

PERTH SUBURBAN WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

MINUTES 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022

The President, Genny Conner, opened the meeting at 10.16 AM and thanked those in attendance.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Life Members:

Joan Nicoli; and Megan Lewis.

Match Committee:

Roberta Jones; Karan Barnes; Marja Rentier.

Club Delegates:

Collier Pines; Embers; Floreat; Hamersley; Hawkvalley; Jandalakes; Links; Marangaroo; Marri Park; Peninsula; Quondong; Redbacks; Scarborough; Seabirds; Surfside; Ladies Cosmopolitan; Yaringa.

OBSERVERS:

Maryke Stockbridge (Links) and Alison Wakeham (Links); and Carol Bodycoat (Collier)

APOLOGIES:

Life Members Shirley Simpson, Marj Malatesta and Dolly Williams; Vice President Pam Willems; Life Member and Treasurer Ruth Strugnell; Coastals; Point Walter; Swan Vale; Wednesday Ladies; Whaleback Warriors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022

Good morning everyone. Welcome to The League's 2022 AGM, and thank you all for your attendance.

I would like to especially welcome our Life Members Joan and Megan and send well wishes to Shirley, Marj, Dolly Williams and Ruth Strugnell. We hope they are all doing ok. To most of you who are your club delegates, we thank you for being the conduit between the League and getting information on all the events and issues that are happening back to your clubs. Your involvement is paramount to our success at the League in encouraging participation and involvement in our events.

The League's management committee started the year with an extensive review of the By-Laws and Pennant Rules. We worked on updating our website, moving some of our past information to be more relevant and adjusting some things to better suit our new OneGolf program now in use. Ongoing and still a work in progress is our history page and updating our forms etc to be more relevant and suitable for the new program.

Our season's events have been well attended. Opening day was a full field to start the year and although not all the events have been full there has been good representation as always. Another very successful Pennant competition was played in good spirit and the booking of neutral venues for games was commended by participants.

On behalf of the League I would like to acknowledge the ongoing donations from Shirley for the Spring Carnival, to Marj for the Metro Champs and to Joan for the Autumn Cup. These are wonderful events on our season's calendar and we thank the ladies for their generous contributions.

So as our season draws to a close and we start looking to the future, the realisation that we have had no nominations for a Tournament Director next year, made the Management committee think about how we continue to run our events, which I think you all agree are a great attraction; fun and integral part of our golfing lives.

So having now made the transition to the OneGolf programme we decided to invite the 9 known clubs already using the program at club level, to a discussion day for suggestions to map out a plan for the future. The discussion was very fruitful and concluded that moving forward the Tournament Director role would be more as a co-ordinator and that clubs would be selected to conduct the season's events on behalf of the League. The finer details will be worked through with the management committee at the conclusion of today's meeting. We are hoping that by reducing the Tournament Director burden and involving the clubs more this will spread the load and hopefully encourage more to participate. All the clubs have been sent the notes of the discussion, so please, if you have any questions we are happy to hear them.

To your dedicated, loyal and hard working committee, thank you all very much for your commitments to the League throughout the year, the late night emails to sort through an event, the lengthy hours dedicated to making the rules and by-Laws say what they should, the phone calls to clarify an opinion, your days and hours dedicated to sorting the results and running the events is all part of the important service the League provides and I sincerely appreciate your dedication and support. As you all know Jill and Iona are stepping down from their roles, so we would like to especially thank them for all they have done in the last 2 years, a steep learning curve you both embraced and have excelled in, we thank you very much..... don't turn your phones off just yet !!

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, happy and healthy festive season and best wishes for the year ahead.

Genny Conner -- President

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 51st AGM held on 6 December 2021 were confirmed as correct.

Accepted: Hamersley. Seconded: Collier

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

Nil.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET:

TREASURER'S REPORT – 1 NOVEMBER 2021 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 2022:

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 2021 was \$ 8,905.25

Income for 2022 as per financial report \$37,186.90

Expenses \$34,297.56 giving a surplus of \$ 2889.34

It is to be noted here, and reflected in the Financial Report you have in front of you, that there is an unrepresented cheque made out to Hillview Golf Course for Green Fees of Day 2 of the Spring Carnival to the value of \$1492. Despite numerous calls, where I ascertained that it was not lost, they have still at the time of writing of this report not banked it. In light of this, we had, at the 31/10/22, \$10,302.59 as available funds in the account, bringing the current year surplus back to \$1397.34.

