

**PERTH SUBURBAN WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE**

**MINUTES 51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB**

**MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2021**

The President, Jan Graham opened the meeting at 10.20am and thanked those in attendance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Management Committee:**

President Jan Graham (in Chair), Vice President Genny Conner, Tournament Directors Iona Gallagher and Jill Wirth, Treasurer Ruth Strugnell, Committee Representatives Megan Lewis (Minute Secretary) and Margrette Gilmore.

**Life Members:**

Joan Nicoli, Marj Malatesta, Megan Lewis and Ruth Strugnell.

**Match Committee:**

Roberta Jones and Marja Rentier

**Club Delegates:**

Coastals, Collier, Embers, Floreat, Hamersley, Hawk Valley, Jandalakes, Links, Marangaroo, Marri Park, Peninsula, Point Walter, Quondong, Redbacks, Rosehill, Sapphires, Seabirds, Surfside, The Ladies Cosmopolitan Ladies, Yaringa.

**OBSERVERS:**

Nil

**APOLOGIES:**

Secretary Fiona McArthur, Life Members Shirley Simpson and Dolly Williams, Match Committee Karan Barnes and Stella Busch, Scarborough, Hillview, Swan Vale, Wednesday Ladies Whaleback, West Aviat, Whaleback Warriors, Whaleback Womens.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I would like to welcome everyone to the League's AGM for 2021. As always we appreciate everyone for making time to attend today's meeting. Special mention to all our Life Members who are here today and to those unable to attend. Our Life members, Shirley Simpson, Dolly Williams, Joan Nicoli, Marj Malatesta, Megan Lewis and Ruth Strugnell, are an important part of the League and continue to assist wherever they can. To our delegates and prospective new members of the committee we look forward to your support going forward.

As I have expressed in the past you, as delegates, play an important role in ensuring the decisions made by the Management and General Committees are passed onto your members to keep them fully informed on matters pertaining to the League. The League exists to provide a service to the lady members of the public golf courses and your assistance ensures the League is supported through your encouragement to your members in getting them to enter our competitions throughout the year. The League would not be able to continue in its role without you. A very big thank you to you all.

This year has been very successful for the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League as all competitions that were on our 2021 calendar have been able to be held due to the fact that COVID

has been absent from our lives and have been really well supported. For that we are very appreciative.

One of the major decisions made by the Management Committee in my tenure as President has been the decision to move to organizing most of our competitions through OneGolf, MiScore and MiTournament. This has brought many challenges for our Tournament Directors, Jill Wirth and Iona Gallagher, our Treasurer, Ruth Strugnell, Megan Lewis, GolfWA Representative, who has been the driving force in getting everything to work and Stella Busch, who has been on hand to assist in collating the results at the end of the day's competitions and to provide advice whenever needed. All their hard work this year has brought dividends to the Committee and to the players as the technology has improved the efficiency of not only entering the players into the competitions but also collating the results. With everything now in place in regard to the new technology all the members of the Committee are hopeful that their involvement on the day will be diminished allowing them to play in the competitions whenever they can.

All the members of the Management Committee deserve a big pat on the back for their loyalty to the League and to their continued dedication in working as a volunteer within the community on behalf of the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League. Genny Conner (Vice President), Fiona McArthur (Secretary) – a special thank you to Fiona for her service over many years to the League as she is stepping down from the Committee this year – Tournament Directors, Jill Wirth and Iona Gallagher, Ruth Strugnell (Treasurer), Megan Lewis (GolfWA delegate), Margrette Gilmore (GolfWA delegate), Roberta Jones (Match Committee/Pennant Co-ordinator), Stella Busch (Match Committee/Handicapper), Marja Rentier, Karan Barnes (Match Committee). As you can see there are many ladies that form the Committee in their various roles and each of them are very dedicated individuals. A big thank you to you all.

I am stepping down as President this year but am hoping to keep working for the League going forward. We believe the League provides an important service to all our members and their support is sincerely appreciated to ensure the League can continue into the future. I wish the new President every success and hope she enjoys the role as much as I have done over the past number of years.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2022 and let's hope that we can continue our lives the way we have in 2021.

