

**MINUTES OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
CLEVEDON GOLF CLUB, CLEVEDON, SOMERSET, ON MONDAY,
13th AUGUST 1973, AT 3 p.m.**

The Chairman opened the meeting at which there was approximately 80 members present, and in the absence of the President, asked Mr. F. W. Hawtree if he would kindly 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 asked the meeting that as the minutes of the last A.G.M. were printed in the Journal, if they would agree for these to be taken as read. This was agreed and the Hon. Secretary was thereupon asked to read the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting which was held in London on 19th May, 1973

2. Annual Report

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

Copies of the Accounts had been passed round the meeting and the Hon. Treasurer stated that he thought the figures would confirm the reason for his request for increased income to the General Account which had necessitated the Extraordinary General Meeting. He felt reasonably confident that with the additional income which he now anticipated, that the expenses incurred could be satisfactorily met and that in the future a reasonable balance could be main-

tained. After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Heeles, seconded by Mr. Folkes that the accounts should be accepted.

4. Executive Committee Report

The Tournament sub-Committee elected by the Executive Committee were Messrs. Walsh, Scoones, Smith, Herrington and James.

It had also been agreed that the competition should be played from tournament tees and the Executive Committee had been pleased to accept five late entries.

The Executive Committee also nominated an International Team to represent England at Woodbridge Golf Club on October 3rd. This team to be the Scratch Winner of this Tournament, the Senior Handicap Division Winner and the Junior Handicap Division Winner, plus the Runner-up in the Senior Handicap Division to be included as Reserve.

With reference to the 1974 Tournament, the Committee regretted that they had been advised through the Hon. Secretary that the N.E. Section were unable to find a suitable course and had expressed a wish to be excused the privilege, and had asked for the arrangements for 1974 to be handled by another Section. The next Section in the rota sequence was the Midland Section and the suggestion was made that they should be given the opportunity to handle the 1974 Tournament. Mr. F. W. Hawtree raised the question of the possibility of taking next year's Tournament abroad possibly to France. This idea was thought to be quite a possibility but would depend



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on the costs involved for transport and accommodation. After some discussion, it was agreed that the incoming Chairman would make inquiries in an effort to obtain the views of the members, and to avoid the necessity of calling an Executive Committee meeting, he proposed advising the Secretary of their views which could be circulated to Executive members and if it was felt that an Overseas Tournament was favourable, further inquiries could be made as to more complete details. Otherwise, it was agreed that the 1974 Tournament should be passed to the Midland Section.

5. Election of Officers

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

Vice-President

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. I. Scoones, Vice-Chairman should be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. This suggestion was carried unanimously. Mr. Walsh, the retiring Chairman, rose and handed his badge of office to Mr. Scoones and expressed his pleasure at the choice of Mr. Scoones as his successor. He then addressed the meeting and thanked the members for their support during his year of office and said that it had been a memorable occasion for him and trusted he had given satisfaction by his efforts. Mr. Scoones then thanked the members for their support to his nomination as Chairman and sincerely hoped he would be able to fulfil the office as satisfactorily as his predecessor. He

then asked Mr. Walsh to accept a Tankard in recognition of his services during his year of office and Mr. Walsh once again expressed his thanks for the kind gift which would always remind him of a very enjoyable year.

Vice-Chairman

Owing to the inability of the North East Section to handle the 1974 arrangements, there had at the moment, been no nominations for Vice-Chairman and this office would therefore remain vacant until the decision could be made regarding next year's event.

Secretary and Treasurer

As was generally understood Mr. C. H. Dix had requested last year that he would like to vacate the office of Secretary and Treasurer as soon as a successor could be found. He was also well aware that at the moment no successor was forthcoming, and at the general request of the meeting, he agreed to carry on in office until 30th April, 1974 but he sincerely hoped that every effort would be made to find somebody to take over the reins from that date.