Income Received:

Annual Fees: 26 member clubs \$ 260, 977 Associates Affiliation Fees \$ 5862.

There are expenses listed in the Financial Report, under both Member Club Affiliation fees and Associates Affiliation Fees, as we did have an application from the Kalamunda Kiwi Golf Club to join PSWGL, which was later refunded. Other expenses were overpayment by some clubs for their associates, which also required a refund.

League Games: including Entry Fees, Green fees, lunches, and pennant fees \$ 21834.00

As minuted in the March 14 2022 general meeting, this year I recorded all the receipts and expenses for entry fees, green fees and lunches for all of our Tournaments (whether it be through MiTournament or the regular direct credit to the League account) into the one entry in the Financial Report, under Tournaments. I have produced an Excel document to show the breakdown of all the competitions over the year. This includes the Stripe fees applicable, \$622.15, which has been covered by raising our competition entry fee to \$4. This document is available if anyone wants clarification of any of these figures.

DLMT and LGMT fees \$1840

Income from raffles, from meetings, tournaments and Presentation lunch, after expenses, was \$1613.92. Karan Barnes has a \$30 float.

Voucher donations were made by Joan Nicoli (Autumn Cup), Marj Malaesta (Metro Champs) and Shirley Simpson (Spring Carnival Day 1 & 2) totalling \$320

Expenses:

League Games: including green fees, lunches, refunds, vouchers, prizes, golf balls, engraving, badges & Stripe fees \$23415.62. The unrepresented cheque for Green Fees at Hillview, Day 2 of the Spring Carnival of \$1492 would then increase this overall expense figure to \$24907.62

Administrative Expenses:

This year there was no major purchase of any equipment or software. The breakdown of all of the following costs have been presented and accepted at the appropriate general meetings of the League during the year. These include the ongoing subscription to OneGolf of \$990 which was covered by raising our associate affiliation fee to \$6 this year, as per the Minutes of our AGM in 2021. Other normal administration costs include website maintenance, AGM/Delegates morning tea 2021 at Royal Perth Golf Club.

Trophy Presentation Luncheon at the MAAC: Cost of the meal this year was \$57.50 pp, which was a big increase on last year's cost. As such, a motion was passed by the Management Committee to subsidise this to the value of \$17.50 pp, bringing the cost to attendees to just \$40. League's expense: \$2704.50 which covers life member's lunches (4), subsidy for 111, coffee/tea for 66, and room hire charges. Also this year, we did not sell raffle tickets, nor run a money board at the lunch, the Committee decided instead to award door prizes for the 2 Christmas baskets and 4 vouchers, cost of which have been included as a raffle expense within these accounts.

Honorarium: Iona and Jill received an honorarium of \$600 as approved by members at the General Meeting of the 14 March 2022.

The bank statement has been reconciled and the balance as at 29 October, 2022 is \$11794.59.

As per the Financial Report, available Cash at Bank, taking into account the unpresented cheque of \$1492, would be \$10302.59.

Ruth Strugnell – Treasurer PSWGL
9/11/2022

Accepted: Yaringa **Seconded:** Embers

- A query was received in regard to Hillview Golf Course not presenting the League's cheque for payment of Day 2 of the Spring Carnival. It was suggested the cheque could be cancelled with the funds then being credited into the course's bank account. It was determined that it is the responsibility of the Hillview Golf Course to finalise this transaction.
- Another item for discussion was that when clubs are putting entries into MiTournament on behalf of its members it is recommended that entries be done individually as if one of the ladies withdraws from the competition when entered as part of a group, whilst it is possible to refund the individual, it is impossible to remove the individual from the event without withdrawing the whole group.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Having had a year to come to terms with the workings of MiScore and Mitournament, both Jill and I tackled the 2022 season enthusiastically. With more clubs now using Miscore there was a noticeable difference in how few needed to enter their score on the tablet.

The season began on 4th April with Opening day where 72 players enjoyed 9 holes and lunch at Embleton Golf Course.

Autumn Cup was held at Hamersley on 2nd May, a field of 126 down from 135 last year. We now have a Veterans section in this competition and the age has now been raised to 70.

Also on 16th May, the Silver, Bronze and Brass event was held at Maylands with 79 players over the three categories, again down from 103.

