

The Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship

Hon. Secretary,
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Chairman: F. W. Hawtree.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE JOINT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ST IVES MANSION, BINGLEY,
ON MONDAY, 26TH APRIL 1965.

Present: Messrs F. W. Hawtree
(Chairman), J. Parker (Vice-Chairman),
J. R. Escritt, G. Herrington, D. L.
McDiarmid, R. B. Moffat (substituting
for Mr W. Bradford), W. A. W.
Sivewright, and B. M. Wood (Hon.
Secretary).

Apologies: Apologies for absence
were reported from Messrs W. Bradford,
H. Fry and G. Breen-Turner.

*Minutes of First Annual General
Meeting:*

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the first Annual
General Meeting of the Joint Council
held on 20th April 1964 were taken as
read, approved and signed by the Chair-
man.

Financial Account 1964: The Hon.
Secretary presented the Receipts and
Payments Account for the year to 31st
December 1964. This showed receipts
amounting to £311 5s. against payments
of £238 12s. 4d., leaving a balance
carried forward of £72 12s. 6d.

RESOLVED:

That the Receipts and Payments
Account for the year ended 31st
December 1964 as presented by the Hon.
Secretary be and is hereby received and
adopted.

Honorary Secretary's Report: The
Hon. Secretary reported that by and
large the scheme had got away to an
encouraging start. Much interest had
been shown in the scheme by golf clubs
though not all of those which had
requested information had taken the
next step of registering apprentices.

From the inception of the scheme on
1st January 1964 to date, 38 sets of

deeds had been issued and 15 appren-
tices had been registered, though a
further batch of applications would be
considered at an ordinary meeting
following this Annual General Meeting.

The main difficulty experienced in
the working of the scheme had been
the provision of suitable courses in
background sciences. The Joint
Council having an insufficient number
of apprentices in any one area to justify
the provision of special courses it had
been necessary to fall back on existing
courses, mostly in general horticulture.
He believed, nevertheless, that the Joint
Council's policy of insisting on some
formal instruction being given in
theoretical subjects was the right one.
A dossier of courses which can be pro-
vided throughout the country had been
built up as the result of a national
survey undertaken at the Joint Council's
request. The whole question of the
training of groundsmen—which term
could be taken in its general context
to include the training of greenkeepers
—was under investigation by the
Department of Education and Science
and both Mr Escritt and the Secretary
had attended the first meeting of
interested bodies. The interests of the
Joint Council's apprentices would, of
course, be kept in mind at any future
meetings attended.

The Secretary had addressed meetings
of the Association of Golf Club Secre-
taries in Harrogate and of the B.G.G.A.,
Sheffield Section, the latter being a joint
meeting with Chairmen of Green Com-
mittees. There was a possibility of
his being asked to address a future
meeting of Sheffield and District Union
of Golf Club representatives. Every
opportunity of publicising the scheme
through the Institute's publications was
taken through the courtesy of the
Director and occasional articles were
supplied to Editors of Golfing publica-
tions.

The Northumberland Union of Golf
Clubs had requested assistance in the
preparation of a circular to their mem-
ber clubs and this had been given.

The Hon. Secretary concluded by
referring to the present climate through-

out the country which was generally favourable towards the training scheme and he stated that this had undoubtedly been reflected in the helpful attitude shown towards him by all with whom he had been in contact.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Hon. Secretary be received with thanks.

Election of Officers: On separate motions it was RESOLVED that officers elected for the ensuing year be as follows:—Chairman, F. W. Hawtree, Vice-Chairman, J. Parker, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, B. M. Wood.

CORRESPONDENCE

F. W. HAWTREE, ESQ.,
Editor
British Golf Greenkeeper

Will you please accept my sincere thanks for the very kind tribute you pay me in your Journal on the occasion

of my impending retirement from the Artisan Golfers' Association. Your generous sentiments are deeply appreciated. But it strikes me that a brief addendum is desirable to your notes. Prior to my 30 years of office as Hon. Secretary of the A.G.A. it was my privilege and good fortune to serve for 13 years as Assistant Secretary to your father, the late F. G. Hawtree, who was the Association's first Secretary. His kindness, his wise guidance, his friendship, were qualities for which I have ever been most grateful and if any applause seems merited for services I may have rendered I pray it may be shared with F. G. H. Beyond any shadow of a doubt the solid foundations on which the B.G.G.A. and the A.G.A. are now firmly established are due entirely to the devoted efforts and sound principles of F. G. Hawtree.

Yours sincerely,

W. J. GARDNER.

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