



## **PERTH SUBURBAN WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE**

### **MINUTES 54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024**

The President, Genny Conner, opened the meeting at 10.25 AM and thanked those in attendance.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

President, Genny Conner (in Chair); Treasurer Ruth Strugnell; Secretary, Jan Graham; Tournament Director, Alison Wakeham; Committee Representative, Megan Lewis; Committee Representative Margrette Gilmore. Lyndelle Wilson (Shadow Treasurer).

#### **Life Members:**

Shirley Simpson; Joan Nicoli; Marj Malatesta; Megan Lewis; Ruth Strugnell; Jan Graham.

#### **Match Committee:**

Pat Fitzsimons; Roberta Jones (apology); Robyn Heyting (apology).

#### **Club Delegates:**

Coastals; Collier Pines; Embers; Floreat; Hamersley; Hawkvalley; Jandalakes; Links; Marangaroo; Marri Park; Peninsula; Point Walter; Quondong; Redbacks; Rosehill; Sapphires; Scarborough (Proxy Karen Sloper); Surfside; Swan Vale; The Ladies Cosmopolitan; Wednesday Ladies Whaleback; West Aviat; Whaleback Warriors; Yaringa.

#### **OBSERVERS:**

NIL

**APOLOGIES:** Life Member Jeanette Bannister; Tournament Director Maryke Stockbridge; Seabirds; Swan Vale; Whaleback Women's Golf Club.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024:**

Good morning everyone and welcome to The League's AGM and morning tea of appreciation for 2024 and thank you all for your attendance.

A special welcome to our wonderful life members, Shirley, Marj, Joan, Megan, Ruth and our newest inductee Jan Graham who was awarded her honor at our Presentation Lunch, joining this elite company. I would also like to extend well wishes to Dolly Williams and Jeanette Bannister who are not here with us today.

As another year rapidly draws to a close, I am pleased to report that now two years into clubs hosting our events is proving to be successful. I am sure the rest of the committee would agree the lesser workload and need to be present at all of our events, for the Tournament Directors particularly, has been achieved. It is pleasing to see more people and clubs willing to help out and we sincerely thank those clubs who have hosted an event this year and may that number continue to grow and be shared around.

Your committee continued to work hard. This year we undertook extensive reviews and surveys to upgrade our procedures and keep your competitions interesting and enjoyable. We have taken onboard your feedback from our Champion of Champions survey, we once again reviewed and adjusted our Pennant Rules and By Laws to keep improving and we continue to strive in making our website interactive and informative with all our competitions, information, photos and history. Our hope is that moving forward people will interact through the website more, download your appropriate forms yourselves and keep up to date with events and results from this source.

So I will take this opportunity to extend a huge Thank You to each and every one of these wonderful ladies holding committee positions this year. You have all given a lot of your time, knowledge, support and friendship to forging a path onwards and upwards for The League. Thank you also to our Match Committee, Roberta Jones, Pat Fitzsimons and Robyn Heyting for your assistance in this process also. A big thank you to Karan Barnes for sourcing all our wonderful raffle prizes throughout the year. The variety has been amazing.

This year we have two of our committee members stepping down. Ruth Strugnell our Treasurer of many years, has seen us through our transition to One Golf and leaves her position with the books in good shape. Thank you Ruth for your many years of service, not only as treasurer but also as a committee member, for all your help, knowledge and support to us all. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Our other committee member stepping down from her role is one half of our Tournament Directors in Maryke Stockbridge. She stepped into this role 2 years ago after a bit of arm twisting and has done a wonderful job. It was a steep learning curve but she and Alison built a good relationship relishing each other's strengths to become a great team. We thank you Maryke for your time, effort and dedication in helping us with the transition to clubs hosting events and wish you all the best for the future.

To you ladies here today and those club delegates unable to attend, we also extend a huge thank you. We rely on you to promote our tournaments, pass on relevant information and generally keep your clubs up to date with The League's happenings. When this link is strong and our clubs are well informed, our participation numbers for our events is sure to increase, so we thank you for playing your part. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe and fun filled holiday season and look forward to seeing you all back out on the course in the New Year.

