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It is with regret that we find we have reached the end of the Chairmanship of Mr. E. R. James, who for the past 12 months has proved such a worthy Chairman, and we offer our very sincere congratulations and thanks for his services.

We now look to our Vice-Chairman, Mr. V. W. Smith, to succeed Mr. James and we have every confidence in his ability to occupy this office.

Mr. Dix retired from office of Secretary/Treasurer at the end of April, and we offer our thanks for his 14 years service and wish both Mr. and Mrs. Dix a long and happy retirement.

Once again we would like to express our sincere thanks to the R & A for again providing free passes to some of our members to attend the Open Championship, a privilege much appreciated by those able to make the trip.

The Wage Scale was again reviewed by the Executive Committee last March, and their new recommendations should again prove to be beneficial to our members.

The Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping is now in being, and Mr. G. R. Richards has been appointed as the Training Co-ordinator.

The Apprenticeship Scheme is still going ahead and our thanks are due to the Officers for their efforts in this scheme.

The F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund which had a balance of £326 has now been transferred to the Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping.

Membership

Once again there has been a steady increase in membership. A most satisfying situation.

Annual Tournament

The 57th Annual Tournament was held last year at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, Swanage, with approximately 66 members taking part. Once again we had a very enjoyable meeting and we are sure that all those who took part had a very enjoyable visit to Dorset. We much appreciate the courtesy and kindness of all the officials and staff at Purbeck for their efforts to make our visit so pleasant, and we would again express our appreciation of all the Trade Associations who help so generously to make our prize table a worthy effort, and the representatives and friends who gave so much practical help.

Sections

Our thanks are again due to the Officers who take such an active part in Sections activities, which undoubtedly is one of the chief essentials of a satisfactory association, the membership of which covers the whole country.

Second International Greenkeepers’ Tournament

The date for the second International Greenkeepers’ and Superintendents’ Golf Tournament has been fixed. It will be held at Walton Heath on Wednesday, 6th October, 1976. The Second Symposium will be held on 5th October, 1976, the day before the Tournament at a location close to Walton Heath.

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The Journal is continuing to make progress under the Editorship of Mr. D. R. B. Hopkins.

S.T.R.I.

Once again we would like to express our thanks to the S.T.R.I. for their continued advice and assistance to members when they could be of help.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members:

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The annual meeting

MINUTES OF THE 58th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at WALSALL GOLF CLUB, BROADWAY, WALSALL, STAFFS.,
on MONDAY, 11th AUGUST, 1975, at 3 p.m.

The Chairman opened the Meeting, at which there were approximately 88 members present.

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
   The Chairman asked the Meeting that as the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been printed in the Journal, these could be taken as read. This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Machin.

2. Annual Report
   The Hon. Secretary read the Annual Report, and its adoption was proposed by Mr. Drewitt, seconded by Mr. C. Moore. The Chairman asked members to stand in silence in memory of the deceased members whose names had been listed in the Report.

3. Financial Statement
   Copies of the Accounts were circulated, and the Hon. Treasurer was very pleased to report that there was a substantial balance in the Head Office accounts. The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Geddes.

4. Executive Committee Report
   The Tournament sub-committee, elected by the Executive Committee, were named as Messrs. James, Walsh, Smith and Major.
   It had also been agreed that the Competition should be played from the B.G.G.A. Tee Markers, and the Executive Committee ruled that late entries could not be accepted.
   The 1976 Tournament was in the hands of the Southern Section, and the Executive Committee had been informed by Mr. Major of the offer of the courtesy of Walton Heath Golf Club on 9th, 10th and 11th August, 1976. It was accepted with thanks, but regretted that at the moment no nomination for Vice-Chairman was available.
   The Executive Committee were informed by Mr. Hopkins, Editor of the Journal, that he would be forwarding the sum of £550 to Association funds.

5. Election of Officers
   President: In the absence of Mr. Carl Bretherton, it was proposed that he should again be approached and asked to continue in office for the ensuing year. This was unanimously agreed.
   Vice-President: It was proposed by Mr. Janovskis, seconded by Mr. Foulks, that the names as listed in the Journal be re-elected. This proposition was carried unanimously.
   It was proposed by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Mr. C. H. Dix, Mr. F. G. Catchpole, Mr. J. F. R. Wilson, Mr. B. C. Jennings and Mr. D. Craig be accepted as Vice-Presidents of the Association. This proposition was carried unanimously.
   Chairman: The Chairman—Mr. James—proposed that Mr. V. W. Smith be elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and this was unanimously agreed.
   Mr. James then rose and handed his badge of office to Mr. F. G. Catchpole, who then presented it to Mr. Smith. Mr. James expressed his thanks to the Meeting for all the support he had been given during his year of office.

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Mr. Smith thanked the Meeting for electing him Chairman and said he sincerely hoped he could do as well as his predecessor. He then presented Mr. James with a tankard in recognition of his services during the past year.

**Vice-Chairman:** This office was left vacant until the nomination from the Southern Section had been received.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** It was proposed by Mr. Fry, seconded by Mr. Scott, that Mr. W. Heeles be nominated as Secretary/Treasurer, and this was carried unanimously.

**Executive Committee:** It was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee be as nominated by the Sections.

**Hon. Auditors:** It was proposed by Mr. Plain, seconded by Mr. Peters, that Messrs. Smallfield, Rawlins & Co. be re-elected as Hon. Auditors, and this was carried unanimously.

**Hon. Solicitor:** It was proposed by Mr. Plain, seconded by Mr. Geddes, that Mr. H. Dowding be re-elected for the ensuing year, and this was carried unanimously.

6. **Proposition from the Executive Committee**

It was put to the Meeting, that as the cost of postage and other expenses were increasing all the time, that an increase in subscriptions was inevitable to enable Sections to remain active. The proposition by the Executive Committee was as follows:

- **Head Greenkeeper:** £4.00 to £5.00.
- **First Assistant:** £3.00 to £4.00.
- **Assistant:** £2.00 to £2.50.
- **Vice-Presidents:** £2.50 to £3.00.

After discussion, an amendment, proposed by Mr. Janovskis, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that these figures be taken individually, was agreed to, and this was as follows:

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This was carried unanimously.

7. **Any Other Business**

It was requested that the Secretary look into the question of the validity of the Members’ Pass Cards.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Scott.
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