



Golf Western Australia Incorporated

Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting

Held at Royal Perth Golf Club

Tuesday March 4, 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

1. OPENING

The Chairman Max Hannah welcomed all.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

26 Delegates as per the Attendance Sheet.

2 Life Members

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

Gary Thomas – Chief Executive, GolfWA

13 apologies as per the Apologies Sheet

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MOVED G Pratt (WA Golf Club) SECONDED I Crockett (GolfWA) that the minutes of the previous AGM conducted on March 5, 2013 be accepted. **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013



5.1 Chairman's Report

As the Annual Report containing the Chairman's Report had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting, the Chairman asked if there were any questions relating to his report. There were no questions and it was MOVED G Pratt (WA Golf Club) SECONDED M Taylor (The Vines) that the Chairman's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

5.2 Golf Management Committee Report

As the Annual Report containing the GMC Report had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting, the Chairman asked if there were any questions and if so, be directed to the Chair of the GMC Graeme Parsons.

V Gmeiner (Royal Perth) stated she was not happy with the new handicapping system and asked if her club has their own DSR computation and if any more changes to the system were planned.

G Parsons replied that the DSR component of the system with its algorithm is applied to all clubs and that there were not any more changes intended to the handicapping system that he was aware.

MOVED G Norrish (GolfWA) SECONDED G Pratt (WA Golf Club) that the GMC Report be accepted. **CARRIED**.

5.3 Statement of Accounts

As the Annual Report containing the Financial Report had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting, the Chairman asked if there were any questions relating to the accounts for 2013 and if so, be directed to the Chief Executive. As there were no questions, it was MOVED C Barron (Lake Karrinyup CC) SECONDED C Palm (Wheatbelt Districts LGA) that the Financial Statements for 2013 be accepted. **CARRIED**.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 Special Resolution 1



That the Delegates consider, and if thought fit, pass the following Resolution to change the Constitution of Golf Western Australia as a Special Resolution

"That the definition of Transitional Board in Clause 5.1 and that Clause 25 Transitional Board be deleted".

The Chairman announced the result of postal voting with the above Special Resolution being CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Special Resolution 2

That the Delegates consider, and if thought fit, pass the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:

"That in Clause 28.4 (a) the words 'effective from the Annual General Meeting of 2015' are inserted; the words 'other than' be deleted and replaced with 'including' and that the part of the same Clause 'except at the first Annual General meeting following the approval of these rules under the Act' be deleted, so that the Clause reads:-

"Effective from the Annual General Meeting of 2015, the Elected Directors, including the Chairman, shall have a term of two years from election at an Annual General Meeting"

And

"That Clause 28.4 (c) be deleted"

The Chairman announced the result of postal voting with the above Special Resolution being CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ELECTIONS

In accordance with Clause 28 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



As Max Hannah was the only nomination, he was elected as Chairman of GolfWA for a term of one year.

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

Gemma Felton	Nedlands Golf Club
Greg Higham	Royal Perth Golf Club
Ken Richards	Cottesloe Golf Club

As the number of candidates equalled the number of vacancies, all three of the above nominees were elected to the Board of GolfWA for terms of two years.

The Chairman welcomed Greg Higham to the Board. In doing so, he also acknowledged the contribution of Frank Bryant (Royal Perth GC), who had retired from the Board and had not sought re-election. Frank had been on both the Committee of the WAGA and the Board of GolfWA for a period of 8 years.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 WA Golf Foundation

The Chairman of the WAGF, Ian Crockett, gave a brief history of the reasons for establishing the Foundation, the various donor levels including the Will You Chip In Programme, and the funds raised to date.

As at December 31, 2013, the Foundation had Cash at Bank of \$314,464 (which included funds transferred from the GMJGF in 2012) with Current Year Earnings in 2013 of \$103,268. As had been advised to clubs, grants totalling \$70K had been approved in late 2013 for programmes in 2014 with these funds yet to be distributed. The second round of funding will be approved on March 11, 2014.

Mr Crockett thanked those clubs who had supported the Foundation in 2013 and hoped that more clubs would come on board in 2014.



7.2 Honours Committee

Mrs K Lane (Cottesloe GC) gave a summary of the recently formed GolfWA Honours Committee (consisting of herself and Brian O'Meara, Royal Perth GC) and their role.

Mrs Lane spoke on the WAIS Hall of Champions and felt golf was not being recognised. As a result a set of criteria had been drawn up for WAIS' consideration.

Mrs Lane also spoke on the ANZ Sports Star Awards and those nominated by GolfWA. It was disappointing that Min Jee Lee had not been a finalist in either the Sports Star or Junior Sports Star of the Year Awards.

It was noted that the sport can only nominate 2 people for each award and that the performances of amateur golfers over professional sports people in other disciplines was often overlooked.

7.3 Hastings Reid Cup

The Chairman encouraged all clubs to enter a team into the Hastings Reid Cup, to be played at Hartfield CC on March 14.

7.4 Fixtures

V Gmeiner (Royal Perth GC) queried why major events were being conducted at the time of year they were.

In response G Parsons (Golf Management Committee) advised that much is dictated by the timing firstly of National events and also other state's ranking events.

7. CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.



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Max Hannah
Chairman

GOLFWA STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Following the meeting, discussion was called for in preparation for the upcoming review by the Board of GolfWA of its Strategic Plan. In particular the following two questions had been posed in advance to Delegates with the circulation of the Notice of Meeting and Annual Report:-

1. What are your specific club / regional issues which you need help with?
2. If GWA provided you with one key service delivery or type of assistance, in the next three years, which helped your club or region be significantly better off; what will that be?

A Lang (Golf Management Committee), speaking as a representative of public course clubs, asked if greater assistance could be given to Public Course facilities on correct set-up of courses to manage the requirements of the new handicapping system.

C Palm ((Wheatbelt Districts LGA) stated that regional clubs would appreciate greater assistance in promoting their clubs and attracting visitors to play at country clubs.

A MacKay (Lower Great Southern Women's DGA) stated that whilst she thoroughly enjoyed the presentation given by Stu Williams at a Delegates Meeting in 2013, much of what was presented was beyond the capabilities of small country clubs due to resources available and thus would like to see GolfWA give marketing assistance to regional clubs.

The Chief Executive advised that if any delegates had any further responses to the above two questions they wished to forward to GolfWA, this be done by March 31, 2014.