Genny Conner **(President)**

**RECEIVED:** FLOREAT

## **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the 53rd AGM held on 20 November 2023 were confirmed as correct.

**Accepted:** PENINSULA      **Seconded:** COLLIER

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

NIL

## **CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:**

All incoming correspondence to the League had been discussed at General Meetings throughout 2024.

## **CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:**

Outgoing correspondence included any information required to be sent to the delegates for the 54th Annual General meeting and letters of thanks to Scarborough; Yaringa; Ladies Cosmopolitan; Hamersley; Hawkvalley and Embers for their assistance in organizing League events during 2024.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET:**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR**

### **1 NOVEMBER 2023 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 2024**

I have the pleasure of presenting my final report as Treasurer of the League, a position that I have enjoyed through some challenging times, both in the League's history, with new systems in place, and in my own personal journey. However, it has been a very rewarding time and I thank all my fellow committee members for their service and commitment over the years and wish the new committee all the very best.

I can confirm that at each Management 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 per Financial Statement:**

Bank Statement Balance as at 1 November 2023 was \$ 12,068.47

Income for 2024 was \$39,306.50

Expenses totalled \$42,500.10 giving a deficit of \$3,193.60

### **Income Received:**

Annual Fees: 26 member clubs \$ 260, 1069 Associates Affiliation Fees \$ 6414.

League Games: including Entry Fees, Green fees, and lunches \$ 24,322.50

I have produced an excel document to show the breakdown of all the competitions over the year. This document is available if anyone wants clarification of any of these figures.

22 pennant teams \$176

Income from tournament raffles, after expenses, was \$1496.03

The League has provided raffle prizes for all general meetings and the Presentation lunch 3 x Christmas basket door prizes. Karan Barnes has a \$30 float which she will pass on to the League Management committee for next year's tournaments.

Voucher donations were made by Joan Nicoli (Autumn Cup), Marj Malatesta (Metro Champs) and Shirley Simpson (Spring Carnival Day 1 & 2) totaling \$330. The Financial Statement shows \$60 as an expense, as Marj gives cash on the day, so this is shown to balance that cash payment out.

### **Expenses:**

League Games: including green fees, lunches, refunds, vouchers, prizes, golf balls, engraving, badges & Stripe fees \$31,375.59. Once again we had to pay a room hire fee at Maylands of \$450.

### **Administrative Expenses:**

This year there was no major purchase of any equipment or software. The breakdown 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 ( \$1089). Other normal administration costs include stationery, website maintenance and subscription (\$590 for 3 years), Microsoft 365 annual subscription (\$135) and conducting meetings, the main one being the AGM/Delegates morning tea 2023 of \$587.50 at Royal Perth Golf Club.

Trophy Presentation Luncheon at the MAAC: Cost of the meal this year was \$71 pp, which was an increase on last year's cost. A motion was passed by the Management Committee to subsidize this to the value of \$15 pp, bringing the cost for attendees to \$56. League's expense: \$2374.25 which covers life member's lunches (6), subsidy for 89, Tea & Coffee for 79, 3 door prize hampers and room hire charge.

As was the case last year, no honorarium was paid to the Tournament Directors. As the different clubs were running our tournaments, out of pocket expenses can be claimed by either the Tournament Directors or the Clubs incurring any expense.

I would also like to thank Lyndelle Wilson from Hamersley, who stepped forward to be my Shadow Treasurer for the year. We spent this time familiarizing Lyndelle with the spreadsheet, and how the League operates, and she has attended Management Committee meetings as well. In the last couple of months, we conducted detailed budgeting so that a considered recommendation could be presented to Management Committee, giving a report on the running of the Dulcie Liddelow MT, Lucy Greene MT and the Champion of Champions events, which were fully funded by the League.

As you are aware, no extra entry fees or green fees were required to be paid by the Clubs this year for any of these events.