**Jan Graham**  
**President**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 7 December 2020 were confirmed as correct.

Accepted: Hawk Valley

Seconded: Peninsula

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:**

Apology for AGM – Shirley Simpson, Life Member

**CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:**

Acceptance of Shirley Simpson apology and good wishes – President Jan Graham

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nil

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – 1 NOVEMBER 2020 TO 31 OCTOBER 2021:**

I can confirm that at each Executive Meeting during the year, I presented a financial report, detailing all income and expenditure. The records for the year are available for anyone to examine if required. As it is not a legal condition under our constitution for a Tier 1 Incorporated Association to undergo an audit, I have not had one carried out this year.

#### As per Financial Report:

- Bank Statement Balance as at 1 November 2020 was \$10044.57
- Income for 2021 as per financial report \$39197.38
- Expenses \$40336.70 giving a deficit of \$1139.32

#### Income Received:

- Annual Fees: 26 member clubs \$260, 982 Associates Affiliation Fees \$4910
- League Games: including Green fees, lunches, entry fees, pennant fees \$24244.50
- DLMT and LGMT fees \$1714
- Income from raffles, from both meetings and tournaments, after expenses, was \$ 2461.22
- Karan Barnes has a \$30 float.
- Voucher donations were made by Joan Nicoli (Autumn Cup), Marj Malatesta (Metro Champs) and Shirley Simpson (Spring Carnival) totalling \$180

#### Expenses:

- League Games: including green fees, lunches, vouchers, prizes, golf balls, engraving, badges & Stripe fees \$26318.07
- Administrative Expenses:  
Our largest individual expense for the year, was the purchase of MiClub's One Golf Management system, including the first year annual support costs. In December of last year, we also purchased a new laptop, to be used by the incoming tournament directors, and all associated software and security programs, and the printer was purchased from Jeanette Bannister. The breakdown of all of these costs have been presented and accepted at the appropriate general meetings of the League during the year. Added to these purchases, are the normal administration costs, website maintenance, AGM/Delegates morning tea 2020 and room hire at RPGC 2021, total administrative expenses were \$6374.35
- Trophy Presentation Luncheon at the MAAC: Cost of the meal this year was reduced to \$35 pp and as such, there was no subsidy required by the League. League's expense: \$817 to cover life members' lunches, complementary tea and coffee for attendees and room hire charges
- Honorarium: Iona and Jill received a one-off this year honorarium of \$800 as approved by members at the General Meeting of the 15 March 2021. This will be reviewed again next year, taking into consideration the benefits gained by using the One Golf systems for running of our Tournaments.
- Charity donations were made to both the Bushfires Appeal in February and the Cyclone Seroja Appeal in May \$600.

It can be noted here, that a motion was put to the Executive committee meeting of the 9 August, by Megan Lewis, seconded by Ruth Strugnell, and accepted by the Committee, to increase the Associates affiliation fee by \$1 per Associate in 2022, to \$6, to cover the ongoing annual support cost of the One Golf system. This decision was also minuted at the general meeting of the 9 August 2021.

The bank statement has been reconciled and the balance as at 29 October, 2021 is \$8905.25

***Ruth Strugnell – Treasurer PSWGL***

***Dated November 21 2021***

Accepted: Yaringa

Seconded: Embers

### **TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS' REPORT:**

It was at this meeting last year that we were elected as joint Tournament Directors taking over from Jeanette Bannister who had held the position on her own for over 6 years. Under the guidance of Jeanette and Stella Busch we learnt the “ins and outs” of running competitions within the League, the preparation of League Event Entry Forms, learning how to collate all info received onto spreadsheets, doing the draw and with Stella taking us step by step on the Golf Aust website on how to access, download and print off handicaps for all players the night before a competition.

Apart for a late change of venue, our 9-hole Opening Day held at Embleton Golf Course, went off well with 66 players in the field.

Next up was the Autumn Cup held at Hamersley in May. A bit of a misunderstanding of tee times, where the public had access on the back 9 for a short time, was soon sorted by the Hamersley staff which then allowed the field to move quite smoothly. COVID did rear its ugly head at this time with players having to wear masks and numbers were limited in the dining room afterwards. Thankfully we were able to go ahead with presentations at the end of the day. 135 players in field. Also in May, the Silver Bronze and Brass event was held at Maylands Peninsula with 103 players over the 3 categories – another successful day.

