

Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting

held at St. Annes Old Links, Lytham St. Annes,

on Monday, 14th August, 1972, at 3.0 pm

Before opening the meeting, the Chairman rose and read a telegram of congratulation on the 60th Anniversary of the Association from Mrs. B. M. Hawtree which was warmly greeted by those present.

The Chairman opened the meeting, at which there were approximately 70 members present and, in the absence of the President, asked Mr. F. W. Hawtree to occupy the Chair. Mr. Hawtree thanked the Chairman and expressed his willingness to conduct the meeting.

1 Minutes of the last A.G.M.

The Chairman suggested that as the Minutes of the last A.G.M. were printed in the Journal they should be taken as read but one member expressed the desire that they should be read at this meeting; thereupon the Hon. Secretary read the Minutes of the last A.G.M. as requested.

2 Annual Report

The Hon. Secretary read the Annual Report and its adoption was proposed by Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Moore.

After its adoption the Chairman asked the Meeting to stand in silence in memory of the deceased members whose names had been submitted in the Report.

3 Financial Statement

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the Accounts to the meeting and stated that in his view they were reasonably satisfactory, the only item which might cause discussion was the reduction in the Journal revenue. This he explained was accounted for by the fact that, since the change in publication, the advertising revenue did not now go into the Association figures as it was handled entirely by the new publishers; but, as had previously been stated, there would be a monetary return from the publishers and, of course, the publishing expenses, which hitherto had been shown against the Journal, would decrease.

It was then proposed by Mr. Kingston, seconded by Mr. Fretter, that the Accounts be accepted.

4 Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Sub-Committee elected at the Executive Meeting included Messrs. Carrick, Scoones, Walsh, Folkes and Smith.

The Executive Committee agreed that middle tees (red) should be used for the whole of the competition and they had also agreed to accept three late entries for the Tournament on the recommendation of the Hon. Secretary.

5 Election of Officers

In the absence of Mr. Bretherton, the President, it was proposed that he should again be approached and asked to continue office for the ensuing year. This was unanimously agreed.

Vice-Presidents

It was agreed that the names as listed in the Association Journal should be re-elected and this proposition was also carried unanimously.

Chairman

The Chairman proposed that Mr. H. M. Walsh, Vice-Chairman, should be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. This suggestion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Carrick, the retiring Chairman, then rose and handed the badge of office to Mr. Walsh and expressed his pleasure at the choice of Mr. Walsh as his successor. He also spoke to the meeting and said how much he had enjoyed his year of office and expressed the sincere hope that he had given satisfaction to the members. It was a year he would always remember and he was most appreciative of the help and assistance which had been extended to him by his officers.

Mr. Walsh then thanked the members for their support of his nomination as Chairman and said that he sincerely hoped he would be able to fulfil the office as satisfactorily as his predecessors.

He then asked Mr. Carrick to accept a tankard in recognition of his services, which had been presented by the members. Mr. Carrick expressed his thanks for the kind gift which he again said would remind him of this year.

Vice-Chairman

On the proposition of the South-West Section it was unanimously carried that Mr. I. Scoones should take over the office of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Secretary and Treasurer

There was a general request that Mr. C. H. Dix should carry on as Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which he said he would do and thanked the meeting for their support. He also stated that he would like them to look ahead with a view to finding a successor for this office as he was not prepared to carry on after 1973 and, if at any time prior to then a successor was available, he would be quite happy to hand over the reins at the end of the current year.

Executive Committee

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

Hon. Auditors

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the services of Messrs. Smallfield, Rawlins & Co. had again been most efficient and at his proposal it was unanimously agreed that the Hon. Auditors should be re-elected.

Hon. Solicitor

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. H. Dowding, who had kindly taken over the duties for the Association, should be re-elected for the ensuing year.

6 Any Other Business

The Hon. Secretary was pleased to report that there had been very good support for the Celebration Dinner which had been arranged for Wednesday evening, 16th August, and including guests who had been invited, there should be at least 100 people present.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Mr. G. K. Smyth, representative of Messrs. May & Baker, who had done so much to assist the Chairman in making the arrangements.

Proposed Trip to Boston, U.S.A. to the American Greenkeepers' Convention

The Hon. Secretary reported there had been good response to the proposed trip to Boston in January, 1973, and he felt quite sure that the required number of applications would be received to ensure the trip taking place.

Aer Lingus have prepared an itinerary which will be published in the September issue of the Journal and in addition there will be a brochure issued with the October Journal which will give full details of the proposed trip.

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Wage Scale Recommendations

Mr. Goodwin, speaking for the Midland Section, expressed the keen disappointment of his own Committee at the latest figures issued by the Association. In their view they were not sufficiently high to prove satisfactory to the members. After some discussion it was felt that nothing higher should be quoted at the moment; it was appreciated that the Midland Section was in a highly industrial area, but it was felt their suggestions would not meet with approval in the wider area of the country.

Greenkeepers' Title

There was a suggestion made by Mr. Sargent concerning the title of Greenkeeper and he was strongly in favour of changing the title to Superintendent as he felt this would give the job improved status. This question was discussed at considerable length, with various reasons for and against being put forward, and finally the Chairman asked that there should be a show of hands as to the general opinion of the Meeting regarding this proposal. A count was then taken and there were 23 for a change and 24 against, the balance of the meeting abstaining.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Mr. C. A. Moore.

THE BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPEERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DRAW RESULTS

DUNLOP MASTERS TOURNAMENT 4th-7th OCTOBER 1972

*If winner of starred entry is already in list, substitute player will be taken from P.G.A. Merit List.

Player	Ticket No.
Baiocchi H.	04781
Llewellyn D.	08007
Gregson M.	21476
Balding A.	05338
Gartenmaier O.	02834
Humphreys W.	23951
Kinsella J.	06510
Hood V.	19651
Gallacher B.	10703
Elder L.	05323
Torrance S.	10309
Horton T.	18934
Graham D.	01017
Hunt G.	20380
Newton J.	08576
*Winner John Player Classic	14066
Bannerman H.	02206
Jacklin T.	09862
Platts L.	14628
*Winner Wills Open	00292
O'Connor C. (Jnr.)	16965
Huggett B.	18348
Oosterhuis P.	10993
Ballesteros M.	02164
Bembridge M.	09294
Garrido A.	07041
Pollard E.	02765
Wilcock P.	23628
Charles B.	13136

Player	Ticket No.
Hunt B.	12869
O'Leary J.	10096
Barnes B.	07391
Whitehead R.	21018
McClelland D.	21086
Clark C.	19747
Jackson H.	04606
Butler P.	05363
Cunningham G.	24359
Coles N.	11435
Defoy C.	11806
Townsend P.	07002
Job N.	09748
Rees D.	09464
Bousfield K.	10930
Mitchell B.	18691
Vaughan D.	10897
Garner J.	24393
Brown E.	06446
De Vicenzo R.	07658
O'Connor C.	19350

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