



Golf Western Australia Incorporated
Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting
Held at Royal Perth Golf Club
Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

1. OPENING

The Chairman Max Hannah welcomed all in particular those delegates representing District Associations, Life Members Kay Lane and Judy Nott and Chairman of Golf Australia, John Hopkins

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

21 Delegates as per the Attendance Sheet.

12 members of the GolfWA Board and Golf Management Committee as per Attendance Sheet

18 apologies as per the Apologies Sheet

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Due to the Chairman of Golf Australia having another commitment, Mr Hopkins addressed the meeting on Golf Australia matters prior to the meeting proper. He noted the following:-

- i) Golf Australia was riding a wave of some success following the successful staging of both the Men's and Women's Australian Opens
- ii) The mantras of both Golf Australia and Golf WA were to increase participation. Golf Australia were of the view that successful National Opens and High Performance Programmes with Australians ultimately winning majors would be a significant factor in increasing participation at grass roots level.
- iii) During both Opens as well as the President's Cup a range of promotions were undertaken to increase participation including promoting MYGolf and the new Social Golf Club which will be relaunched in May.
- iv) A National Week of Golf is being proposed for later in the year

- v) In relation to Handicapping, there will be a raft of changes introduced at the time SLOPE is introduced in mid 2013. A set of 4 algorithms has been established to determine a Daily Scratch Rating. These algorithms are currently being trialled in a set of clubs across the country.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hopkins for his address.

The order of meeting was resumed.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8, 2011

MOVED H Marson (Lakelands CC) SECONDED J Robertson (Sea View GC) that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

5.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman spoke to his report and highlighted how smooth the amalgamation process had been in the past 12 months. He also noted the following:-

- a) GolfWA had resolved to establish a Golf Management Committee rather than separate Men's and Women's Match Committees as had been done by other states. This had been very successful and reflected true amalgamation.
- b) In relation to Premises, the offices in Labouchere Road had been leased for three years. The Melville Parade premises had recently been refurbished and it was the intention to operate from these premises for the short to mid-term. The Facilities Committee will continue to investigate long term options for the home of GolfWA.
- c) As per the Chairman's Report, the Graham Marsh Junior Golf Foundation was to become the WA Junior Golf Foundation



through a Variation to the Trust Deed. The new Foundation will have a greater involvement with the PGA with two members of that organisation being Trustees. Graham Marsh had given his support for the change and had accepted the title of Founding Patron for the WAJGF.

- d) Through assistance provided by the WA Sports Federation, a Marketing Plan was nearing completion. Whilst this had taken longer than anticipated, GolfWA was now in a position to more actively pursue corporate funding.

MOVED H Marson (Lakelands CC) SECONDED P Cox (West Aviat) that the Annual Report be accepted. CARRIED

5.2 Statement of Accounts

The Chief Executive spoke to the Financial Report noting that an agreement had recently been reached with Srixon to support GolfWA for 2012 - 14.

Mr H Marson (Lakelands) asked as to why there was a significant difference between Golf Australia Affiliation Fee Income and Affiliation Fee Expense. The Chief Executive stated that this had occurred due to a previous timing issue (as the state body collected fees for the calendar year however Golf Australia charged fees for the usual financial year) and had been noted upon amalgamation that Women's Golf WA had owed \$37,510 in fees. GolfWA had resolved to pay this without trying to recoup the income.

Mr H Marson (Lakelands) asked as to why Perpetual Trophies were shown in the Balance Sheet. In response it was noted that these trophies were in many cases of considerable age and carried a value for insurance purposes.

MOVED H Marson (Lakelands CC) SECONDED B O'Meara (Eastern Goldfields) that the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2011 be accepted. CARRIED

6. ELECTIONS

In accordance with Clause 29 of the Constitution, the following nominations



had been received for the positions of Chairman and 3 Elected Directors:

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN

Max Hannah – Melville Glades Golf Club

NOMINATIONS FOR THE THREE (3) VACANT POSITIONS OF ELECTED DIRECTORS

Frank Bryant – Royal Perth Golf Club
Grace Letizia – Royal Perth Golf Club
Ken Richards – Cottesloe Golf Club

As the number of candidates exactly equalled the number of vacancies, the Chairman announced the above candidates duly elected for a period of one year for the Chairman and two years for the Elected Directors.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Hastings Reid Cup

The Chairman noted that the Hastings Reid Cup, was to be held on Sunday March 11, 2012 at WA Golf Club and encouraged any clubs who had not entered to do so.

6.2 Mr Peter Cox (West Aviat Golf Club) asked as to how we address dwindling numbers at AGM's and Delegate meetings. In response the Chief Executive advised that it was the intention of GolfWA to hold 3 Delegate meetings in the metropolitan area each year (including the AGM) and 2 in regional areas and considerable preparation would be undertaken to ensure the format of those meetings would be beneficial and thus attractive to people to attend.

Mr Cox also commented on the fees of A Clubs and D Clubs being the same. The Chief Executive advised that a review of the terminology and fee structure for club categories was currently being undertaken.



6.3 In response to a query from Cheryl Palm (Wheatbelt Districts Ladies Golf Association), the meeting was advised that a GolfWA Handbook would be printed and distributed to clubs and districts by the end of March.

6.4 Mr Don Bartlem (Hartfield Country Club) noted his criticism of the Golf Industry Dinner at last year's AGM. He then stated that he was delighted that this year's event was a great improvement on 2011 and congratulated the Organising Committee.

The Chairman congratulated those clubs and individuals who had won awards.

6.5 Golf Management Committee

Mr Graeme Parsons (Chairman – GMC) highlighted the features of the Course Rating carried out in 2011. He also noted the forthcoming State Amateur Championships at Mount Lawley Golf Club which would have a revised format including for the first time the Men and Women playing their Championships at the same time and venue.

Proposals regarding possible changes to the Pennant formats had been put to clubs at last year's Captain's Meeting and information papers subsequently forwarded asking for Club feedback. Mr Parsons noted the feedback had been poor and asked those clubs who had not given their views to please do so as a matter of urgency.

7. CLOSE

In closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked the Delegates and Club volunteers for their commitment to golf in 2011 and also thanked the GolfWA Board, Golf Management Committee and Staff for their efforts in the same period.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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Max Hannah
Chairman

