



**PERTH SUBURBAN WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE INC
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT HAMERSLEY GOLF COURSE
MONDAY 9 MAY 2022**

MEETING OPENED: 10.30 hours

Megan Lewis, Committee Representative (in the Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

PRESENT:

Treasurer Ruth Strugnell, Tournament Director Iona Gallagher, Secretary Jan Graham, Committee Representative Megan Lewis, Committee Representative Margrette Gilmore

LIFE MEMBERS: Marj Malatesta, Ruth Strugnell, Megan Lewis

DELEGATES:

Collier (Proxy Carol Bodycoat,), Floreat, Hamersley (Proxy Emma Elliott), Hawkvalley, Jandalakes (Proxy Margrette Gilmore), Links, Point Walter (Proxy Megan Lewis), Sapphires, Scarborough, Seabirds, Surfside, Yaringa.

APOLOGIES:

President Genny Connor, Vice President Pam Willems, Tournament Director Jill Wirth, Life Member Joan Nicoli, Life Member Shirley Simpson, Coastals, Floreat, Cosmopolitan, Marri Park, Peninsula, Redbacks, Swan Vale, Whaleback Warriors.

OBSERVERS:

Cath O'Sullivan (Scarborough)

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022

CONFIRMED: Links **SECONDED:** Seabirds

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Addendum to the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022. Vice President, Pam Willems, to be removed from attending the meeting. Her name was also recorded as an apology, which is correct.
- There has been a change to the Local Rule 8c regarding proof of vaccination for entries into the League's competitions due to the State Government removing the mandatory requirement for proof of vaccination.

The following wording will now be shown on the League's entry forms until further notice:

Due to recently changed Government regulations, this rule was changed to read:

"Dependent on Government regulations in place at the time, entries may not be accepted from players who would be unable to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination at registration point of Perth Suburban Women's Golf League events."

- **USE OF MISCORE TO RECORD SCORES ON PERSONAL PHONES:**

Tournament Director, Iona Gallagher, advised the meeting that one of the member clubs had been in touch to let her know that a number of their members will not be entering any of the League's competitions going forward as they didn't want to use their phones for scoring. Iona confirmed that the use of the phone to record scores wasn't mandatory and that score cards could still be used as there will be a tablet at each competition to record any scores that haven't been entered into MiScore. It would be appreciated if the Delegates could pass this information back to their clubs as the League does not want to deter anyone from entering the competitions.

CONFIRMATION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 14 MARCH 2022 - Yaringa

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

Letter from Janice Glossop of Marri Park regarding the use of MiScore at the clubs and at League events. Explanation given to Janice by Iona as above.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

NIL

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL

TREASURER'S REPORT

Further to the Financial Report sent with the minutes dated 22/4/22, I now present an updated Report for this meeting.

Since our March meeting, we have now received the full 26 club affiliation fees, along with 965 associate affiliation fees. We have had an enquiry in regard to 2 new clubs wishing to join the association, as yet, no fees have been received from either.

I would like to bring to all the clubs' attention, that since our associate affiliation fees have been increased from \$5 to \$6, it is important to register all new members on the CURRENT new membership form, as a few have been sent on last year's form, which of course has the incorrect payment amount. All 2022 forms are available through the website and were also sent out by the secretary at the beginning of the year.

During March and April, we have run and completed 2 tournaments, Opening Day and Autumn Cup, both through MiTournament, and have received registrations into the Silver Bronze and Brass event. I would like to emphasise that if associates have registered for an event in MiTournament, and you wish to withdraw before closing date, please edit your registration by

TREASURER'S REPORT cont'd

requesting a withdrawal through MiTournament. That then triggers an email to the Treasurer's address, alerting me, so that I can then process the refund through Stripe, the banking facilitator. This is the fastest and most efficient way to refund back to the account from which payment was made.

I have also had some queries about the DLMT and LGMT forms that were sent out at the beginning of the year. Once you have the players registered who wish to participate in the qualifying rounds at club level of the DLMT and LGMT, you may forward your payment of \$4 per player, at any time during the year, or you can wait until your rounds are completed, and provide your DLMT/LGMT winner name on the same sheet. There will be another entry form sent out in relation to the playoff event for the club winners at Caramar on Sept 5.

There have been some minor administrative costs associated with the Website domain renewal that have been paid.

The closing bank balance on 9/5/22 was \$15561.30.

Ruth Strugnell (Treasurer)

ACCEPTED: Hamersley

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS' REPORT:

Hello everyone, good to see you.

After a few hiccups on Opening Day at Embleton on 4th April, the day went well and was enjoyed by 70 players.

On Monday, 126 players enjoyed Autumn Cup at Hamersley. The weather was lovely and the course was in excellent condition.

It was encouraging to see that more than 100 players were using Miscore which is fantastic and helps to speed things up at the end.

It is still okay to use a card. It has been brought to our attention that some members are older and do not feel comfortable using Miscore on their phones. This is okay because there is always a tablet available for these players to enter their scores on at the end of their game. We want to encourage as many of our members to play in our competitions and do not want players not entering due to them thinking they have to use Miscore.

Also, if some members are still struggling with registration on Mitournament, a member can help them set up their profile and can even enter them in competitions once they have completed their profile.

Our next competition is Silver, Bronze and Brass on Monday 16th May at Maylands, shotgun start 7.30, a bit early but this was the time Wade would agree to.

Both Jill and I would like to stress that delegates pass on to their secretary of each club to push the entry and closing dates of the appropriate competition, each week at their club meeting. We had quite a few late entries for Autumn Cup after the draw was done, in the days leading up the competition. We are changing the condition on our entry forms to say "no late entries once competition is closed, substitutes will be accepted should a player have to withdraw for any reason".

