

**MINUTES OF PSWGL GENERAL MEETING HELD 15 MARCH 2021
AT GLENEAGLES, HAMERSLEY GOLF COURSE**

MEETING OPENED: 10.35 hours

Jan Graham, President, opened the Meeting and welcomed those present for attending and special thanks to all new delegates for 2021 and to Jill and Iona, Tournament Directors for 2021.

PRESENT:

President Jan Graham, Treasurer Ruth Strugnell, Secretary Fiona McArthur, Tournament Director Jill Wirth, Tournament Director Iona Gallagher, Committee Representative Megan Lewis, Committee Representative Margrette Gilmore

LIFE MEMBERS: Joan Nicoli, Marj Malatesta, Shirley Simpson

DELEGATES: Coastals, Collier Pines (Proxy), Embers, Floreat, Hamersley, Hawkvalley, Jandalakes, Marangaroo, Peninsula, Pt Walter, Quondong, Rosehill, Sapphires, Scarborough, Seabirds, Surfside, Ladies Cosmopolitan, Wednesday Ladies, Whaleback Warriors

APOLOGIES: Vice President Genny Conner, Life Member Dolly Williams, Marri Park, Redbacks, Yaringa

OBSERVERS: NIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020

CONFIRMED: Peninsula **SECONDED:** Jandalakes

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- GolfWA AGM 2020 – Special Resolution - election of Directors can be done via electronic voting
- Letter of reply from Shirley Simpson, Life Member regarding donation of \$160 to the Spring Carnival
- Letter of reply from Shirley Simpson, Life Member, regarding retirement of Champion Foursomes play-off trophy and decision by Wednesday Whaleback Ladies to donate two perpetual trophies for the 4BBB play-off trophy.

- Letter from Treasurer, Hamersley Ladies Golf Club, regarding entry payments/bookings for 2021 events

RECEIVED: Wednesday Ladies

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 \$160 towards Spring Carnival
- Letter from PSWGL President to Shirley Simpson, Life Member and Dolly Williams, Life Member, regarding retirement of Champion Foursomes play-off trophy
- Letter from PSWGL Treasurer to Treasurer, Hamersley Ladies Golf Club regarding entry procedures for events 2021

CONFIRMED: Jan Graham, President

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Treasurer, Hamersley Ladies Golf Club, regarding entry payments/bookings for 2021 events. Initial query regarding entry procedures for events 2021 indicating whether League would be considering MiTournament for future event bookings.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

I have pleasure in presenting the first Treasurer's report for 2021 season. Hoping this will be a more normal post COVID year of competition for us all. Our opening bank balance on the 1/11/20, as reported in my AGM report, was \$10,044.57.

In December, we had a cost of \$30 for flowers for Stella Busch, who was unable to attend the AGM morning tea due to injury.

Also in December, a new laptop for use by the new tournament directors, along with all associated software and security required, and set up fee, was purchased from Harvey Norman. The cost of this was \$1543.95. This laptop will remain the property of the League, to be passed on to future tournament directors.

In January we paid the account for the AGM and morning tea for delegates, held at Royal Perth Golf Club in December, \$465.

January and February and early March have seen a few club affiliation fees being received, and a few entries to Opening Day. Also in February, the committee approved by email vote, a

donation to the Lord Mayor's Bushfires Appeal of \$300. The room hire fee of \$400 for the MAAC for this year's Presentation Lunch on 25 October 2021, was also paid.

This leaves a balance in bank as at 15/3/21 of \$8,664.99

Lastly, please, if your club treasurer makes any deposit for affiliation fees, competition entries, pennants, DLMT etc, lunches, etc, by electronic transfer, then:

- Please take the time to fill out the Form AND Remittance form correctly and legibly.
- cc me, the Treasurer at the new email address, treasurerpswgl@gmail.com as well as either Fiona, the secretary, Jill and Iona, the tournament directors, whoever it is you are forwarding the notification to. This will make all our jobs so much easier.

So, thank you all, I am looking forward to a great year of golfing and companionship.

Ruth Strugnell

Treasurer

Hamersley queried high Admin costs and this was explained as a laptop and printer were purchased for use by Tournament Directors. These items are the property of the League and will be passed on to the next Tournament Director.