By now we were feeling quite comfortable with how the system worked then “HELLO” along came OneGolf and all that we thought we knew went out the window. Our new system was first trialled at the Metro Championships held at Whaleback Golf Course in June (a field of 87) with Andrew Naylor setting up the event for us, along with Megan and Ruth helping players to submit their scorecards into the computer system enabling all the results to be worked out automatically. With some clubs already using MiScore and some players downloading the “app” that day it was a great learning experience for us all, so good in fact that the League decided to go ahead with the purchase of the MiClub package to be used for all future events.

Organizing the courses for our Pennant teams was our next big challenge after which, along with Jeanette and Roberta Jones our Pennant Coordinator, we learnt the complexities of putting together the draw for all teams and divisions. We then sat back and enjoyed a short break leaving Roberta in charge of running the 4weeks of Pennants – a job well done Roberta.

Over this time and under the guidance of our mentor, Megan, we learnt more and more about the new system, uploading event flyers and setting up of competitions onto MiTournament, learning how to import all info needed for completion of draw and competition results sheets etc. on Onegolf and lastly the setting up of MiScore for players to be able to use the app to record their score for the event being played in.

Our 4BBB championship which was held for the first time in place of the Foursomes event of previous years proved to be a challenge both for all Clubs and League Organizers but true to form we got through the event with only a few minor hick-ups. A field of 32 (16pairs) participated on the day.

Although we had a small field of 19 competing in the Judy Sinclair Trophy at Carramar on 6<sup>th</sup> September, those who played enjoyed the day. We’re hoping Clubs will encourage more players to play in this event next year. This is the only event where players with handicaps of 30 and above are able to compete without (perhaps) being overwhelmed by players on much lower handicaps.

Also, in September the DLMT, LGMT and Champion of Champions Events were all played on the same day at Marangaroo and just to throw “a spanner into the works”, we found out a few days prior to the event being held that only 9 holes were available to play due to sanding and coring of holes 1 to 9. This meant that players had to play holes 10 to 18 twice and in true “golfing spirit” all players concerned adapted to the change with some fantastic scores recorded over the 3 events being held in conjunction. Belinda Fischer from Hamersley was crowned Champion of Champions

for 2021 with Jenny Vincent from Surfside runner up. A field of 38 all up – 16 x Champion of Champions, 18 x DLMT and 6 x LGMT, and yes for those mathematicians amongst us that does add up to 40, but 2 players in the Champ of Champ event were also their Clubs DLMT representatives.

Our final Tournament for the year was the PSWGL Disgtrict Championship held at Maylands Peninsula in October with a field of 110. The challenge for us was all the “side competitions” held within the main Gross, Nett, Open and Closed events. A separate competition sheet having to be completed for every Club eligible for Team events in the gross/nett/stableford along with Veterans events in the same 3 categories. All we will say after that is “WE NAILED IT”.

Although our player numbers were down for this season in comparison to other years, we were able to hold ALL events as scheduled avoiding the 4-day lockdown during pennants in July by 1 day, so therefore we feel it has been a very successful year for us all.

Going forward we will be working on compiling guidelines for all areas of MiTournament, OneGolf and MiScore so as to make the process of learning the ins and outs of setting up competitions within these 3 areas much easier for ourselves and future Tournament Directors to follow, after which we will liaise with our “mentor” Megan to fine tune the guidelines where needed. Also, along with our Treasurer, Ruth Strugnell, we will be redesigning all entry forms for events registered on MiTournament as well as forms used for our smaller tournaments not requiring registration through this area. ie, DLMT, LGMT, Silver, Bronze and Brass etc. At the same time redesigning payment forms for these events, thus, hopefully, making it easier for Club treasurers to understand.

A copy of the 2022 PSWGL fixtures will be emailed to all Clubs for inclusion in their year’s fixtures once finalized by the Tournament Directors and approved by Committee.