Executive Committee

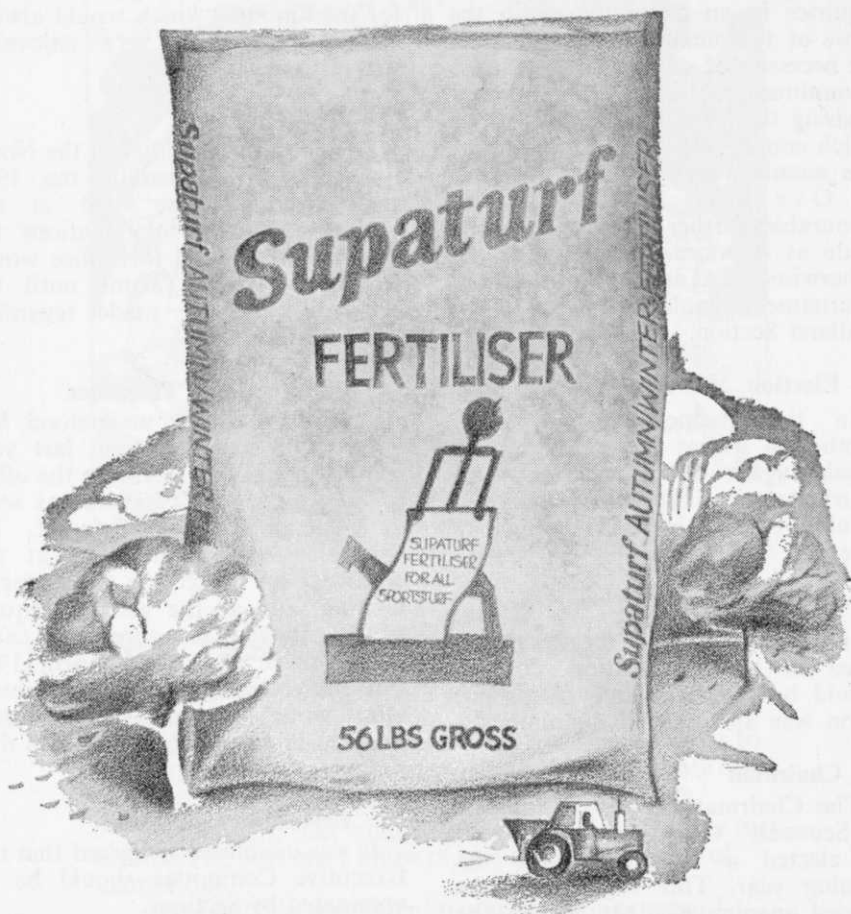
It was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee should be as nominated by Sections.

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.



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6. Proposition from the Southern Section

'That the title of Head Greenkeeper should be changed to Golf Course Manager.'

Before this proposition was discussed a representative of the Southern Section asked for it to be amended to read 'that the title of Head Greenkeeper should be changed to Golf Course Superintendent'.

Once again this annual discussion took place and after several members had voiced their opinions and a vote was taken with the result that there were 19 for the change and 25 against, whereby the proposition was not carried.

7. Any Other Business

The question was again raised regarding venue of the Annual Tournament as to whether it must be a seaside course or whether an inland course could be accepted, if it was thought advisable by the Section concerned. The Hon. Secretary reminded the meeting that a similar proposition was discussed at the A.G.M. in 1970 and a firm agreement was made at that time, if a Section could not find a seaside course, another Section should be asked to take over the arrangements for the Annual Tournament. However, after a lengthy discussion it was obvious there was considerable disagreement on this matter, and a vote was called for, which resulted in 2/3 majority for any inland course if it was thought to be more suitable, which in effect reversed the decision of the 1970 resolution.

Mr. F. W. Hawtree advised the meeting of the First British Turfgrass Symposium which was being held at Messrs. Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, Ipswich on October 4th, and he sincerely hoped that as many Greenkeepers as possible would be there.

Accommodation would be available for approximately 300 people but it would have to be a question

of first come, first served, if all the accommodation was called for and he hoped that early applications would be made by any of the members who would like to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Mr. Herrington.

Book Review

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SELSDON PARK EMBARKS ON AMBITIOUS FORESTRY PROGRAMME

Selsdon Park Hotel, Surrey, which has its own 200-acre estate, has just completed an ambitious tree-planting programme on the woodlands and copses that surround the 18-hole golf course.

Forestry Consultants, Dolwin and Gray, of Crowborough, Sussex, were called in last year to suggest proposals that would make up for the ravages of the Dutch Elm disease, which killed off nearly 100 trees on the estate.

Their suggested programme, of which the tree-planting is part, will be spread over a number of years and include normal silvicultural maintenance, in addition to regenerating new areas that were previously scrub.



