

MINUTES OF SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE

ON THURSDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1973.

PRESENT: The Captain (C.W.Cooper) in the Chair, the President, (F.Cooper) and Messrs. P.W.Carter, L.Butlin, J.T.Frost, S.Bennett, K.J.Clayton, A.E.Pye, W.Roberts, G.R.Windsor, W.S.Wrigley, T.E.Yaxley, J. Edwards and F.Robinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr.A.N.Howard.

The news of the death of Mr.W.Derbyshire this morning, was received with deep regret.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr.W.O.Bolt, accepting with thanks, the Presidency of the Club for the year commencing March, 1973.

The Secretary placed before the Meeting a Resolution signed by 29 Members calling for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting in order to consider the imposition of a £50 Levy on all Full Playing Members, to provide for the purchase of Land.

It was decided that this be held at the Broadoak Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1973 at 7-30 p.m. and a notice be displayed in the Club House and all full playing Members be notified.

A notice would also be posted stating that the Captain, Treasurer and Secretary are prepared to negotiate with Members in connection with loans to the Club of a minimum of £1,000 at favourable terms to the lenders.

The Annual General Meeting was fixed at the Broadoak Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne on Tuesday, 6th March, 1973 at 7-30 p.m.

RESIGNATIONS: L.J.Hanratty (Full Playing)
W.Liddle (Full Playing)
S.Ferguson (Provisional)

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting.

Signed..........Captain

Date.....11/1/73.....

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE

ON THURSDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1973.

PRESENT:

The Captain (Mr.C.W.Cooper) in the Chair, the President (F.Cooper) and Messrs. P.W.Carter, L.Butlin, J.T.Frost, S.Bennett, K.J.Clayton, A.E.Pye, S.Roberts, G.R.Windsor, W.S.Wrigley, J.Edwards and F.Robinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs.A.N. Howard and T.Yaxley.

The Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on 14th December, 1972 and the Special Committee Meeting held on 4th January, 1973 were read and approved.

GREENS COMMITTEE:

It was Agreed that a Sub-Committee investigate the condition of the shed with a view to repair.

The Greens Secretary Reported that the staking of the boundary of the new ground had been completed and the wiring would be done in the near future.

The bridge over the 13th was in process of being reinforced and the support posts repaired.

It was Agreed that Mr.Frost and Mr.Butlin attempt to see Mr.Elton of the West Pennine Water Board to iron out various problems in connection with moles, **water** points &c.

BAR COMMITTEE:

Spirits sold at cut price over Christmas amounted to £124.46. It was felt that this venture had been successful and that it should be repeated next year at an earlier date.

The new Stocktaker had taken stock on 2nd January, 1973 and his Report would be available shortly.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary Reported on the meeting with the Steward and Stewardess. He said that they complained that the selling of crisps and nuts would affect their catering profits.

They were told of complaints regarding their attitude to Members and also of the cleanliness of the Club.

A full discussion had followed and it was hoped there would be an improvement.

The House and Bar Secretaries would give instructions as to future requirements of cleanliness and service, and full authority was given to issue ultimatums.

FINANCE
COMMITTEE:

Accounts passed for payment amounted to £962.29

<u>Gaming Machines</u> , 52 weeks - Receipts	756.00
Expenses	<u>557.50</u>

Profit..... £: 198.50

The first subscription of Mr.Heathcote had not been paid and his name was removed from the list of Members.
Resignation: E.Howarth

NOMINATIONS: These were left on the table until next month.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

An application from the Institute of Brewery Golfing Society for facilities of the Course on Thursday, June 28th, 1973 was accepted.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the next Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8th February 1973.

Signed..........Captain

Date..........

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BROADOAK HOTEL,
ASHTON, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1973.

THE CAPTAIN (C.W.Cooper) presided and there were approximately 160 members present.

BUSINESS: The Captain welcomed all Members present and reminded them that only the matter on the Agenda could be discussed.

He then called upon Mr.Robert Frost, who suggested that it was unfair that older Members would have the advantage of the schemes, as the younger generation could not afford to pay the sums involved. He proposed a levy of £50. per Full Playing Member, which, he said, would realise £17,500.

Mr.N.Casson, in seconding the Resolution, said that if many members took advantage of the schemes, there would be a serious loss of revenue in the future and the younger members would have to shoulder this extra burden by way of greatly increased subscriptions in years to come.

Mr.L.Butlin replied on behalf of the Committee, giving a full history of the objectives we needed to achieve and the conditions pertaining to the application for grant to the National Sports Council. He stated that all methods of raising the necessary capital had been explored and that the first suggestion of a levy had been turned down by the Committee for a number of reasons. It had been felt that it would bear unfairly on elderly members who were now on reduced subscriptions and on fixed incomes, Life Members, new Members who had paid a £40 entrance fee and younger Members with new family and mortgage commitments. A Levy could only lead to numerous resignations. Mr.Butlin then went on to explain in great detail the various schemes outlined in the circular sent to all Members at the end of November and he appealed to everyone to participate in the scheme which was applicable to his own personal circumstances.

Numerous Members spoke from the floor and eventually a vote was called for.

At this juncture Mr.Wellock rose to point out that under Club Law, no Resolution could be put to the Meeting as the Notice of Meeting did not contain a specific Resolution, proposed and seconded by Members. This was accepted by the Chair and it was decided to ask for an expression of opinion by the Meeting. The result, on a show of hands, showed 14 in favour of a compulsory levy and an overwhelming majority against.

The Meeting closed at 10-0 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding.

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