



Golf Western Australia Incorporated
Minutes of the 1st Annual General Meeting
Held at Royal Perth Golf Club
Tuesday March 8, 2011 at 8.00 p.m.

1. OPENING

The Chairman Max Hannah welcomed all to the inaugural meeting of Golf Western Australia. Acclamation.

The Chairman introduced all the Board Members, whose efforts had been instrumental in achieving the goal of amalgamating the Western Australian Golf Association and Women's Golf Western Australia.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

75 Delegates and observers as per the Attendance Sheet.
7 apologies as per the Apologies Sheet

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Chairman updated the meeting on the progress of the Golf Management Committee noting that 5 sub-committees had now been formed. He also stated that in October of each year Expressions of Interest would be called for positions on the Golf Management Committee and their sub-committees.

The Chairman also updated the meeting on the progress of MyGolf, the National Junior Golf Development Programme, noting that our new Development Officer Matthew Espie had recently commenced employment to deliver the programme to schools and clubs.

MOVED R H C Turner AM SECONDED H Simmonds that the Chairman's Report be accepted. CARRIED.

MOVED H Marson SECONDED J Coyne that the Statement of Accounts be accepted. CARRIED

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

The Returning Officer, Chief Executive Gary Thomas advised that voting on the following Special Resolutions had been carried out in accordance with the Constitution. The votes had been opened and counted by scrutineers Kay Lane AM and Clayton Bell.

4.1 Special Resolution 1.

“That all references in the Constitution to “the Association” be replaced with references to “Golf Western Australia”

4.2 Special Resolution 2

“That all references in the Constitution to “the President and Chairman” be replaced with references to “the Chairman”.

4.3 Special Resolution 3

“That the following definition for Alternate Delegate be added to the list of Definitions as per Clause 6.1 of the Constitution”

4.4 Special Resolution 4

“That as per Clause 9.2 of the Constitution, the following Clause 9.4 be added so as to create a new class of Member”

9.4 Special Interest Groups

- (a) Special Interest Groups are defined as a group of people who have formed an association or organisation which may consist of golfers and non-golfers, but those who are golfers are all individual members of affiliated clubs. Golf WA recognises such an association or organisation as a body that has as an objective, the promotion of golf amongst their members.
- (b) Special Interest Groups do not have any voting entitlements but may attend meetings of Golf Western Australia.
- (c) To be eligible for affiliation as a Special Interest Group, the Group must have an accepted constitution.

4.5 Special Resolution 5

“That Clause 18.3 (a) of the Constitution be altered by deleting that part stating “...in accordance with these rules.” and replacing with “...in writing and be received by Golf Western Australia prior to the commencement of the General Meeting.”

4.6 Special Resolution 6

“That Clause 18.3 (b) of the Constitution be altered by deleting that part stating “Where a delegate becomes the President and Chairman of the Association..” and replacing with “Where a delegate becomes a Board Member of Golf Western Australia...”

4.7 Special Resolution 7

“That Clause 25.1 be altered by deleting from the second sentence “..Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Directors entitled to vote.” and replacing with “..Delegates and Alternate Delegates.”

4.8 Special Resolution 8

“That the existing Clause 29 become Clause 29 (a) and the following two new clauses be added”

- a) 29 (b) The preferential system of voting will be used in all elections
- b) 29(c) Where voting for Elected Directors is equal, then a further ballot will be conducted amongst those delegates present at the General Meeting. If still equal, then the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

4.9 Special Resolution 9

“That the heading for Clause 33 be changed from “Executive Director” to “Chief Executive” and all other references to “Executive Director” be replaced with references to “Chief Executive”.



The Returning Officer advised that all voting forms were valid and that all 9 Special Resolutions had been CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ELECTIONS

In accordance with Clause 29 of the Constitution, the following nominations had been received for the positions of Chairman and 6 Elected Directors

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN

Max Hannah – Melville Glades Golf Club

NOMINATIONS FOR THE SIX (6) VACANT POSITIONS OF ELECTED DIRECTORS

Allan Bradshaw – Gosnells Golf Club
Frank Bryant – Royal Perth Golf Club
Grace Letizia – Royal Perth Golf Club
Greg Norrish – Cottesloe Golf Club
Ken Richards – Cottesloe Golf Club
Dianne Tomlin – Lake Karrinyup Country Club

As the number of candidates exactly equalled the number of vacancies, the Chairman announced the above candidates duly elected.

The Chairman further advised that it had been resolved that Allan Bradshaw, Greg Norrish and Dianne Tomlin would serve a term of two years, whilst Frank Bryant, Grace Letizia and Ken Richards would serve one year terms.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Hastings Reid Cup

The Chairman noted that the Hastings Reid Cup, which had been a WAGA event of long standing for Presidents and Captains, had changed format under the Golf WA banner and encouraged clubs to support the event, which was to be held on Sunday March 13, 2011.

6.2 Golf Australia Report

Mr John Hopkins, Chairman of Golf Australia's Rules and Handicapping Committee, addressed the meeting on matters relevant to that Committee. Before doing so, he congratulated Max Hannah and Dianne Tomlin on their work in achieving amalgamation.

- a) Golf Australia was in the process of reorganising their committees. High Performance would now be very much done "in house" with their goal to produce Major winners.
- b) A Rules Sub-Committee will be formed and Mr Hopkins was delighted that Clayton Bell would be WA's representative on that sub-committee.
- c) A Course Rating Sub-Committee was also being formed.
- d) A Handicapping sub-committee would be formed which will reflect greater club representation than has previously been the case
- e) In terms of handicapping, it was noted that:-
 - There was a noted difference between results in men's and women's fields under the new handicapping system
 - In response to a question from Alison Eather (WAGC), Mr Hopkins surmised that the differences may be because there were more low markers in men's fields than women's fields and that the system also works better in smaller fields.
 - An official from the USGA will be visiting Australia next week and a range of sessions will be conducted on the eastern seaboard to ascertain feedback. All states will have representation.
- f) A successful 2011 Australian Women's Open had been staged at Commonwealth Golf Club. Golf Australia is hoping to have the event co-sanctioned with the US LPGA in 2012.
- g) The 2011 Men's Australian Open was most likely to be held at The Lakes Golf Club, Sydney.
- h) Golf Australia's Flood Relief Appeal had raised approximately \$600,000.



6.3 Don Bartlem (Hartfield Country Club) commented that he felt the recent Golf Industry Dinner was an embarrassment to Golf WA and wondered whether we should continue to endorse the event in its current format.

6.4 The Chairman noted that Rick Malone and Lisa Braddock had not sought re-election for the new Golf WA Board. He thanked both of them for their considerable input on the Board since its inception in 2010. Acclamation

7. CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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Max Hannah
Chairman