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John Dolwin, one of the consultants, was most keen to retain the rural aspect of the estate and said, 'Selsdon is quite unique in its proximity to London, coupled with its country-like surroundings. In order to maintain the overall majestic panorama of the grounds, we decided to use trees of the normal forest type rather than shrubs or smaller species which would have spoiled the existing landscape.'

More than 4,000 trees have been planted, ranging from nine to 18 inches in height. 'The three sections planted this year had degenerated into scrub areas', said Mr. Dolwin. 'There were, however, a number of oaks and these, together with some good hawthorn specimens have been preserved.'

NEW APPOINTMENT BY MOMMERSTEEG

International plant breeders, Mom-

mersteeg, announce the appointment of Norman Hever as sports turf advisor. Mr. Hever was, until recently, ground superintendent of Northants County Cricket Club and also played county cricket for Middlesex and Glamorgan.

David Smart, managing director of Mommersteeg, said that the strengthened technical and advisory team, headed by Jim Bradbury, would enable the company to give an even finer service to customers throughout the U.K.

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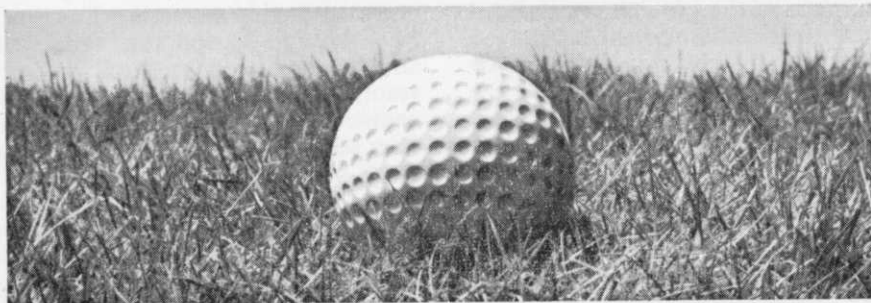
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The First British Turfgrass Symposium

The Conference is now an established method of communication in modern political, business, professional, and scientific life. The origins lie in the immediacy of speech and dialogue. Unlike readers, an audience participates, cross-questions, elaborates points made by the speaker, exchanges localised experience, and makes new contacts. The characteristics of a conference are the intensity of study and the relevance of the communication. A true occasion is made out of new ideas, discoveries, areas of study. To all this internationalism has added glamour and interest.

The Turfgrass Symposium at Ipswich was most certainly an occasion for the B.G.G.A. The point when an association comes together with other delegates to talk about its work rather than its purposes is an important one, and reflects not only enthusiasm but responsibility. The Symposium was the first of its kind and not ideally situated for the whole country. The attendance figure of 200 was therefore a most encouraging start to what may become an annual or two-yearly event.

Attendance

The Symposium was attended by 200 people: 50 per cent from Golf Clubs, 33 per cent from Firms, 4 per cent from Local and Central Government, 6 per cent from Associations and Institutes, and 7 per cent from Overseas.

The number of Golf Clubs represented was 68. Forty-three per cent of these clubs were situated within a 70-mile radius of Ipswich. Distribution of remaining clubs was very scattered and showed no relation to distance from Ipswich. Eighteen (26 per cent) clubs sent more than one greenkeeper to the Symposium, nine more than two. These last clubs were

nearly all situated in Essex and Suffolk.

The number of firms represented was 35. These firms ranged from turfgrass machinery and chemical industries to golf course contractors, golf architects, turf advisory services, and the seed trade. Distribution was more evenly spread throughout the South and firms tended to send more than one delegate regardless of distance.

Response to the Symposium

On the day of the Symposium a postcard with space for percentage scoring and general comments was issued to each representative. Only 20 (10 per cent) have so far returned the cards. From this small sample a number of points of interest emerge.

The mean percentage ratings for Papers was 70 per cent, for Discussions 55 per cent, for Food 65 per cent, for Comfort 65 per cent, and for Audibility 80 per cent. General comments supported the low figure for Discussion. It was felt that not enough use was made of the panel and that more time should have been devoted to discussion. A few felt more generally that the programme had an air of haste about it. Some felt that the speaker should have been a little less academic and made more use of demonstrations and colour slides.

The Future

Fifty per cent of the respondents suggested that the future location should be in the Midlands. One was content to keep it at Ipswich, two hoped for London and the South East, and two looked forward to an international location.

Suggestions for future Symposium themes were fungal diseases, machinery, chemicals, turfgrass varieties, training, and turfgrass management.

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