Metro Champs was held at Whaleback on 13th June - one down, this year, making a field of 87. It was a successful day where most players enjoyed the hot roast lunch.

Organizing and booking the courses for our Pennant teams was our next challenge after which, along with the help of Ruth and Roberta, our Pennant Coordinator, we put together the draw for all teams and divisions. Most players enjoyed the later starts, which were given to us this year. We then sat back and enjoyed a break leaving Roberta in charge of running the 4 weeks of Pennants – a job well done Roberta.

The Spring Carnival returned to Hillview on the 22nd and 23rd August with 77 playing on Monday and 84 on the Tuesday in the 4 ball. The Yaringa girls were happy to be back at Hillview where we enjoyed a two-night stay, to save driving back and forth.

Our 4BBB championship returned to its original format (a Gross Event only) and was played on 29th August at Maylands, with 34 players, one couple up on last year.

The JSMT was also played on the same day and this year we decided to return to the old style for entering the competition, where each club sent in a list of players, to see if we could encourage a bigger field than last year. It worked as we had 40 players which was a big improvement from 19 last year.

On 5th September the DLMT and Champion of Champion events were played at Carramar. Unfortunately, there were not enough players to hold the LGMT. A field of 29 all up, 15 Champion of Champions, of whom 4 players were also eligible for the DLMT playoff where there were 14 players. Andrea Carruthers from Links was Champion with Jan Lawrie from Jandalakes, Nett winner.

By this date I had already been gallivanting around Scotland for a week having a wonderful time, leaving Jill to take on the running of these competitions and the preparation for the District Champs. So, a big thanks from me to you Jill.

Our final Tournament for the year was the PSWGL District Championship held at Maylands on 10th October with 92 players in the field, including 3 non league players. Down from 110 last year.

Although our player numbers were down for this season, in comparison to other years, we were able to hold all events as scheduled, so therefore we feel it has been a very successful year for all of us.

A copy of the 2023 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.

In closing we would like to say a huge thank you to all of those who have helped us throughout our time as TD's, Megan, Ruth, Roberta and all Committee members, Club Delegates and especially 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 one of us – but we survived to Live another Day.

To you and all your families, we wish you a very Happy, Safe and fun filled Christmas and fantastic 2023.

Thanks

Iona & Jill

PSWGL Tournament Directors

Accepted: Seabirds

Seconded: Yaringa

- A query was asked from the floor on whether running competitions through OneGolf had been worth the money the League had paid for the technology.

The Tournament Director answered in the affirmative as it certainly has been an improvement on the old system. The benefits have been seen for both the position of Tournament Director and the Treasurer when carrying out their duties related to organising the competitions.

- A query was asked on why delegates are not receiving all the information that is sent to the Club Captains and Secretaries.

It was determined last year that the Captains and Secretary should receive any information relating to a competition and that the delegates should only receive information relating to meetings being held for the General Committee of the League. It is up to the Captains and Secretaries to ensure any information received is distributed to their members.

GOLFWA DELEGATES' REPORT TO PSWGL AGM

GOLFWA

The 2022 season has not been too taxing for your GolfWA delegates with no major changes from Golf Australia or GolfWA.

- As reported earlier in the year, resolutions for changes to the GolfWA Constitution were voted on electronically and passed without any hitches at the AGM in March. And whilst we attended the AGM in person, more were in attendance via Zoom – something we'll probably need to embrace before too long.
- We can also report that GolfWA has fulfilled the State Government requirement to have 50% females on the Board, which was achieved with the appointments of Kellie Benda and Karen Caddy in June this year.
- We have appreciated the assistance given by GolfWA during this season with regard to Rules queries, but it became obvious that some of our Perth Suburban clubs did not have the *Randa Guide to the Official Rules of Golf* in their clubs, where the full interpretations of all the rules can be found.
- Subsequently, advice has been received that the Randa will be making the usual 4-yearly changes to the rules – available on January 1 2023 (including ground –breaking modifications to apply to people with disability), so clubs should update their rules resources then.

A significant reform associated with the 2023 Rules is that hard copies will no longer be distributed to club members and administrators. In future, access to the Rules will be via R&A-approved websites and apps. Golf Australia is working with the R&A to upgrade the successful GA Handicap App, to have it feature all of the R&A's 2023 Rules content. This will enable all club golfers and administrators across Australia to gain world-class access to their handicapping and rules content from the one place.

