

MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING OF VETERANS GOLFERS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

held at

ROYAL FREMANTLE GOLF CLUB INC. on Monday 16th August, 1982

Meeting opened 8.00 p.m.

Present:

R.W. Boulton (Chair); H. Macklin-Shaw and 25 Gentlemen representing clubs in the metropolitan and outer suburban areas.

Those present were welcomed by M. Binning Captain of Royal Fremantle Golf Club Inc.

Mr. Boulton introduced Mr. Macklin-Shaw as the President of the South Australian Veterans Golf Association.

Mr. Macklin-Shaw outlined the general basis of Veteran Golf which covered the age group of 55 years and over and was primarily concerned with promoting goodwill and understanding amongst golfers.

The South Australian Association has 562 registered members who are affiliated with the Australian Veterans Golf Union, which was formed in 1963 in Sydney. Other States affiliated are Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland, and New South Wales.

The Union is affiliated with the World Federation of Veteran Golfers whose headquarters are in Broadmore U.S.A.

An outline of the objects of Veteran Golf Associations was given:-

- Minimum age 55 years.
- Affiliated golf club members only.
- Committees formed to organise programmes and request clubs to provide courses on restricted fees basis.
- Steering Committee to establish a Constitution.
- Annual subscriptions \$5 (South Australian).
- Membership card
- Right to handicap under policy of Veterans Association.
- Question of handicapping is vital to regulation of "Pot Hunters."
- International and National Tournaments run as 3 day events.
- Qantas a major sponsor of National Tournaments.
- National affiliation cost based on membership.

0 - 50 \$10 p.a.

51 - 100 \$15 p.a.

101 - 150 \$20 p.a.

151 & over \$25 p.a.

- Subcommittees include Match
Tours
Publicity
- Each club to have a representative who circulates information to Veteran members.

General Discussion:

Mr. Roy Boulton (Royal Fremantle) explained that idea was not to alienate members from their clubs. Country and interstate trips were a major item.

Mr. Wally O'Donnell (Sea View) made an observation on the Constitution and Rules of N.S.W. and Australian Constitution.

Reply

Mr. Macklin-Shaw explained that the Australian body was to pass its Constitution at the October, 1982 meeting.

Mr. John Seward (Lake Karrinyup) sought clarification of Senior and Veteran Golf.

Reply

Mr. Macklin-Shaw explained that Seniors was a closed shop with an invitation to join.

Mr. Les Skelton (Chidley Point) sought clarification on numbers in each tournament being able to be accomodated.

Reply

Mr. Macklin-Shaw explained that it is necessary to break up numbers into age groups to be allocated to more than one club.

Mr. Arch Metherell (Royal Fremantle) made the observation that problems could exist in travelling to country areas due to distances in this State.

Mr. Evan Smith (Hartfield) sought clarification whether clubs generally would agree on half green fees.

Reply

Mr. Macklin-Shaw explained that it was up to individual clubs and responses are usually varied.

Mr. John Seward moved Mr. John Mansfield (Rockingham) seconded:-

That a Steering Committee be formed which is to seek to establish a Veterans Association in Western Australia. Passed.

The following present were nominated to form the Steering Committee:-

Roy Boulton	Royal Fremantle
John Seward	Lake Karrinyup
Dick McEwan	" "
Wally O'Donnell	Sea View
Brian Bolton	Nedlands
Norm Johnstone	W.A.G.C.
Roy Ward	Pickering Brook

Discussion also centred around the need for media publicity.

Relationship of Veteran Association to State Golf Associations is a strong point.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. with refreshments.

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Chairman

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Confirmed.