

# 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

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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 £5.00.

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:—

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.

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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