

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

Secretary / Treasurer : Tom Grimston Ph 0403 253 192

MINUTES of meeting held at Melville Glades Golf Club on Tuesday 4th May 2021

PRESENT: Ross Hancock, David Scott, Stan Sexton, Tom Grimston, Ron Ross, Stan Bartley, Steve Spencer, Lee Collison, Peter Green

APOLOGIES: Kim Horne, Richard Pace

MINUTES: of previous meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2021 confirmed and accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Tom Grimston presented a document from the Australian Human Rights Commission 2019. This document provided a summary of The Federal Discrimination Act 1984 in which it states that discrimination on the basis of sex in golf may be permitted under the Act, if an exemption applies. A permanent exemption applies as follows:

It is permissible for a *voluntary body* under the Act to discriminate against a member or a person seeking to become a member on the basis of the person's sex, as well as in the provision of benefits, facilities or services to members.

A *voluntary body* is described as an association or other body (incorporated or unincorporated) the activities of which are not engaged in for the purpose of making profit.

It has been determined that the WAVGA can be considered as a voluntary body.

David Scott advised that a ladies veterans golf organisation has recently been established in WA. He has their contact details but has not, as yet, made contact.

David stated that the plan from a National perspective was to invite this organisation to participate in our national competition.

It was agreed that any enquiries from ladies to join our organisation would, in the first instance, be referred to the new ladies organisation. However, the previous decision to allow ladies to join the WAVGA would stand.

CAPTAINS REPORT

1. We have had eight fixtures since our previous meeting with good attendance at all except Chequers which was affected by Pennants and poor weather. Attendance at this venue to be monitored for future fixture planning.
2. The two ball Ambrose event at Araluen was well received with the plan to vary the competition from the normal stableford at the more challenging courses.
3. A number of late changes to some fixtures have been necessary and our thanks to Hartfield, Meadow Springs, Mosman Park and Royal Perth for making their courses available at short notice.
4. The Country v City challenge at Bunbury was won by the City Vets for the first time at Bunbury, be it by 1 match. The aggregate score is now Country 5 and City 4.
5. The other three games played in the South West at Collie, Donnybrook and Harvey were all well attended. A big thanks to Peter Green from Bunbury Golf Club, Greg Bell the Collie CVGA rep, Alan Perkins Donnybrook and CVGA President and Jeremy Lister Harvey rep, for their assistance with this trip.

6. Trips for 2022 to be considered include South West in March and Kalgoorlie in August.
7. More support needed from club reps for the registration desk. Members to be canvassed at presentation for the following week's fixture.
Steve Spencer advised he had made an approach to Lakelands for the Vets to return, but was met with little enthusiasm and a demand for a \$55 green fee. Unfortunately it appears we will not be playing at this venue for the foreseeable future.

SECRETARY / TREASURERS REPORT

Cash Book balance as at 03/05/2021

Bank West	\$15,228		
Opening bal 1/10/20	\$ 4,373	Gain to date	\$10,885
Bankwest Fixed deposit	\$10,000		
Bendigo Bank Fixed deposit	\$24,594		

Payments since previous report totalling \$32,426 were listed and endorsed.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Received since previous meeting;

Darrell	LYNCH	Wanneroo
Marco	PERER	Rockingham
Peter	POOLE	Wanneroo
Phil	ROBINSON	Hartfield
Norman	THOMAS	Kwinana
Ray	WILSON	Chequers
Glen	COLLING	Wanneroo

RESIGNATIONS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Colin	PEMBER	Rockingham
Peter	LAW	Lake Karrynyup
Brian	STEVENSON	Pickering Brook
Laurie	JENNINGS	Wanneroo
Cliff	MATSON	Nedlands
Geoff	NEWMAN	Mt Lawley
Brett	HALVORSON	Lake Karrynyup
Graeme	SELLARS	Melville Glades
Derek	MORROW	Mt Lawley
Evan	JONES	Mt Lawley

Current membership	352
Fees paid YTD -	324
Unfinancial members	28
Registered credit cards	231
New members year to date	19
Resignations year to date	35

GREEN FEE CASH SUMMARY

The Green Fee Cash Summary YTD was tabled showing a net loss of \$2009. If this continues for the remainder of the year the loss is, potentially more than \$8000. It was proposed, and agreed, that effective from the Araluen fixture, a competition fee of \$5 will be charged over and above the daily green fee. This fee will be all inclusive of the current \$1 surcharge levied to cover the credit card commission.

SPONSORSHIP

1. The Sponsorship coordination has been handed over to Lee Collison with support provided by Steve Spencer. Thanks go to Richard Pace for his efforts last year, struggling through the Covid crisis, to leave us in such a good shape.
2. Richard will maintain responsibility for the Gold Sponsor and those sponsors where he has a personal relationship. The remainder being managed by Lee, with assistance from Steve.
3. Real Estate Plus re-signed and sponsored the Gosnells fixture.
4. Distinctive Golf have been contacted and agreed to continue sponsorship at the same level as last year (Silver sponsor).
5. Mick Brazier (member from WAGC), provided a lead for sponsorship from BH Hearing. This was followed up and they have agreed to be a Bronze sponsor.
6. Chequers, Rockingham and York members have agreed to continue their sponsorship.
7. Steve has contacted some of our past sponsors and arranged meetings with a view to coming back on board next year. Possible future sponsors include – The Green-a Fairway Village, George Day Caravans, Paul Carroll Shoes and Niagara.

SOUTH WEST VETS

1. Peter Green reported that the complaints that were made regarding our visit to Margaret River Golf Club as part of the South West trip last November, were followed up by the local rep and taken to their board. This was great support from the local rep and seen as a good sign for any future relationship with this golf club.
2. Peter participated in the South West trip in March and felt this was a good learning curve for the local club reps for future such trips.
3. The first City V Country challenge for 2022 has been locked in, to be held at Bunbury Golf Club on Monday 21st March 2022. Due to the large number of late withdrawals and ‘no shows’ at the last challenge, and the disruption this caused to the pairing of partners, in 2022 the format will be reverted back next year to the top 20 scores in each team.
4. Peter thanked David for including the County Veteran Golfers Association as joint manager of the 2022 championships. This will assist greatly in encouraging their members to assist with the volunteering requirements of this event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Stan raised the issue with the continuing large number of late withdrawals and 'no shows' at fixtures. A notice to all members to be displayed on the fixtures page emphasising the need to book only when you are sure you want to play and not just reserving the spot on the off chance. The Captain must be contacted regarding all withdrawals after the timesheet has closed (6am on the Monday morning). Members that continue to just not turn up will be removed from the following week's fixture.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 13th July at Melville Glades – 10:00am