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The New Association

A FURTHER meeting of the Steering Committee of the three Greenkeepers Associations with the English Golf Union and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews was held at York on Monday the 17th of February 1986. The following points were then agreed.

The Steering Committee was informed that all funds required for the purpose of setting up a headquarters can be made available by the R & A and English Golf Union.

Each member of the present three Associations would automatically become a member of the proposed Association.

A constitution will be prepared by Mr. Peter Wilson for consideration by the present Associations. In particular it will provide that the first Executive Committee of the Association will comprise an equal number of representatives from each of the present Associations.

The creation of the new Association and the dissolution of the present Associations should be simultaneous.

That any surplus funds available after the provision of an appropriate contribution to the new Association should be placed in an Educational Trust for the benefit of greenkeeping.

It was agreed to recommend for adoption the name "British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association".

A further meeting to consider the draft constitution has been arranged for Saturday 15th March in York.

Editorial Comment

It is to be hoped that at the meeting at York in March matters can be finalised and that further progress on greenkeeping education can be made.

There are obviously other matters which will need clarification. Where will the new Association's headquarters be? what will happen regarding a magazine to represent the Association? and what will membership offer the existing Associations members? It is to be hoped that in all these matters amalgamation will provide improvement.

No doubt with strongly held views around the table total agreement will not be easy and compromises will have to be made by all sides.

Greenkeeper wishes the talks well — in the hope that a new Association will at long last really put greenkeepers on the professional map.