Our total cost for conducting these 3 events on the day was **\$1691.00** plus the cost of engraving the badges which is included in the General Expenses for League Games. This is higher than we anticipated, but our numbers were up in all events, which is a great result for all clubs who participated. Green fees were also higher than the previous year. As a result of our recommendation, the League Management Committee voted to increase the Annual Associate Affiliation Fee for 2025 from \$6 to \$7 pp, and not to charge any additional fees for the above competitions. That means that all registered Associates will be eligible to play in the Dulcie Liddelow MT, Lucy Greene MT and the Champion of Champions Playoff competitions in 2025. The change in financing of these competitions has been very helpful to me, as League Treasurer, to our Tournament directors, and for all member club treasurers and secretaries, in reducing workloads and recording around these various playoffs.

This increase in the Associate Affiliation fee is an item in Notified General Business in your Agenda for today's meeting.

The bank statement has been reconciled and the balance as at 31 October, 2024 is **\$8,874.87**

***Ruth Strugnell – Treasurer PSWGL***  
***24/11/2024***

**Accepted:** YARINGA                      **Seconded:** ROSEHILL

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Maryke and I are very glad to have got to the end of another year without too many hiccups – it definitely felt easier than in our first year.

The big thing for us this year was that, as we started to discover last year, a number of clubs have now put limits on the size of the fields they will accept. These are generally council-owned courses run by management companies who are told to ensure general public access at all times – courses such as Marangaroo and Carramar come to mind.

The limit has generally been set at 40 players. It meant that this year we had to run a ninth day of tournaments – rather than eight.

We had to split the Lucy Greene event away from the Champion of Champions and the Dulcie Liddelow event and take the Judy Sinclair away from the 4BBB event.

The Lucy Greene and Judy Sinclair events were then played together at the Embleton course, which seemed to work very well.

We also didn't stage an event at Hamersley this year because of major renovations at that course. It meant that our first four tournaments - Opening Day at Point Walter, the Autumn Cup at Marri Park, the Silver, Brass and Bronze event at Collier and the Metro Championships at Whaleback were all played south of the river, but we definitely plan to be back at Hamersley next year.

Our pennants season this year attracted 22 teams and was played across four divisions. After the season finished a sub-committee was formed to take on-board feedback from clubs about the best way to make the season as competitive as possible. We set out our plan for next year at our previous meeting and will put that into action when we come to organise next year's fixtures.

Our thanks to Robyn Heyting and Pat Fitzsimons who came on board this year to help run the pennants season and to Roberta, who always does a great job getting the results organised.

After the pennants, we journeyed to Hillview for the two-day Spring Carnival, which unfortunately was hit by bad weather on the Monday. The numbers were very similar to last year but this still tends to be the event which attracts the fewest participants.

Then we had back-to-back-back tournaments including the 4BBB playoff, the Judy Sinclair and Lucy Greene events, and then the Dulcie Liddelow and Champion of Champion tournaments. All these events attracted great fields this year – with the League paying the entry fees for the Champion of Champion, Dulcie Liddelow and Lucy Greene events.

We were very grateful to the clubs who assisted us in running these events. It is a great help to us to have people on the registration table, checking lunch orders, starters, getting the novelties organised etc.

Though there are always areas in which to get better, I think we learnt a lot from our first year and Maryke and I again thank all the clubs who did get involved, not only those who hosted a tournament but those from other clubs who offered to help.

Maryke, as you are aware, is stepping down from the role next year and I want to personally thank her for all her hard work and being a great teammate.

In conclusion, we thank everyone for their support this year and wish you and your families a great festive season.

