

# PERTH SUBURBAN WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE INC MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT COLLIER PARK GOLF COURSE MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2025

**MEETING OPENED: 10.40 AM** 

President, Genny Conner, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Genny raised the matter of there being no Management Committee meeting since 12 May and let everyone know that meetings shown on the annual Fixtures would be held in the future as items of significance can arise that should be addressed as soon as possible.

#### PRESENT:

President Genny Conner, Vice President Marg Osment, Tournament Director Alison Wakeham; Secretary Jan Graham, Committee Representatives Megan Lewis, Treasurer Lyndelle Wilson.

**LIFE MEMBERS:** Joan Nicoli; Marj Malatesta; Jeanette Bannister; Megan Lewis; Ruth Strugnell; Jan Graham.

### **DELEGATES**:

Coastals; Collier Pines; Floreat; Hawkvalley; Jandalakes; Ladies Cosmpolitan; Marangaroo; Marri Park; Point Walter; Sapphires; Seabirds; Yaringa.

## **APOLOGIES:**

Life Member Shirley Simpson; Life Member Dolly Williams; Tournament Director Pat Fitzsimons; Hamersley; Links; Peninsula; Rosehill; Surfside; Wednesday Ladies Whaleback; Whaleback Warriors.

## **OBSERVERS**:

NIL.

#### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 12 MAY 2025:

**CONFIRMED**: Collier **SECONDED**: Seabirds

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

NIL

### **CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:**

- Letter from GolfWA advising clubs that the CEO, Gary Thomas, will be retiring at the end of 2025.
- Letter to Tournament Director re Carramar 4BBB Event Washout

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- Email to all members clubs advising them that the CEO of GolfWA will be retiring at the end of 2025.
- Invitations sent to Life Members and Clubs re Presentation Luncheon to be held at the MAAC on Monday 27 October 2025.
- Letter from League President, Genny Conner, to the City of Stirling regarding Hamersley Golf Course cancelling the League's booking for the 2025 Autumn Cup.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

### **TABLED:**

The figures shown in the report are dated back to 12 May 2025 as only a bank statement had been tabled at the May meeting due to the fact Lyndelle had been injured and unable to prepare a substantial report.

There is currently an amount of \$9607.97 in the bank account but this will change significantly when expected future expenses for the year are paid,

Discussion on subsidies for the luncheon and competitions have been approved due to the League's current stable financial position, however, it is important to note that this position will be monitored into the future.

Lyndelle Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded Marri Park.

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS' REPORT:

PSWGL District Championships 2025. Alison advised the delegates that this tournament is fully booked with
a waiting list being established if a space becomes available due to a withdrawal. Unfortunately the Maylands
Golf Course had imposed a restriction of 112 on numbers this year thus the competition being fully booked
earlier than previously.

The draw for the PSWGL District Championship will be sent out to clubs today.

### • Requests from players to play with friends

There have been a number of requests from players to play with friends in this tournament which includes two separate competitions – stroke and stableford. Due to the MiScore APP not allowing players to score one another if they are registered in different competitions on the same day, this situation had created a lot more work when doing the draw. Alison had been able to accommodate all the requests on this occasion but she advised the delegates that this won't be possible in future competitions.

# • Champion of Champions and Dulcie Liddelow Memorial Trophy 2025

This year these competitions, held at the Carramar Golf Course on the same day, were affected by unprecedented weather conditions. The Management Committee had received a letter from one of the clubs asking why the competition could not have been cancelled.

Alison was confident the organisers on the day had given players the necessary advice in what to do if they found they couldn't continue because of the weather. Because the Pro Shop at Carramar didn't close the course the League was unable to cancel the competition. Trying to rearrange these competitions on an alternative day was impossible due to the full calendar for the remainder of 2025 and the uncertainty in finding a course that would accept the competitions to be played this year at such short notice.

Thanks go to Alison Wakeham, Pat Fitzsimons, Robyn Heyting, Roberta Jones and Jill Wirth, Megan Lewis for all their work undertaken over the past year. Their efforts have been exceptional.

## • GolfWA Delegates' Report

• In August a special general meeting of delegates of GolfWA was convened to accept a special resolution to keep Board members insitu until the new annual date is set for the AGM in 2026. This has come about due to the change to the financial year period for GolfWA, to align with Golf Australia since the signing of the new service agreement.

