

**MINUTES OF PSWGL GENERAL MEETING HELD 5 OCTOBER 2020
AT GLENEAGLES, HAMERSLEY GOLF COURSE**

MEETING OPENED: 10.30 hours

Jan Graham, President, opened the Meeting and welcomed those present for attending.

PRESENT:

President Jan Graham, Treasurer Ruth Strugnell, Secretary Fiona McArthur, Tournament Director Jeanette Bannister, Committee Representative Megan Lewis

LIFE MEMBERS: Joan Nicoli

DELEGATES: Coastals (Proxy), Collier Pines, Embers, Hamersley (Proxy), Hawkvalley, Jandalakes, Links, Marangaroo, Marri Park, Peninsula, Pt Walter, Quondong, Sapphires, Scarborough (Proxy), Seabirds, Surfside, Ladies Cosmopolitan

APOLOGIES: Vice President Genny Conner, Committee Representative Margrette Gilmore, Life Members Shirley Simpson, Dolly Williams, Marj Malatesta, Floreat, Wednesday Ladies, Rosehill, Yaringa

OBSERVERS: NIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2020

CONFIRMED: Scarborough **SECONDED:** Hawkvalley

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Amendment to Minutes:

Hamersley asked for clarification on affiliated players with 45+ handicaps entering PSWGL events.

President Jan Graham advised that affiliated players with handicaps over 45 are eligible to play in League events and will be playing off a 45 handicap on the day.

This amendment approved. By-Laws will be amended.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS: NIL

RECEIVED:

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- Letter from PSWGL President to all clubs regarding Tournament Director position
- Letter from PSWGL President to Shirley Simpson, Life Member, thanking Shirley for donation of \$150 towards prizes for Spring Carnival

CONFIRMED: Peninsula

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The closing balance on the statement dated 21/9/20 which was sent along with the agenda for this meeting was \$13685.14. In the last week of September we received more entry monies to the Maylands Championship to be held next week, which leaves us with a closing balance at the end of the month, reconciled to Bank Statement 141 of \$17,460.26. During the months of August and September, since our last general meeting, we have made payments for the running of the Spring Carnival over 2 days at Hamersley and Whaleback, including refunds for the lunches on Day 1 that Gleneagles could not supply under COVID restrictions, the running of the Judy Sinclair Memorial Trophy event at Marangaroo, an honorarium payment to the Tournament Director, and a computer support service payment. But it is so good to be back in business, with the 3 golfing events that we could conduct in this unusual year being very well attended. Obviously that balance of \$17460.26, largely increased because of the high number of entries, will be reduced after the completion of the Championship next Monday at Maylands. Monies are being received for the presentation lunch at the MAAC, being subsidised \$20 pp by the League. This subsidy is more than in previous years, as we felt as a committee that we could give a bit more back to the attendees in this year of decreased league participation due to COVID. Thank you

Ruth Strugnell
Treasurer

ACCEPTED: Jandalakes **SECONDED:** Marri Park

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

This year a few things changed, we commenced our season with the new two day Spring Carnival which has replaced the three day State Carnival. This was run over two days at two different courses. It was a great success with around 130 ladies at Hamersley Golf Course and 104 at Whaleback. I hope everyone enjoyed the new format of stroke and stableford on the first day and a 4BBB on the second day. I have only heard the good reports, and hope there are not too many bad ones.

The Judy Sinclair Memorial Trophy at Marangaroo in September was also a great success. This is for ladies with a golf Australia handicap between 30 and 45. The field this year was the largest we have had in years with the 18 holes being played having a shotgun over the first nine holes.

The District Championship is to be played at Maylands next Monday 12 October, the field is very large with over 160 ladies entered. This is a shot gun start at 7.30 am, and I would ask you all to let your ladies know that they must register before 7.10 am, not right on the dot of 7.10 am. Please also ask them to register as soon as they get to the course and not dilly dally around chatting. They can do that after they have registered.

The Presentation Luncheon is to be held on Monday 26 October and even though we don't have too many trophies to present, it would be nice just to have a catch up with everyone.

Jeanette Bannister

Tournament Director

ADOPTED: Seabirds

GOLFWA DELEGATE REPORT:

Despite the cancellation of their usual calendar of events and being faced with a very different role during this unique year, GolfWA continued to support clubs and districts in whatever ways they could to help us all get through. For a period of time in the middle of the year, clubs were receiving regular updates and helpful communications to assist us to keep our clubs going and to provide a safe and healthy environment for our members.

As no face-to-face contact had been available for GolfWA Delegates since the pre-COVID AGM in March, in early September, GolfWA Board Chairman, Greg Higham and CEO, Gary Thomas resolved it was time to update Delegates on the 'state of the nation' at both GolfWA and Golf Australia. We (your Perth Suburban GolfWA Delegates) thought it appropriate to pass on some of that information which we think relevant to our member clubs.