We intend to hold an informal information day towards the end of February for all Club Captains and either Club Secretaries or Treasurers to explain all forms that are emailed out over the course of the year, their purpose and also to explain what and where all sorts of useful information can be found on the League website – this info day will hopefully be very useful for all and especially those who will be taking over as their Club Captains for the first time.

In closing we would like to say a huge thank you to all of those who have helped us throughout our first year as Joint Tournament Directors, Jeanette, Stella, Megan, Ruth, Fiona, Roberta and all Committee members, Club Delegates and especially and MiScore. We thank you for your patience, understanding and encouragement given to us both. We know at different times it was quite frustrating for each and every one of us – but we survived to “Live another Day”.

To you and all your families we wish you a very “Happy, Safe & Fun filled Christmas” and we look forward to being your Tournament Directors for next year – unless of course someone wishes to oppose our re-election ha ha

Cheers  
Jill & Iona  
PSWGL Tournament Directors

Accepted: Hamersley

Seconded: Embers

## **COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT (DELEGATES TO GOLFWA)**

2021 saw a huge improvement on 2020 in terms of our Perth Suburban events and the same for GolfWA which has run its full complement of events this year – all because as golfers in Western Australia, our lives have continued uninterrupted, unlike our unfortunate counterparts in the eastern states. Hopefully within the next twelve months, they too, will be able to be fully involved and unrestricted in their golfing activities.

### **GOLFWA**

It has been a fairly quiet year for your GolfWA delegates, apart from our attendance at the AGM in March. This was a straight-forward meeting and we are very pleased to report that currently 3 of the 8 GolfWA Board members are women – Jane Crane from Royal Perth, Emma Elliott from Hamersley and Jodie Meadows. This is a much improved representation, which will assist GolfWA to be able to reach the State Government's Women in Leadership target for State Sporting Organisation Boards, which will need to have 50% female directors by June 30, 2022.

### **GOLF AUSTRALIA**

- In April Golf Australia launched their official GA Handicap app – the app facilitates looking up of handicaps for a group of players, sends notifications when any of the group records a new score, calculates daily handicaps and shares scores and handicaps via a text message, WhatsApp, Facebook and email.
- Following threats to commandeer public and council-owned golf courses for public open space and general recreational use in several States, Golf Australia has been fighting and will continue to fight for our public golf courses. A promise has been given that Golf Australia will continue to advocate for public course golf and present a very strong case, by talking up the health benefits, both mental and physical, and the fact that it's a game for life; a game for everyone, whether on a public or private course.
- Golf Australia is strongly promoting the playing of 9-hole competitions in clubs and this year conducted a national competition whereby official 9-hole scores entered into GolfLink between 1 June and 15 November 2021, made players eligible to be randomly selected to play in the national final with return flights and accommodation provided. Hopefully this will be repeated in 2022 – clubs should look out for it.

We both continue to enjoy our involvement on the Management Committee of the PSWGL where part of our responsibility is to represent member clubs on matters relating to GolfWA and Golf Australia. We have both been nominated to continue in our positions for the 2022 season and hope the member clubs are happy to elect us again. We wish all Perth Suburban Delegates and their families a safe and happy Christmas period and look forward to another season of League and GolfWA events next year.

**MEGAN LEWIS AND MARGRETTE GILMORE**  
**Committee Representatives**

Accepted: President Jan Graham

Seconded: Tournament Director, Iona Gallagher

## Election of Office Bearers for 2022

The following nominations had been received by the closing date and were therefore duly elected:

POSITION	ELECTED	CLUB	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Genny Conner	Links	Christine May	Karan Barnes
Vice President	Pam Willems	Marangaroo	Jan Graham	Ruth Strugnell
Tournament Directors	Jill Wirth Iona Gallagher	Yaringa Yaringa	Iona Gallagher Megan Lewis	Megan Lewis Jeanette Bannister
Secretary	Jan Graham	Yaringa	Ruth Strugnell	Iona Gallagher
Treasurer	Ruth Strugnell	Yaringa	Megan Lewis	Jill Wirth
Committee Representative	Megan Lewis	Point Walter	Megan Lewis	Carolyn Reeve
Committee Representative	Margrette Gilmore	Jandalakes	Joan Nicoli	Irene Gooi