Collier queried whether the League kept an Asset Register. Fiona, Secretary, stated that an Asset Register is kept for all items belonging to the League. Collier asked who should be responsible for an Asset Register within their own Club and Secretary answered that it is entirely up to the individual club committee but the Secretary would be the obvious choice as all records are kept by the Secretary.

ACCEPTED: Hamersley **SECONDED:** Tournament Director

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

As this is our 1st report as Joint Tournament Directors, we thought we would tell you a little about golfing selves.

We both joined Yaringa in 2006, Iona having held the positions of Social Director, Vice-Captain & Captain, Jill has held positions of Treasurer, Co Vice-Captain and Captain. We have played in many League events over the years and enjoyed the competition and camaraderie of all fellow golfers. When it was announced at Yaringa's AGM that this position was still unfilled we decided that as we worked well together as Captain & Vice-Captain we would put our hands up – and here we are.

Many thanks to Jeanette for all the information, advice and guidance she has given us so far and for all the help she has offered to give us as needed – Jeanette we're sure we will draw on you often.

Thanks also to our Committee for the purchase of a new laptop for use by us and any future Tournament Directors and also their guidance and advice as we ease ourselves into this position.

Since taking over in January we have entered all relevant email addresses onto computer, sent out trial emails, fixed errors – some ours, some Clubs and have successfully sent out our 1st Entry and updated League Fixture forms. As per previous years all entry forms, draws etc. will be emailed to all Club Secretaries, Captains & Delegates. This information will also be available on our League website should your Club, for any reason, not receive information or lose forms.

On this note we ask that when Clubs' fill in any forms that need to be returned to us that you please print or type all players full name so that we are able to read it, also check that Golflink number is correct – this would be much appreciated as a lot of time can be wasted if we have to chase info up.

Last month we spent time visiting golf courses that we have events planned at down South, to make ourselves known and also to confirm events, catering etc. – this was all very eventful & informative for us, planning to visit Northern courses as soon as we can arrange.

Whilst at Whaleback we were informed that the Council plan to upgrade all the course reticulation which will either require a couple of holes to be closed at a time or 1st 9 closed until completion, then 2nd 9 closed until completion.

Course management are awaiting further notice from the shire and will advise us the outcome as they receive it. At this stage work is expected to start late June early July. We have two events planned, Metro Championships in June and Day 2 of the Spring Carnival in August. Until we hear anything definite there will be no changes made to our Calendar of Events and we will advise all Clubs of any changes should they occur – just wanted to let you know.

Entry forms for our Opening Day on 12th April have been emailed to all clubs with the closing date of 26th March, we look forward to seeing as many as possible attending in what will be our 1st event that we have had to organize in our new positions.

There will be a Pennant Rules meeting on Monday 19th April at Hamersley – 10 am for morning tea (provided by PSWGL) with meeting to commence at 10.30. An email will be forwarded to all Clubs prior to the date.

We look forward to a – hopefully – Covid free season and trust that you will bear with us as we negotiate the many parts of running an event entail, stay safe and good golfing to all.

Iona Gallagher and Jill Wirth
Joint Tournament Directors

ADOPTED: Collier

GOLFWA DELEGATE REPORT:

The GolfWA AGM held at Royal Perth Golf Club on 8 March was attended by both of your PSWGL Delegates on behalf of member clubs. Our presence is particularly noted at these meetings, when on this and some previous occasions, our attendance has been advantageous to reach a quorum.

Chairman, Greg Higham again mentioned the appreciation of GolfWA for the manner in which golf clubs and their members had conducted themselves during the difficult preceding year due to COVID restrictions and requirements. Numbers of people playing golf had increased enormously during the last twelve months, making golf courses, both private and public extremely busy.

GolfWA CEO, Gary Thomas reported that after assessing the financial position during COVID, the Job Keeper allowance from the Government had not been required nor had job cuts needed to be made. However two employees had resigned during the year. He also advised a surplus of \$292,373 against a budgeted deficit of \$82,050, partly attributing this significant variance to cost savings from the High Performance programme which obviously was unable to continue during COVID due to border closures, and also the receipt of the Government Cash Flow Boost of \$100K.