Quoting from the GolfWA email – “The past 6 months or so certainly have been unique times in our lifetimes and in the golfing world; they have been at once challenging, hectic, interesting and overwhelming, particularly in the early stages. However, it would seem that golf has come out of this – in Western Australia in particular – remarkably well.” From the perspective of our Perth Suburban clubs overall, we have seen a remarkable increase in interest in playing golf resulting in increased new memberships and the task now is to ensure those new golfers continue participating. Most Perth Suburban clubs have reported much larger playing fields since we have resumed club competitions – long may they last!!

Greg and Gary went on to say “We must thank you all for the way in which you collectively have dealt with the pandemic. from GolfWA, well done to you all and particularly to the staff on the ground who had to deal with major and changing issues, day in day out.”

The GolfWA email outlined the findings of a 2019 participation report in which Western Australia didn't fare so well. However it was noted that a significant factor here is the large number of excellent public course facilities in Perth compared to other States as a percentage of population. This figure excluded Public Course members, which of course, we know is a significantly large number of golfers. The current number of women golfers registered with Perth Suburban Women's Golf League alone is 950 and the number of men playing on public courses is probably lots more than that. We are a vital part of the golf community in Western Australia!!

Greg and Gary closed in saying ".....hearty congratulations and a very big thank you from your State body for the way you have conducted your affairs during the pandemic and, consequently, for undoubtedly enhancing the reputation of golf as a responsible and inclusive sport. We ask you to thank your members in turn for their incredible patience and their diligence in ensuring that golf has rightly retained the right to continue in such tough times."

Megan Lewis and Margrette Gilmore
Committee Representatives

ADOPTED: Marangaroo

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Pennant Rules – motion to accept**

Pt Walter queried 4.19 – players loss of hole:

Jan, President, agreed that wording ambiguous and those attending voted YES to accept motion subject to amendment as follows:

Advice or coaching between players (whether match opponent or a player from another pair) is not permitted.

- I. If a player asks for advice from her opponent or any other player, she **will be penalised by loss of hole**.
- II. If a player gives unsolicited advice to her match opponent or a player involved in another match, she **will be penalised by loss of hole**.
- III. If a player asks for advice and subsequently receives it from her opponent or a player involved in another match, she **will be penalised by loss of hole**. No penalty for player giving the advice in this instance.

There will be an Information Session in April 2021 to discuss Pennant Rules for 2021.

- **Tournament Director Role:**

Jan, President, sent letter to all affiliated Clubs to point out that our Tournament Director will be stepping down in 2021 and the Committee is seeking nominations for this role. It was pointed out in this letter and reiterating now that this role has been modified so that the Tournament Director will have assistance with Pennants, Trophies, Prizes/Novelties, Raffles.

The incoming Tournament Director will also be given a laptop and printer for use during their term at home and for use at League event venues. Jeanette will also be on hand to offer advice and assistance if necessary.

Jan, President, pointed out to those present that it is essential with any Committee that new nominations from different clubs step up to encourage fresh and new ideas.

Ruth, Treasurer, pointed out that there are over 960 affiliated members of PSWGL playing within 26 clubs and it would be encouraging to see nominations from other clubs stepping up.

There will be new League g.mail addresses for Tournament Director, Secretary, Treasurer from 2021 which means that if any of the above committee members unavailable, their nominated assistant(s) will be able to access e-mails and continue operating events, answering queries, etc.

Jeanette stated that she does spend some time every week on the organisation of events but this is not extensive and there will be more assistance in the future, reducing the time spent.

- **End of Season Luncheon**

Secretary pointed out that we have received attendance numbers from several clubs but final numbers to be received by Friday 16 October 2020.

Pt Walter asked if it would be possible if the League could acknowledge at the Luncheon, the Club Champions in 2020.

Although some Clubs were not able to hold this event due to Covid, it was agreed that Club Champions would be acknowledged and secretary would contact Clubs for details and if Champions in attendance at Luncheon, it would be appreciated if they stood up and said a few words on their achievement.

- **Championship Foursomes:**

Jan, President, explained that this event has now been removed from the League Fixtures as the attendance has been depleting over the years. Decision has been made by Committee to replace this event with a 4BBB.

Jan, President, contacted Shirley Simpson, to let her know of this decision. As the original competition was held under the auspices of the WAWGL, the League would like to write and thank the original sponsors from the Whaleback Ladies Golf Club.

Shirley Simpson responded that after incorporation, the club name changed to Wednesday Ladies Whaleback Golf Club. Shirley suggested that as there are only a few remaining club members who would know about the original sponsorship, that a letter from the President of PSWGL to the present club, through the Committee, would be appropriate to explain why the Foursomes competition has been replaced with 4BBB.

The PSWGL By-Laws will be altered to reflect this change.

- **Raffles:**

Jan, President, thanked Carolyn, Pt Walter, for her assistance on Match Committee and as Delegate for 2020 and for her organisation of the raffles for League events during this time. Carolyn will not be the Pt Walter Delegate in 2021 and therefore unable to assist with raffles and this responsibility will be taken over by another Match Committee member.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.20 hours

NEXT MEETING: 8 March 2021 at 10.30 hours

RAFFLE WON BY: President