2/60 Date.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING HELD 25th JANUARY 1960.

Present: H. Greaves (Captain) in the Chair and 7 Members
Messrs. Firth, Broadbent, Broucher, Buckley, Plant, Hartley, Lees,
the treasurer and the secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Treasurer submitted estimates for 1960, and it was agreed that because of the rise in expenditure the Committee would have to consider an increase in the subscription rates. J. Buckley proposed and C. Broucher seconded, that the subscriptions should be increased and that this matter should be put before a general meeting to be held on the 12th March,

at 7 p.m. Incorporated in this proposal was a suggestion that there be a graded subscription for juniors, and that they be allowed to play in competitions, providing they pay a higher subscription rate which will be proposed for this purpose. These general proposals were carried. An amendment proposed by R. Lees and seconded by H.H. Broadbent for a flat rate of increase on all subscriptions was not carried.

The treasurer brought up the matter of giving receipts for subscriptions, and the consequent expense, and postage involved, and it was agreed that no receipts are to be given for subscriptions paid by cheque, unless a member specifically asks for one.

MACHINERY

A discussion took place on the proposed purchase of machinery. It was proposed by R. Lees and seconded by R. Plant, that the Fordson tractor be reconditioned, and that a suitable rough cutter be purchased. An amendment proposed by J. Buckley and seconded by H.H. Broadbent, suggested that a new tractor be bought and a new autoscythe (or similar) to cut the rough. A further amendment proposed by C. Broucher and seconded by J.H. Firth, suggested that a reconditioned tractor be purchased and some suitable means of cutting the rough. A vote was taken and the first amendment was carried that a new tractor and new rough cutter be purchased. It was agreed that the Greens Committee should inspect a Patisson tractor at work, and that suitable implements to cut the semi-rough be purchased.

HONORARIA

It was proposed by J. Buckley and seconded by C. Broucher, that L. Butlin's secretary receives an honorarium of five guineas, and that W.E. Sowerbutts' secretary receives an honorarium of ten guineas.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

H Greaves.....Captain

11/2/60 Date