

General Committee Meeting Thursday July 9th 1931.

Present: F Moss in the Chair.

Mess^{rs} Reg Bennett, H Ridyard, E Raines, P Tildsley, H L Boardman, J C Payne, J Lothead, W H Andrew, E S Jones, R Wood and J Gibson.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and passed.

The following: - duly nominated and seconded were passed for membership by ballot: -

Playing Members: - M^r L N Morton, M^{rs} L N Morton, M^{rs} J H Barratt, M^{rs} D King, M^{rs} P Bleasdale and Miss N Bennison. Honorary Members: - M^r H Dean and M^{rs} Sydney Wright.

The following accounts were passed for payment: - J W Hall Ltd 1/1/-, Royal Insurance Co 12/10/9, J W Burton & Son 12/-, Ashton Gas Co 6/8/10, J W Kenworthy 29/6/-, J Andrew & Co Ltd 1/0/6, Williamson & Ball 8/9, and S Travis 1/7/11. Total £52-15-9.

It was reported that the Social Committee would hold their first meeting on Wednesday July 15th.

The Minutes of the House Committee were read and accepted.

M^r Ridyard reported the gift of a vacuum cleaner by Miss G and Miss B Earnshaw and it was decided that the Secretary write to them conveying the thanks and appreciation of the Committee.

The Minutes of the Handicap Committee were read and accepted.

M^r Boardman Stated that the profit on the "Open Day" amounted to 4/- and this was considered very satisfactory. It was decided that our best thanks be given to M^r Boardman, M^r Bennett and M^r Payne for their valuable services in this connection.

A discussion took place respecting the revision of handicaps and it was decided that the question be dealt with at a Handicap Committee Meeting to be held on July 23rd, Thursday at 8-0 p.m.

The Minutes of the Greens Committee were accepted as read.

A letter from M^r A Platt was read complaining that a Caddie had taken a ball from his bag on "Open Day". It was left with the Secretary to reply.

A letter from M^r P Andrews was read reporting that 3 or 4 balls had been taken from his locker. The question was discussed and the matter considered very serious, but unfortunately the culprits are difficult to discover. It was decided that as a means of discouraging thefts of this kind, members should be requested to stamp their golf balls and that the ball marker be removed from the professional's shop and be fixed on the small shelf next the Dining R^m door.

G Robson

13th Aug 1931

Special General Committee Meeting Thursday July 23rd 31.

Present: G Robson in the Chair.

Mess^{rs} F Moss, P Tildsley, H L Boardman, R Bennett, E S Jones, W H Andrew and J Gibson.

The meeting was called to receive the report of the Sub-Committee respecting certain proposal for cutting down expenditure on the Course.

The Secretary reported that no definite meeting of the Sub-Committee had been held, but that he had seen Brooks and mentioned the various proposals to him; viz: - The engaging of a Youth at a less salary to take the place of Baker; also engaging Brennan for part time work; or employing the Steward; and Brooks stated that he saw no reason why such arrangements should not work satisfactorily, but he preferred the first suggestion.

Since then Brooks had been seen and the Secretary and Brooks had seen Brennan and asked him if he knew of any likely youth capable of handling the horse, he did not know anyone then, but promised to look around and since then has stated that he knew of a man with the necessary knowledge.

This information has been conveyed to both M^r Ridyard and M^r Bennett and they no doubt have something to say on the subject.

Mention was also made of the point that it might be possible to cut down on staff in Winter for say twelve weeks.

Various matters in the above connection were discussed but M^r Bennett, one of the Sub-Committee considered that a meeting of the Sub-Committee should have been called and that they should have met to discuss the question. It was therefore decided to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Friday July 24th at 8-0 p.m.

The Captain, having returned from holiday was invited to join the Sub-Committee.

G Robson
13 Aug 1931

Sub-Committee Meeting Friday July 24th 31.

Present: G Robson in the Chair.

Mess^{rs} H Ridyard, R Bennett and J Gibson.

The meeting was called to discuss ways and means and prepare a report on the question of cutting down expenses on the Ground Staff.

Various matters were discussed and Brooks attended and was questioned on various matters appertaining to the upkeep of the Course.

It was finally unanimously decided to recommend to the Committee that Baker be given one

months' notice to terminate his services at the end of September (26th), also that one of the men on the Ground Staff "either Lees or Marsden" at the option of Brooks "be given one months' notice to terminate at the same time.

The Ground Staff would then be reduced to Brooks and one other man for the Winter, which would mean that the general upkeep would continue but reconstruction would be suspended.

In addition it is recommended that the Horse, Harness and Cart be sold at the end of September and any necessary carting be hired.

The arrangement suggested "if approved by the Committee?" would result in a saving (taking 5 months as the period) of £132 and leave the Committee free to entertain the purchase of a Motor Tractor or purchase another horse at the beginning of the Season; and make the necessary alterations in Staff for any change that might be thought advisable.

G Robson

13 Aug 1931.