The 23rd of May is closing date for Pennant teams so we would like to encourage clubs to enter as many teams as possible. It is a fun comp where clubs enjoy friendly rivalry and playing on different courses. The Pennant draw will be done on Monday 30th May.

Metro Champs is on Monday 13th June at Whaleback, 7.30 shotgun/part shotgun start depending on numbers.

Jill and I will then have a bit of a break while Pennants is played.

We will see you all at the next meeting on Monday 8th August.

Thanks Iona & Jill

ACCEPTED: Scarborough

GOLFWA DELEGATES' REPORT:

Your Delegates, Megan Lewis and Marg Gilmore, attended the GolfWA AGM held at Royal Perth Golf Club on 14 March, to represent our 28 Perth Suburban member clubs.

Our presence was particularly noted once again, since we are valued to augment the numbers of clubs represented to reach a quorum. It had been a particularly busy day with us having attended both the Management and General meetings of the League earlier that day, and the GolfWA AGM in the evening.

- For the first time for a GolfWA AGM, virtual attendance at the meeting was offered via Zoom. Your Delegates opted to attend in person on this first occasion, but may get a bit braver next year. There were only 6 Delegates in attendance along with 4 members of the GolfWA Board and the CEO. Ten Delegates and 3 members of the Board attended virtually and 22 apologies were received. Most likely we'll have to accept this as being the way for future meetings and it is hoped that the practice will increase the attendance rate.
- Prior to the AGM, electronic votes had been returned by your Delegates, to vote on a special resolution for changes to the GolfWA Constitution. The overall voting resulted in the acceptance of the proposed changes.
- The Board of GolfWA will appoint an additional Female Director by June 30, 2022 to ensure that the State Government requirement surrounding funding arrangements – being a 50% female to male ratio on all Boards of State funded State Sporting Associations - is obliged.

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. Megan Lewis and Margrette Gilmore.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

BY-LAWS REVISION 2022:

Following discussion and subject to the following additional changes to the draft document sent to clubs prior to this meeting, it was moved by Yaringa and seconded by Surfside that all changes to the By-Laws document be accepted.

The motion was accepted by those present and entitled to vote. Clubs will receive the updated document with the Minutes of this meeting and the updated Local Rules and Conditions for events will be uploaded onto MiScore.

- Rule 3 (League Pennant Recorder) had to be numbered and Rules 4 to 6 therefore numbered correctly.
- Rule 8.c Due to recently changed Government regulations, this rule was changed to read: *Dependent on Government regulations in place at the time, entries may not be accepted from players who would be unable to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination at registration point of Perth Suburban Women's Golf League events.*
- Rule 16 (Preferred Lie) – the Collier delegate asked about the validity of a ball being allowed to be cleaned when lifted under this local rule. Megan Lewis explained the history of this local rule which had been approved by the golf authorities a long while ago but had since been reconfirmed by both Golf Australia and GolfWA. They deemed this Local Rule was necessary and valid for use by PSWGL (formerly WAWGL) for their events and also for their affiliated member clubs when conducting official events and club competitions on public courses. Those present at the meeting decided to keep the wording as per the revised draft under discussion.

PENNANT RULES REVISION 2022:

Following discussion and subject to the following additional changes to the draft document sent to clubs prior to this meeting, it was moved by Hamersley and seconded by Scarborough that all changes to the Pennant Rules document be accepted.

The motion was accepted by those present and entitled to vote. Clubs will receive the updated document with the Minutes of this meeting and the document will also be sent out again for use by pennant captains in the upcoming season.

The numbers of some rules which are referenced in other rules were incorrect due the deletion of some rules not required, and the adding of other new rules. These are:

- Rule 4.16 contained an error in the rule number referenced – (see Rule 6.1 changed to Rule 5.1)
- Rule 5.2 contained an error in the rule number referenced – (Rule 6.10 changed to Rule 5.9)
- Rule 10.1 contained an error in a rule number referenced – (Rule 9.4 changed to Rule 10.4)
- Rule 10.5 contained an error in a rule number referenced – (Rule 9.4 changed to Rule 10.4)

These changes were made:

- Rule 5.3 was changed to include further text. Full rule changed to read '*Ensure a reserve playing at number 4, whose GA handicap is higher than the originally nominated number 4 player, plays off the current GA handicap of the originally nominated number 4 player. (Rule 4.7) Breach of this Rule will result in a winning match being awarded to the opposing player.*'
- Rule 5.4 was changed to read '*Ensure each member of the team plays on her correct GA handicap. See Rule 9.2 for consequences and penalties applicable for playing on a higher handicap or out of order.*'

PAPERWORK TO DELEGATES INCLUDING MINUTES AND NOTICE OF MEETING FROM SECRETARY NOT RECEIVED:

Jan Graham, Secretary, advised that several clubs had informed her they hadn't received the associated paperwork for today's meeting. An explanation couldn't be provided as after sending out the Minutes etc no advice had been received letting her know that any emails hadn't been received successfully. Even though a test email had recently been sent to

Delegates with everyone letting her know that that email had been received, all delegates will be asked to confirm receipt of the next email when sending out the Minutes to ensure everyone is receiving important information being sent from the League.

UPDATE TO LEAGUE'S WEBSITE:

Ruth Strugnell, Treasurer, advised the meeting that an update to the League's website has been carried out with quite a few changes being made to the design of the layout. Delegates are encouraged to let their members know about the website as there is a lot of helpful information that can be accessed from the site.

Margaret Osment, Hawkvalley, said a few of their members had recently provided positive feedback on the site which was great to hear.

RAFFLE:

The raffle was won by Yaringa.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next General Committee meeting will be held on Monday 8th August 2022.