



**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

MINUTES of 40th Annual General Meeting held at Western Australian Golf Club on 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 commencing at 10.00am.

PRESENT: 34 members as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Max Stewart, David St.George, Tom Colella

1. MINUTES: of Annual General Meeting held at Wanneroo Golf Club on 13th December 2021 were available with the Secretary. Accepted as a true record and carried on show of hands.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES NIL.

2. ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE

2.1 TREASURERS REPORT: As circulated in the recent bulletin. A signed copy of the completed auditors report was available at the meeting. There were no issues raised by the auditors and the report was issued without qualification. Accepted as a true record and carried by a show of hands.

2.2 CAPTAIN'S REPORT: As circulated in recent bulletin

2.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT: As circulated in recent bulletin

3. ELECTIONS:

Only one nomination was received for each vacant position and the following members were elected:

President	David St George	2 year term
Secretary/Treasurer	Tom Grimston	2 year term
Vice Captain	Stan Bartley	2 year term
Vice Captain	Doug Hudson	2 year term
Committee member	Colin Thorniley	2 year term
Committee member	Ian Hutton	1 year term
Committee member	Tom Colella	1 year term

4. AUDITOR: With the increased costs of our audit from Australian Audit, it was proposed by Tom Grimston that Quanto SMSF audits be appointed as our auditors for 2023.

Carried by show of hands.

5. The following Special Resolutions were proposed:

5.1 To amend the Constitution by adding the following clause:

#### **16. Grievances and complaints**

- (1) A grievance or complaint may be defined as, but not limited to, an act in which a member of the association treats another person or organisation in a disrespectful manner causing upset or grief to another party or negatively affecting the reputation of the Association.
- (2) All grievances or complaints shall be given by written notice to the Secretary detailing the matters that are the subject of the dispute, unless the Secretary is a party to the dispute in which event the written notice shall be given to the chairperson.
- (3) Within 28 days after the Secretary or Chairperson is given the notice, a committee meeting must be convened to consider and determine the dispute.
- (4) The committee may determine to appoint a sub-committee to handle the dispute.
- (5) In the event a committee member is a party to the dispute that committee member shall attend the meeting as a party to the dispute and not as a member of the committee.
- (6) The Secretary must give each party to the complaint or grievance written notice of the committee or sub-committee meeting at which the complaint or grievance is to be considered and determined at least 7 days before the meeting is held.
- (7) At the committee meeting, or sub-committee meeting where such was appointed under clause 16 (4), at which a dispute is to be considered and determined, the committee must -
  - a. give each party to the dispute a reasonable opportunity to make further written or oral (or both written and oral) submissions to the committee about the dispute: and
  - b. give due consideration to any submissions so made: and
  - c. determine the dispute.
- (8) The committee must give each party to the dispute written notice of the committee's determination, and the reasons for the determination, within 7 days after the committee meeting at which the determination is made.
- (9) Where a sub-committee's decision is to terminate or expel the member the decision must be referred to the committee for final determination.
- (10) The decision of the committee shall be final. In the event the decision is to suspend or expel a member, clauses 14 and 15 shall apply with exception to clause 14 (3) and 14 (4).
- (11) The complaint/grievance procedure must be confidential, and any information given at the meeting cannot be used in any other proceedings that take place in relation to the matter that is the subject of the meeting.

5.2 All clauses thereafter to be renumbered accordingly.

Both resolutions carried by show of hands.

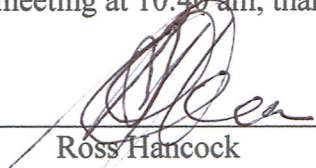


## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6.1 Brian Bell raised the point that when the Country Vets host the City Vets at Bunbury, the winners only receive 3 balls. It was suggested that if there is a City Vet winner, he be awarded the normal \$50 Drummond voucher at the next City fixture. It was agreed that this will be applied in 2023.
- 6.2 Discussion was held regarding the calculation of the best gross winner on the day. It was agreed to change this calculation to a Gross stableford score by deducting the players handicap from their Net stableford score.
- 6.3 Terry Porter raised the point of the frequent disparity between the winning scores across the 3 grades and proposed that we only have one grade. David Scott spoke about the handicap system and how it was designed to equalize the process, however with the different slope ratings across the courses, this did not necessarily even it out. David stated that with the grade splits adopted by WAVGA this was the most effective way to balance out the variation in the difficulty of the courses.  
After further discussion it was agreed to stay with the current grade system.
- 6.4 David Scott provided an update on the results of the Nationals championships. A part refund has been offered to those players that were seated outside at the closing function and affected by the extreme cold weather. A number of accounts remain outstanding, but there is a projected profit of \$30K. This will be distributed between the 3 WA Vets associations. David concluded by thanking all those involved with the organising committee in helping achieve a very successful event.
- 6.5 Dave Lampard and Graham Dore raised the issue of slow play. There is no simple solution to this and it is every golfers responsibility to keep up with the group in front. The option to play more shotgun starts was also raised. The benefit of this is recognised with bringing everyone together, however most clubs are reluctant to make this option available to us as it locks up their course for the entire afternoon.
- 6.6 Ron Ross thanked all the delegates for their assistance throughout the year in embracing the new delegates manual, and acknowledging how much they have assisted him in his role as Captain.
- 6.7 Tom read out a message from David St.George, apologising for not being able to be present at the meeting. David thanked Ross and the committee for the work they do for the club as volunteers and wished everyone a safe and healthy Christmas.

The President closed the meeting at 10:40 am, thanking the members for their attendance.

Signed as a true record

  
Ross Hancock  
President

17/12/2022  
Date