As a sign of the times, voting on Special Resolutions at this AGM was conducted electronically instead of by post. This proved to be a very efficient and successful mode of voting and a simple process for everyone.

Your Delegates will continue to represent the interests of PSWGL member clubs to GolfWA as the need arises. Please don't hesitate to contact either of us for assistance with GolfWA or Golf Australia-related matters.

Wishing everyone and all clubs a successful and full season of enjoyable golf.

Megan Lewis and Margrette Gilmore
Committee Representatives

ADOPTED: Hawkvalley

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Ruth Strugnell Life Membership

Megan Lewis, Committee Representative, proposed motion to accept Ruth Strugnell as Life Member of PSWGL. Shirley Simpson, Life Member, seconded motion.

Unanimous decision by those present to accept motion.

Shirley presented Ruth with Badge for Life Member of PSWGL.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE

I am honoured and delighted to find myself nominated as a life member of the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League.

Just to put it all in perspective, I became a member of Yaringa in 1986, and started competing in events run by the WAWGL immediately. I have enjoyed the competition and camaraderie of interclub events for some 24 years before I finally became involved at committee level within the Perth Suburban District Women's Golf Association in 2010. Over those many years, the same names were always involved in running these League and Association events, and those ladies have been such worthy recipients of life memberships. I was always in awe of the amount of work they did, and the commitment they showed to the League, over a substantial length of time, well beyond the required 10 year service criteria for life membership.

So many many thanks to the present committee, including my nominator Megan Lewis, who took me under her expert wing in those earlier years, for approving and presenting my nomination to this meeting for acceptance.

I will wear my badge with pride, and continue at the present time to serve on this great committee, which has given me so much pleasure, in meeting and really getting to know new people, developing new skills, building confidence in myself, all within the competitive golfing environment we all enjoy so much, and that we are privileged to be a part of in the public course arena in WA.

For anyone out there who feels a committee position is unachievable for them, think again, and consider that the benefits of serving far outweigh any negatives that you may imagine.

Thanks again for your endorsement. I am very humble.

Ruth Strugnell

GENERAL BUSINESS

Honorarium – Tournament Directors:

Committee have approved a payment of \$800 total for Tournament Directors this year. This is due to increased travel and time in taking over the Tournament Director role for the first year.

Affiliation Fees:

Jan, President, reminded those present that affiliation fees are now due by all clubs and there are quite a number of clubs who have still to forward their fees. It was pointed out that affiliation fees must be received for all entrants in Opening Day event.

Clarification for entry to League events by members who belong to more than one Club:

An e.mail was received from Marangaroo regarding rules relating to when an affiliated member belongs to more than one club when playing in League competitions.

A member can play for either their home club or second club. When completing entry forms for events, the club they are entering under should be stipulated in the field for CLUB.

If a member happens to win both their club championships, they will be representing both clubs in the Champion of Champions and if they win, both clubs represented will be acknowledged on the Winner's trophy.

Only one League affiliation fee is paid by the home club.

Collier delegate stated that their golf course would charge an extra \$27 per green fee if a shotgun start was requested by Collier ladies for their Charity Day. She asked whether delegates in attendance would be willing to pay this extra amount. Unanimous decision not to pay and Collier delegate would pass this on to her committee.

Peninsula queried information on MiTournament:

Megan Lewis, Committee Representative, briefly explained MiScore (App) whereby score can be entered onto mobile phone as you play or at end of event, but can still enter score on cards.

MiTournament (program) for competitions with capability of logging onto site and entering and paying for events. Costly and used by larger organisations.

MiClub are based in Osborne Park and they write programs. OneGolf is name of computer program for clubs which Collier and Pt Walter are now using. Clubs can ring MiClub to find out more information and costings if interested.

The League will be looking at whether MiTournament could be used in the future for booking events, particularly cost to the League and to individual clubs. Megan Lewis, Committee Representative, will research the possibilities of purchasing OneGolf and MiTournament and will report back to Management Committee and the General Meeting in May.

If enough clubs are interested, the Committee can organise a representative from MiClub to attend a General Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50 hours

NEXT MEETING: 10 May 2021 at 10.30 hours

RAFFLE DONATED BY JEANETTE BANNISTER WON BY: Marj Malatesta