

## BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Club-house, Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Porthcawl, Glamorgan, on Monday, 13th August, 1962, at 3-0 p.m.

The President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, took the Chair for the Meeting. There were 32 members present.

The Chairman asked all present to stand and pay silent tribute to those who had died during the year.

Apologies for absence were expressed by the Hon. Secretary on behalf of Mr. S. T. McNeice and Mr. R. Pugh.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Annual Report

This was read by the Hon. Secretary, and its adoption was proposed by Mr. O. P. Jones, seconded by Mr. S. Smith, and carried.

#### Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Committee had been elected to consist of Mr. D. G. Lord, Mr. G. T. Geddes, Mr. E. H. Benbow and Mr. G. Herrington. It had been agreed to accept the lost entry of Mr. G. Hitchcock, and the late entry of Mr. J. Rees.

#### Financial Statement

The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory state of affairs, but drew attention to the fact that of the £280 shown as surplus on the Balance Sheet, £227 was due to the *British Golf Greenkeeper*. He also advised that the increase in travelling expenses was mainly accounted for by the special journey made by himself and the Chairman to Newcastle to meet the Officers of the Northumberland and Durham Association. The adoption of the Accounts as presented was proposed by Mr. J. K. Glass, seconded by Mr. C. Moore, and carried.

#### Election of Officers

President:

It was proposed by Mr. J. K. Glass and seconded by Mr. D. G. Lord that Mr. Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously. Mr. Bretherton thanked the proposer for his kind remarks, and said he would be pleased to continue in office, as that appeared to be the wishes of the meeting.

Vice-Presidents:

It was proposed by Mr. W. Kingston and seconded by Mr. F. Cashmore that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal should be re-elected. Carried.

Chairman:

On the proposal of Mr. J. O'Gorman, seconded by Mr. H. Drewitt, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. G. Lord, accepted the office of Chairman, with expressions of thanks for the

members' confidence in him. His first duty was to present a suitably inscribed Tankard to Mr. J. K. Glass in appreciation of his sterling efforts for the Association during his year of office. Mr. Glass thanked the members and said he felt he had had a satisfactory year, in particular with the return to the Association of the North East members, and also the progress being made for the introduction of the Apprenticeship Scheme.

Vice-Chairman:

Mr. J. K. Glass proposed and J. Davies seconded that Mr. G. T. Geddes of the Northern Section be elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously. Mr. Geddes responded with thanks and assured members he would do his best to maintain the standards set by his predecessors.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

It was proposed by Mr. G. Woodward and seconded by Mr. E. H. Benbow that Mr. C. H. Dix be re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Carried. Mr. Dix thanked the members and said he would be pleased to continue in office.

Executive Committee:

To be elected as nominated by Sections. Proposed by Mr. W. J. Kingston and seconded by Mr. F. Cashmore and carried.

Hon. Auditors:

The Hon. Secretary reported that he was still hopeful that Messrs. Stoy, Haywood & Co. might be persuaded to continue to carry out the Audit for the Association at an increased fee, and it was proposed by Mr. D. G. Lord and seconded by Mr. H. Drewitt that the Hon. Secretary should make further enquiries in this direction and report to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

Hon. Solicitor:

It was proposed by Mr. O. P. Jones and seconded by Mr. F. Cashmore that Mr. R. A. Beck be re-elected Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year.

#### Proposition from Northern Section

A proposition from the Northern Section that a competition should be run at the Annual Tournament for Vice-Presidents of Sections and Head Office, with prizes furnished from the Association fund, was put before the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. J. K. Glass and seconded that this proposition should be accepted providing there were a minimum of 4 Vice-Presidents attending, in which case Trade representatives who were also at the meeting would be invited to compete.

#### British Golf Greenkeepers' Association Journal

The Hon. Editor reported a satisfactory position, similar in fact to last year. Advertising costs were increased by 7½% at the beginning of the year, but he was glad to say that the advertising revenue was up and there was a profit of over £200 for the year. He then made a further appeal for articles from members, and thanked the Section

Secretaries for their notes and members lists, etc. It had been suggested by the Executive Committee that where possible in the Sections a Journal Secretary should be appointed with the object of boosting and developing Section Notes. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. F. W. Hawtree for his work was proposed by Mr. O. P. Jones and seconded by Mr. S. Smith.

#### Apprenticeship Scheme

Mr. F. W. Hawtree informed the meeting that he had produced a proposal for an Apprenticeship Scheme which had been sent out to all the golfing Unions and Associations, Sections and important personnel. It had been very well received and would be considered by the Council of Golf Unions in September, where he hoped it would receive the necessary approval to enable it to come into being.

#### North East Section

The Hon. Secretary was pleased to report the reforming of the North East Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association from the Northumberland and Durham Association. He understood the membership was already over 40, with every possibility of more to come.

#### Journal Postages

Owing to the increase in postal charges, it was agreed that a proposition should come before the next meeting to increase members' postal charges for the Journal from 2/6 to

3/6. In the meantime it was hoped that Sections would assist as much as possible in obtaining this increase for the current year.

#### 1963 Tournament

This tournament would be in the North West Area in 1963, and the Hon. Secretary said that he had written to the Secretary of the Royal Birkdale Golf Club at Southport to enquire if it would be possible to play there. He had not yet received a reply, but would advise the Executive as soon as he had any definite information.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by the Association Chairman.

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE position of Head Greenkeeper to the East Devon Golf Club, Budleigh, Salterton. An excellent position for a fully experienced man able to organise and manage Ground Staff. A Greenkeeper's house will be available. Wage by arrangement. Apply stating experience, with references to the Secretary.

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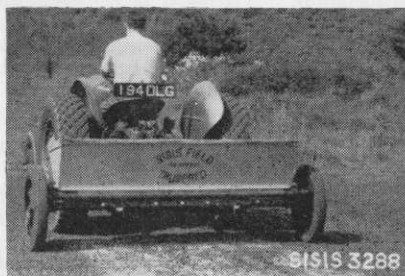


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