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#### MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Clubhouse, Little Aston Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, on Monday, 8th August 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at which 72 members were present, and invited the President, Mr Carl Bretherton, to occupy the Chair

Mr Bretherton asked those present to stand in silent tribute to those who had died during the year, as named in the Secretary's Report.

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 Pugh, seconded by Mr Barton.

#### Financial Report

Copies of the accounts as presented had been circulated among the members. The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory state of affairs, with a substantial increase in the Journal balance, due

mainly to increased advertising. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Lord, seconded by Mr Sheppard.

#### Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Committee had been elected as last year, namely Messrs Simpson, Cashmore, Sheppard, Herrington and Folkes, three to form a quorum.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Southern Section had nominated Mr W. E. Moore as Vice-Chairman to succeed Mr Cashmore.



Mrs S. Smith, Mrs R. Smith and son,  
Mr and Mrs K. Driver

The venue for the 1967 Tournament had been agreed on the recommendation of the Southern Section to be held at Walton Heath Golf Club, who had very kindly offered the Association the courtesy of the course. Disappointment was expressed by Messrs Kingston, Geddes, Herrington and others that it had not been possible to find a seaside course for the tournament. After some discussion Mr Lord proposed and Mr Fretter seconded that the offer from Walton Heath should be accepted, with the proviso that every effort should be made to obtain a seaside course for 1968, even if it be necessary to alter the date of the meeting. This proposition was carried by 49 votes to 7. The date of the 1967 Tournament would be 7th to 9th August.

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## Election of Officers

### President

It was proposed by Mr Burgess and seconded by Mr McNeice that Mr Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously Mr Bretherton thanked the members for their generous support of the proposition, and said he would be pleased to continue in office.

### Vice-Presidents

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

### Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Drewitt and seconded by Mr Fretter that the Vice-Chairman, Mr F Cashmore, be elected Chairman. Carried unanimously Before vacating the Chair Mr Simpson thanked the officers and members for the generous support they had given him during his year of office. Mr Cashmore took the Chair and expressed the great pleasure he felt at the honour bestowed upon

him, and hoped he would be a worthy successor to Mr Simpson. He then presented a Tankard to Mr Simpson as a mark of appreciation for his efforts during the past year, who in response duly acknowledged the gift.

### Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Ford that Mr W E. Moore be elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously It was regretted that owing to illness Mr Moore was not able to be present at the meeting.

### Hon. Secretary and Treasurer

It was proposed by Mr Herrington and seconded by Mr Folkes that Mr C. H. Dix be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Carried unanimously Mr Dix thanked the members and expressed his willingness to continue in office.

### Executive Committee

It was proposed by Mr Benbow and seconded by Mr Drewitt that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by the Sections. Carried.

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### *Hon. Auditors*

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Barnes that Messrs Smallfield Rawlins be re-elected as Hon. Auditors. Carried.

### *Hon. Solicitor*

It was proposed by Mr Walsh and seconded by Mr Sheppard that Mr R. A. Beck be re-elected Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year

### **Any Other Business**

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Barnes that the Hon. Secretary should approach the English Golf Union and the Welsh Golf Union with a view to supplying copies of the Wage Scale Survey for distribution to golf clubs.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received an invitation from the Secretary of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries for a match to be played annually between the Secretaries and the Greenkeepers. The Executive Committee were strongly in favour of accepting this invitation, and the meeting were unanimous in agreement.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Artisan Association were most anxious that the Greenkeepers should enter a team in the Artisan Tournament, to consist of one senior entry and one junior entry, and he would be inviting entries through the Journal. Entrance fees for this team would be met from Head Office funds.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair

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