Australia's move to digital is part of the R&A's and USGA's global modernisation of the way in which the Rules are made available to golfers and administrators around the world. This initiative will eliminate any paper wastage and freighting associated with distributing 500,000 Rule books around Australia, many of which received little practical use and were intimidating to the vast majority of golfers. This historical practice of printing Rule books has become unsustainable, and the move to digital is an easy way for golf to support the environment. For those people seeking a hard copy of the *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf 2023*, they will still be available for purchase – to source options from the various online retailers, simply Google *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf 2023*. For administrators who use this publication, the complete digital version of the resource will also be available at no cost within R&A-approved apps.

- The GolfWA website restructure continues and now contains contact details for public course clubs. Most of our Perth Suburban clubs have supplied the required details to GolfWA, but those which haven't, are reminded to do so ASAP.

GOLF AUSTRALIA

Once again this year, Golf Australia is conducting a national Play 9 competition whereby official 9-hole scores entered into GolfLink between 1 July and 30 September 2022, entitle players to be randomly selected to play in the State final, with the opportunity to play in the national final with return flights and accommodation provided, during the Australian Open in Melbourne in December.

We will both continue in 2023 in our roles on the PSWGL Management Committee, where part of our responsibility is to represent member clubs on matters relating to GolfWA and Golf Australia. We wish all Perth Suburban Delegates and their families a safe and happy Christmas period and look forward to another season of interaction with you at meetings or on the course at our League events.

MEGAN LEWIS AND MARGRETTE GILMORE

Accepted: Links

Seconded: Hawkvalley

Election of Office Bearers for 2023

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

POSITION	ELECTED	CLUB	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Genny Conner	Links	Judith McLachlan	Karan Barnes
Vice President	Pam Willems	Marangaroo	Jan Graham	Ruth Strugnell
Tournament Director				
Secretary	Jan Graham	Yaringa	Ruth Strugnell	Megan Lewis
Treasurer	Ruth Strugnell	Yaringa	Jan Graham	Megan Lewis
Committee Representative	Megan Lewis	Point Walter	Margaret Smythe	Vicki Bailey
Committee Representative	Margrette Gilmore	Jandalakes	Jan Graham	Genny Conner

The following nominations for Tournament Director were received from the floor and since there were no other nominations for the position, were duly elected.

POSITION	ELECTED	CLUB	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Tournament Director	Alison Wakeham	Links	Genny Conner	Karan Barnes
	Maryke Stockbridge	Links	Genny Conner	Karan Barnes

MATCH COMMITTEE FOR 2023

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

APPOINTED	CLUB	PROPOSER
Roberta Jones	Yaringa	Sue Bentley
Karan Barnes	Links	Genny Conner
Marja Rentier	Embers	Sue Bentley

- Marangaroo indicated their club didn't want their contact details displayed on the League's website. The only information shown on the website is the club's email address and a mobile number for each of the Club's committee. It would be advantageous for this information to remain in case someone is wishing to make contact with the club. However, if the club is worried about receiving scams and wishes to have all their information removed then their decision will be respected.
- Query received on why Delegates didn't receive advice on the meeting arranged with some of the clubs to discuss how best to meet the needs of the League in regard to its future competitions.

President explained that the Management Committee was only aware of 9 clubs which were already using the OneGolf programme to run their club competitions. The Committee was of the opinion that because no nomination had been received for the position of Tournament Director these 9 clubs would be asked if they would agree to take on the responsibility of running one tournament a year. This was the reason for the unexpected meeting to be called. All clubs had received a copy of the Notes taken at this meeting and it is hoped that all the League clubs are aware of the discussions that took place at that meeting.

Peninsula, Quondong and Whaleback Warriors are now using the OneGolf programme. Whilst they would not be in a position to take on the responsibility of running a League event, given their relatively small number of members, they would be more than happy to assist wherever possible.

Embers have asked if they could receive information on the OneGolf programme.

THANKS TO COMMITTEE

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

53rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is scheduled for Monday 20 November 2023 and will be held at the Royal Perth Golf Club.

GENERAL MEETING 2023

The date and venue for the first General Meeting for 2023 will be advised to Delegates by email.

RAFFLE

The raffle was won by the Links Delegate.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 11.15 am.