This meeting was convened on a different day, time and place than is usual and it looked as though we were going to need to appoint proxies to attend. This did not eventuate however, but in the process of learning what was required in the event neither of your delegates could attend, we realised just why our attendance at GolfWA meetings is so appreciated. To put into context, the quorum for general meetings of GolfWA is 25 members (or clubs) and the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League represents 26 member clubs!! Just our attendance could assure a quorum every meeting.

- In August GolfWA relocated from the offices they had occupied in South Perth since 2011, to a new facility at Sport HQ in Underwood Avenue, Floreat. The new building also houses the PGA of WA and WA headquarters for several other sports, including the Western Force.
- GolfWA CEO, Gary Thomas has announced that he will retire at the end of 2025 after 15 years service.
   Gary had been involved in great changes within the organisation including the original merger of the WA Men's Golf Association and Women's Golf WA, resulting in the creation of the existing GolfWA in 2011.
- Clubs should refer to an email sent by Golf Australia on 11 July 2025 regarding further changes to the Players Liability Insurance policy.

Another golf season is fast drawing to a close and your League committee is looking forward to the trophy presentation function at the MAAC and seeing many of you there. Not long after that will be the AGM at the Royal Perth Golf Club and the morning tea for club delegates, which is also a thank you for your commitment to the League during the year.

# Megan Lewis and Margrette Gilmore

### ACCEPTED.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### • Position of League Secretary

Genny advised the meeting that Jan Graham has decided not to renominate for the position of League Secretary for next year. Given the end of the year is fast approaching it has become a matter of urgency to find someone from the clubs who would be willing to come onto the Management Committee in this secretarial position.

It would be appreciated if all the delegates would be in touch with their members to ask if anyone is interested. If they are, would you please ask them to contact the current Secretary, Jan Graham, who would be very happy to pass on the appropriate information they will need to take on this role. Jan's mobile is 0409 140 730 or email secretarypswgl@gmail.com

Jan is very happy to help in every way possible to ensure a smooth transition.

Jan has also been in charge of keeping the League's website up to date with information relating to all the League competitions including posting photos taken of the players on the day. The Management Committee will discuss whether or not the website will continue under the role of Secretary or whether someone else would be happy to do that.

#### • Golf Australia – Golf Connect

There has been a huge amount of information sent out to clubs in regard to the implementation of Golf Connect which is replacing the GolfLink handicapping system. It is still not completed but is close to being up and running within the next 2 weeks. Quite a few of the ladies have been having trouble setting up a required new identity with the system saying that email records shown on the system is incorrect and also creating a new Password.

If anyone is having trouble in signing into Golf Connect would they please contact the HELP desk at Golf Australia who will be only too willing to help rectify their concerns.

## • Cancellation of Day 2 of the Spring Carnival Competition August 19 2025

Margaret Osment has discussed this matter with the Pro Shop at Hillview Golf Course to ask it the players could be reimbursed for their entry given players were unable to complete their rounds as the Pro Shop had to close the course due to inclement weather.

They advised that no cash can be given when a round has had to be cancelled, however, they may consider the issue of a credit voucher for golf to anyone who had been unable to complete their round in this competition.

The Management Committee discussed this matter at their meeting today and an approach will be made to the Pro Shop to ask if they would consider the League's request to issue credit vouchers to those affected by the closure of the course.

The Pro Shop will be provided with contact details, email addresses and the amount paid for that competition for and by the players, with a request that they email the vouchers direct to the players involved.

## • Subsidy of \$15 for the League's Presentation Luncheon 2025

The Management Committee has approved a \$15 subsidy for anyone attending this year's Presentation Luncheon being held at the MAAC on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025. This was possible due to the current financial position of the League, however, it can't be guaranteed that subsidies will occur automatically every year for the Presentation Luncheon or any relevant competitions.

# • Trophies Returned to the League

The majority of the annual trophies have been returned to the Tournament Director, however, there are still two outstanding, one from Sapphires Ladies Golf Club and the other from Seabirds Ladies Golf Club. Megan Lewis would follow up with these clubs to arrange for collection.

### **RAFFLE:**

The raffle was won by Margaret Osment, Vice President.

The meeting closed at 11.35 AM.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which is being held on Monday 24 November 2025 at the Royal Perth Golf Club commencing at 10.15 am.