**ALISON WAKEHAM AND MARYKE STOCKBRIDGE**

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS 2024**

**Accepted:**     Links

## **GOLFWA DELEGATES' REPORT TO PSWGL AGM – MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024**

Your Delegates have reported to you at the three General meetings of the League which have been held in March, May and October of this year, but the major items from those reports are summarised for this final report for 2024:

## GOLFWA

- For PSWGL, the most interesting information to come from our attendance at the **GolFWA AGM** in March was not only that the fourth female member had been appointed to the GolfWABoard but following that, the Board had elected Emma Elliott, a member of one of our Perth Suburban clubs - the Hamersley Ladies Golf Club as their new Chairperson. Emma had been a member of the Board for several years and is obviously held in high regard by her Board colleagues. We are very pleased to have one of 'our own' holding this respected position. Emma subsequently played in our 2024 District Championship at Maylands in October and also took the opportunity to speak to the assembled players about progress with the transition of the Australian handicapping system from GolfLink to GolfConnect.
- **Australian Golf State Services Agreement between GolfWA and Golf Australia**  
We attended a second GolfWA meeting in June to have this agreement explained by CEO of Golf Australia, James Sutherland and Emma Elliott, GolfWA Chair. The long-awaited agreement will see services for the administration of golf in WA, delivered by the national body to gain additional resources and efficiencies.
- **GolFWA competitions 2024**  
GolfWA conducts several competitions to be played in clubs during the year and provides play-off events conducted at various private club courses. Our public course players compete well in these competitions as evidenced by some of the play-off results again this year, competing against ladies from all golf clubs State-wide.

**Silver Spoon** play-off – an individual nett competition for club winners and played at Nedlands Golf Club on 2 September. Again we had two of our public course players featured with **Diane Bowden of Seabirds** taking third place in the play-off competition for grass greens players and **Sammie Coffey from Point Walter**, who won the May Stillman Cup for the best nett score in the club competition, for players from all over the State.

**Jubilee Fours** play-off – played at Joondalup Golf Course on 3 September amongst winners from clubs from all over the State, **Chis May** and **Alison Bridgland from Links** came seventh out of 43 pairs.

### **GolFWA 4BBB Team Challenge**

The play-off was held at Wanneroo Golf Club on 16 September where **Libby Nowlan** and **Marian Aylmore from Yaringa** came 9th in a field of 36 pairs from State-wide clubs.

## GOLF AUSTRALIA

- **Transition of GolfLink to GolfConnect**  
There have been a total of six email communications from Golf Australia on this matter since 12 September, with the last one being received last Friday 22 November. Delegates, are requested to ensure that your club has received all of these communications and if not, to access them at the link given below:

[https://www.golf.org.au/golfconnectcommunications/?utm\\_source=Places+to+Play&utm\\_campaign=8db79315e8-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_10\\_05\\_04\\_10\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_80ad0e0935-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://www.golf.org.au/golfconnectcommunications/?utm_source=Places+to+Play&utm_campaign=8db79315e8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_10_05_04_10_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_80ad0e0935-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)

The timeline for the project has now been extended with the User Agreement being revised and expected to be circulated to clubs in mid-January, then required to be lodged by late February. In order to help explain to members, the club's obligations re the User Agreement, Golf Australia will provide a communication toolkit to clubs following the delivery of the revised agreement.

We are both happy to continue in our roles on the PSWGL Management Committee in 2025, where part of our responsibility as Committee Representatives is to represent PSWGL clubs at GolfWA meetings, but also to assist clubs with GolfWA-related matters when necessary.

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:** Marangaroo

### **Election of Office Bearers for 2024**

The following nominations had been received by the closing date. As there were no further nominations the nominees for each position were therefore duly elected.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
President	Genny Conner	Links	Kerry Cable	Yvette Barron
Vice President	Margaret Osment	Hawkvalley	Jan Pearson	Lesley Ellies
Tournament Director	Alison Wakeham Pat Fitzsimons	Links Ladies Ladies Cosmopolitan	Genny Conner Maryke Stockbridge	Jan Graham Jackie Lourens
Secretary	Janet Graham	Yaringa	Linda Yeats	Naomi Brown
Treasurer	Lyndelle Wilson	Hamersley	Ruth Strugnell	Genny Conner
Committee Representative	Megan Lewis	Point Walter	Carolyn Reeve	Jenni Mokrzycki
Committee Representative	Margrette Gilmore	Jandalakes	Janet Graham	Ruth Strugnell

### **MATCH COMMITTEE FOR 2025**

President Genny thanked this year's Match Committee for their support and commitment to their roles.