## MATCH COMMITTEE FOR 2022

The following nominations were received from the floor and are therefore appointed:

APPOINTED	CLUB	PROPOSER
Roberta Jones	Yaringa	Genny Conner
Marja Rentier	Embers	Jan Graham
Karan Barnes	Links	Jan Graham

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### ONEGOLF, MITOURNAMENT AND MIScore FINAL REPORT

We have been reporting to clubs all year on the progress of the take-up of the OneGolf and MiTournament systems, to run and score competitions and whilst I realise I may be covering some of the same ground as in other reports today, I would like this report to serve as a final sign-off from this major accomplishment for the League. A detailed report given to Delegates at the General Meeting in August brought clubs right up to date with the development of the project. An information session for clubs had been conducted on 26 July when amongst other things discussed, clubs were asked to encourage their members to set up a personal profile in MiTournament to enable entry into Perth Suburban events. This worked very well for the 2-day Spring Carnival in August for entries, finances and the running of the competitions. And being the first time the system had been used without any professional assistance, there were a couple of unexpected lessons learned during that tournament.

The system also served us well for entries and the running of several competitions within the District Championship event. Following that, other smaller play-off events did not require entry via MiTournament but the competitions were successfully run using the OneGolf system.

It has been a steep learning curve for the Tournament Directors Jill and Iona and also our Treasurer Ruth, who had to set up the financial platform to accept payment of entries to events. But they have all risen to the challenge and I have enjoyed the involvement in supporting them to get through this extremely challenging year. They should all be commended for the positive way in which they have tackled this demanding assignment, particularly the Tournament Directors who were not only experiencing their first year in the job, but tackling the new system as well. You have done the hard yards girls and have paved the way for those who will come behind you.

The 2022 season should be somewhat easier, putting into practice what has been learnt this year and using the OneGolf, MiTournament and MiScore processes to make the job of running

League events a whole lot easier and far less time consuming. It is also of benefit and more enjoyable for players in League events.

The purchase and installation of these systems has been a positive and rewarding exercise for the League and whilst we do pay for it, we are very grateful to the efficient service provided by the MiClub organisation and Andrew Naylor in particular, for ongoing support.

Three of our affiliated clubs have already purchased and used OneGolf and MiScore this year and I believe about five or six more could be using these systems next season. It is also encouraging to see players using the MiScore app to submit their scores when playing in League events, and players are encouraged to download and use this app to further speed up the submission of scores at the end of a League event.

For the League, this has probably been the biggest undertaking for many years (apart from the merger between Perth Suburban and the League nearly six years ago). We have taken on the challenges of twenty-first century technology and I'm very pleased the League and some of our clubs, have had the foresight to 'come of age' and are enjoying the advantages of our time.

**MEGAN LEWIS**

**6 DECEMBER 2021**

#### **INVITATION TO DELEGATES' MORNING TEA AND AGM**

Since phone calls had been made encouraging Delegates to attend the AGM and morning tea, President Jan asked for comment regarding the interest, venue and timing of the AGM. She also called for a show of hands about the choice of current venue – the Royal Perth Golf Club to which more than 50% agreed with. Jan also commented on the importance of clubs being represented by the Delegates on these occasions since they are the conduit between the League and their clubs. The League always welcomes the ideas and comments from the clubs, to enable the League to be able to facilitate activities and events for the enjoyment of members.

Some of the comments offered were:

- Invitation to Morning Tea lost amongst six other attachments of email notice of AGM – maybe send invitation as separate email.
- Since December a busy time, perhaps combine AGM with Trophy Presentation Lunch – agreed not enough time at this function to conduct AGM as well.
- Maybe conduct AGM earlier – possibly in early to mid-November.

These suggestions will be considered by Management Committee during 2022.

#### **THANKS TO COMMITTEE**

A vote of thanks to Committee for the work carried out on behalf of League clubs was expressed by the Embers Delegate.

#### **52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This is scheduled for Monday 5 December 2022 – venue to be confirmed.

#### **2022 GENERAL MEETINGS**

The date and venue for the first General Meeting for 2022 will be advised to Delegates by email.

#### **RAFFLE**

This was won by the Rosehill Delegate.

#### **CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 11.25am.