

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE  
ON THURSDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1971.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. Grundy and L. Butlin.

The Captain Reported on a visit which he had made to see Mr. Grundy who had sustained an accident.

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

MATTERS            The Boiler, with burner had now been installed by Messrs. Harry Taylor & Sons  
ARISING:            and was in the process of being tested.

The Men's Open Day had been most successful and congratulations were extended to all concerned.

The Account was produced from Mr. N.S. Dale for costs of entertaining visiting teams at Junior Matches and this was approved.

The fact that the Juniors had now joined a League was formally approved.

The General Secretary was requested to write to Birkdale Golf Club to ascertain the possibility of obtaining Arm Bands to designate Junior Club Vouchers.

As far as the Land position was concerned, there had been no further developments in the situation since the previous Committee Meeting.

A proposed memorial to the late Mr. J. Whitehead could perhaps be acceptable in the form of a seat or other suitable gift to the Club. Should a prize wish to be given, this could be donated annually until such time as Mrs. Whitehead decided to cease, and at no time would be a liability to the Committee.

The Committee confirmed the fact that current Record Breaking Rounds should be displayed in the Club in the form of a copy of the Card and an Honours Board should also be purchased and such Records displayed shewing the date, length of Course, Name and Score.

A Board for the General Secretary's Notices had now been ordered and would be available for use in the near future.

The Captain stated that he had approached a number of Past Captains of the Club and the consensus of opinion appeared to be that we could, in fact, invite the Senior Manchester Golf Alliance to play a Fixture next Season, this to be a Medal Round, to accommodate the offer of Mr. W.E. Sowerbutts.

Mr. Curry of 403, Kings Road, Ashton had complained of car parking at the Open

Day and it was thought not to be our responsibility when cars were parked outside the Car Park.

HANDICAP  
COMMITTEE:

The fact that one of the Finalists would be out of the country on Captain's Final Day was Reported, and it was Resolved that this date be postponed until September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1971 when the Kenworthy Cup Final would be commenced at 9-45 a.m. and the Captain's Final at 10-00 a.m., the first Tee to be reserved from 9-30 a.m. until 10-0 a.m.

GREENS  
COMMITTEE:

The Head Greenkeeper, who attended the Meeting personally, stated that he did not feel that we needed a new Mower at the present time, but thought a new Slit Tiner should be purchased, which was approved.

He also gave a Report on the condition of the Course together with Messrs. Fison's latest communication.

Mr. Meeks and Mr. Frost both gave the Committee a resume of work and conditions, in which it was stated that a new tank had been purchased for use in the sprinkling of weed killer.

Mr. W.S. Wrigley gave a detailed Report on the condition of Trees and the future development and planning of same. He promised to contact Mr. Wilson the Head Greenkeeper and discuss plans and methods with him.

The general opinion appeared to be that some future tree planting should take place, when it had been decided how much money could be allocated for this purpose and what method should be adopted, i.e. new trees or the establishment of a nursery or both.

Thanks was expressed to the President for carrying out physical work on the Course in readiness for important events and the changes in staff.

The fact that a shed was required to store soil, fertilizers or sand, was agreed upon. Various sites were discussed for this building and it was thought this should be as near to the existing huts as possible, although some objection may be forthcoming from householders.

The Greens Secretaries would pursue the matter of a full drain plan on the Course being available for any study desirable.

Mr Frost Reported that water was not, in fact, in two mains appertaining to the Meter Points and this matter was to be further investigated by himself and the Water Authorities.

BAR  
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary allowed the Committee a sight of a letter which he had received from Mr. K. Rogerson explaining the price increases and the promise that we should be warned of any further rises.

The Bar Takings were improving once more and a tighter control was now being exercised on Stock and Spirits in particular.

HOUSE  
COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary stated that the Steward and Stewardess had left to go on holiday earlier than originally arranged and permission had not in fact, been given by him. The general reports appeared to suggest that meals were not as

they had been and the Captain and House Secretary would interview the Steward and Stewardess stating that we must have an improvement.

RESIGNATIONS    No resignations had been received and the applications for Membership were  
AND read out to the Committee, the Captain stating these would be interviewed in  
NOMINATIONS: due course.

Mr. Robinson requested a discreet opinion on the fact that he had been approached by a Mr. Hallsworth, with a view to applying for membership, and he was advised against this, which point was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The General Secretary read four letters to the Committee on the structure of ruling bodies of Four Golf Clubs and the attitude they took in reducing subscriptions for Senior Citizens. These he promised to pass on to Mr. Butlin on his return from holiday.

Mr. Windsor was requested to purchase new shades to replace broken ones in the upstairs Lounge in the Club House, as requested in the letter received from the Ladies' Section.

ANY OTHER    The tiles in front of the Smoke Room Bar would be renewed.  
BUSINESS:

The decorating of the Smoke Room would be carried out after Mr. Windsor had received estimates for same.

Mr Frost drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that so many Major Competitions took place in September causing an extra busy time for the Greens Staff at a time when certain course work should be carried out. This would be considered by the Captain-Elect and his Calendar Committee, together with Mr. Frost in due course and also the fact that the Entrance Fees could be increased for certain Competitions, i.e. Open and Invitation Days, to allow for one free drink on the Course.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the next General Committee Meeting to take place on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1971

Signed A N Howard Captain

Date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1971

---