The following ladies were nominated for the Match Committee in 2025 -

#### **MATCH COMMITTEE**

<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>
Roberta Jones	Yaringa	Janet Graham
Robyn Heyting	Scarborough	Genny Conner
Jill Wirth	Yaringa	Megan Lewis

All three nominees accepted the nominations and were accepted unanimously.



## **NOTIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Motion to Accept modified By Law 14 - Caddies.**

By Law will now read;

Caddies are not permitted in any PSWGL competition (including the Pennant competition). An observer may accompany a player and push her golf buggy if required, but must otherwise take no physical or verbal part in play. Breach of this Rule should be reported to the Tournament Director and could result in a penalty.

**Moved** by Megan Lewis

**Seconded** by Shirley Simpson (Whaleback Warriors). Motion was accepted by the meeting.

Ruth Strugnell moved that -

- **Motion to accept proposal by Treasurer " To raise the Annual Registration Fee for Associates from \$6 to \$7."**

After a detailed review of The League's finances, it was recommended that the Annual Registration Fee for Associates be raised to \$7 to cover increased costs, so the League can continue to finance all our competitions.

**Seconded** by Karan Barnes (Links)

Discussion ensued on the wording of this paragraph.

**Moved** by Margaret Howrie (Sapphires) that Ruth's Motion be amended as follows:

"After a detailed review of the League's finances, it was recommended that the Annual Registration Fee for Associates be raised to \$7 to cover increased costs."

**Seconded** by Megan Lewis (Point Walter). Amended Motion was accepted by the meeting.

It was recommended to the Delegates that clubs download the relevant forms from the League's website for completion and return to the League. All the relevant forms will be amended as soon as possible and placed on the website for use by the clubs.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE:**

- **Website Design**

The Secretary spoke to the delegates to ask if they were satisfied with the design of the website as the Committee has been considering whether or not the design of the website should be updated for easier use by all concerned. Discussion has taken place between the Secretary and Alison Wakeham, Tournament Director, and it was determined there was no need to redesign the website.

The following questions were asked of the Committee:

1. There is trouble getting the cursor to stay on a selected club under Club Contacts usually the ones at the bottom of the list. It was acknowledged that this can be frustrating for users. Alison Wakeham will investigate to see if changes can be made to make it more efficient.

2. A question was asked if Novelties could be included in the results on the website.
3. Jil Wilson (Collier) asked if the HISTORY page on the website could be completed. Megan Lewis, who is responsible for undertaking this project, thanked Jil for her question and advised the meeting that she would finalise this in the near future.

- **Further Expenses for 2024**

A question was asked of the Treasurer if there would be any further expenses before the start of the 2025 season. Ruth advised that the cost of holding the AGM at Royal Perth Golf Club and the morning tea enjoyed at the AGM had yet to be included in the financial report

The cost of the 2 bunches of flowers presented to Ruth Strugnell and Maryke Stockbridge at the AGM were also yet to be included in the financial report.

- **Change of Bank Signatories**

The meeting was asked to approve the change of signatories required due to the retirement of the current Treasurer, Ruth Strugnell, and replaced by the incoming Treasurer, Lyndelle Wilson.

**Unanimously approved.**

## **THANKS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

A vote of thanks to the Management Committee was expressed by the Seabirds delegate, Janine Krause, for the work carried out on behalf of the League clubs during 2024.

## **55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This is usually scheduled to be held on a Monday in late November 2025. **TBC.**

## **GENERAL MEETING 2025**

The date for the first General Meeting for 2025, which will be held at Collier Golf Course, will be advised to Delegates by email after the Planning Meeting being held on Monday 8th January 2025 commencing at 8.30 am.

## **RAFFLE**

Janice Campbell, delegate for Jandalakes, won the raffle.

## **CLOSURE**

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 11.45 am.