

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

Secretary / Treasurer : Tom Grimston Ph 0403 253 192

MINUTES of meeting held at Western Australian Golf Club on Tuesday 16th February 2021

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

APOLOGIES: Kim Horne, David Scott

MINUTES: of previous meeting held on 13/10/2020 confirmed and accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: nil

CAPTAINS REPORT

1. 2021 fixtures program now complete and shown on the website.
2. Another very successful Summer Cup in January and a big thanks to our generous sponsors.
3. South West trip all locked in for 22-25 March starting with City vs Country match at Bunbury on Monday 22nd followed by games at Collie, Donnybrook and Harvey.

SECRETARY / TREASURERS REPORT

Cash Book balance as at 15/02/2021

Bank West	\$17,398		
Opening bal 1/10/20	\$ 4,373	Gain to date	\$13,025

Bankwest Fixed deposit	\$10,000
Bendigo Bank Fixed deposit	\$24,415

Payments to date for current financial were listed and endorsed.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Received since previous meeting;

Brian Down	Wanneroo	Nigel Ashurst	Wanneroo
Lynton Piggott	Hartfield	Gerald Roach	Melville Glades
Neil Thatcher	Secret Harbour	Mark Hollis	WAGC
John Cheape	Rockingham	Grahame Croft	The Vines
Colin Willis	Lakelands	Rolfe Kraus	Royal Perth
John Italiano	Royal Perth	Brodie Taylor	Royal Perth
Clayton Gunning	Royal Fremantle	Che Haw Ling	WAGC
Peter Murphy	WAGC	Peter Millett	WAGC
James Carslaw	Mosman Park	Don Ogilvy	Joondalup
Ilija Ilijovski	WAGC		

Current membership	371
Fees paid YTD	292
Unfinancial members	79
Non Active members	28
New members year to date	19
Resignations YTD	25

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

A reminder was sent on 1 February to all unfinancial members which received a good response. A further reminder will be sent on 1 March, advising those members that the \$10 late payment fee is now payable. Any members who remain unfinancial as at 31 March will be flagged as inactive and removed from the booking list.

CREDIT CARD COMMISSION COSTS

A report was tabled showing that the Stripe costs for the full financial year are estimated to be \$3500. An increase in the daily green fee charge to each player of \$1 was recommended to assist in recovering this cost. This was approved commencing with the fixture on 8th March 2021.

SPONSORSHIP

1. Richard reported that Niagara and Andrew Ralph Diamond Jewellers will not be sponsors for 2021. Hartfield Golf Club have confirmed their sponsorship and a new sponsor, LabelForce, has signed up to sponsor the Sea View fixture.
2. Richard requested some assistance from other committee members with the running of the sponsorship program. Steve Spencer offered to be involved and Lee Collison also offered to assist. Steve and Lee will meet with Richard to plan a way forward.

SOUTH WEST VETS

1. Peter Green complemented Stan on the organisation of the upcoming South West trip. He emphasised the importance of dealing direct with the respective club delegates, rather than the club itself. This ensured a smooth flow of communications.
2. Peter pointed out that the South West Vets only pay \$20 for all their gazetted fixtures. As the City v Country challenge at Bunbury was a gazetted fixture all players should only be paying \$20. It was agreed that, as the timesheet for this event already stated that the fee was \$35, it should remain at this to cover the catering costs at Bunbury and the return game at Mandurah. There will then be no additional charge levied for the Mandurah game as happened last year.
3. A report was tabled on the success of the South West trip held in November 2020, and in particular the coaching clinic held by Shani Waugh at Bunbury.

ORDER OF MERIT SCORING SYSTEM

This system is intended to reward the most consistent player over the year. Initially points were awarded to the top 20 players each day, then in later years this was reduced to the top ten. The system, in its current format, does not recognise grades and therefore has a tendency to favour the higher handicapped players.

A table was presented demonstrating the effect of allocating 15 points, from 5 down to 1, for each grade on the day. This showed that the results were much closer and fair to all players. It was agreed that this system will be adopted for the 2021 season and a message posted on the website informing members of this change.

MISCORE APP

The use of the MiScore App was discussed. To use the App other than at your home club costs \$16.50 per annum. The app is available for use at the majority of clubs that we play at and it was agreed that we should encourage all members to sign up for the app. This will greatly improve the ease of producing the results for the day and will also provide the user with instant access to the full results for the days fixture.

ENQUIRIES FROM LADIES TO JOIN THE VETS

An enquiry has been received from a lady wishing to join the Vets and play in our Monday competitions. It was agreed that we are legally bound to accept a membership application from anyone who meets the conditions of membership to the WA Vets. That is that have attained the age of 55, are an amateur golfer with an AGA handicap and are a financial & regular playing member of a WAGA affiliated Metropolitan, Suburban or Country golf club.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Stan proposed that the Captain and Secretary/Treasurer allowances be increased to \$2500. This was agreed to, to be effective for the 2021 payment due in September.
2. Steve presented the package he has put together for the club reps, which includes the new member flyer "come join us", together with information about the Vets and some membership application forms to be posted on club notice boards.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 4th May at Melville Glades – 10:00am

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

Secretary / Treasurer : Tom Grimston Ph 0403 253 192

MINUTES of Club Representatives meeting held at Western Australian Golf Club on Tuesday 16th February 2021

PRESENT: Charlie Lancey, Graham Bourgault, Warren Howard, Geoff Smith, Graham Dore, Sep Trittibach, David Lamb, Willie Henry, Denis Cooper, Ross Hancock, Stan Bartley, Steve Spencer, David St George

APOLOGIES: Jim Treloar, Richard Lee, Graeme Hunt, Eddie Fong, Jon Stanley, Alan Baker, Peter Stewart, Don Hall, Jack Ebbs, David Scott, Alan Wiseman, Ian Hutton, Max Evans, Richard Pace

1. Captain Stan circulated a summary outlining the club rep responsibilities for assisting the running of the WA Vets golf competitions. He stressed that the Reps are the link to their club as they can assist greatly in the smooth running of the daily fixtures as well as in the overall planning process.
2. A pack for each club prepared by Steve Spencer was handed out. Reps to place these notices on their club's notice boards wherever possible. Also to check on them periodically as they are inclined to be moved or taken down. The importance was stressed of the Club Reps promoting their club in an attempt to secure new members.
3. Willie Henry enquired about closure time of timesheets. All fixtures will close at 6am on the morning of the fixture. Any changes after this time must be phoned through to the Captain.
4. A request was raised about being able to publish the full field results. The committee wish to encourage as many members as possible to sign up for the MiClub App, a cost of \$16.50 pa, which would greatly improve the production of the results and would provide each member with access to the full field results without the need to publish them on the website.
5. Warren Howard asked if the scores could be uploaded to Golfink quicker. Unfortunately this is done for us by the host club so out of our control. Generally they are uploaded the same day, but are slower for the few clubs that do not use the MiClub system.
6. Warren pointed out the lack of water available on the course at Meadow Springs. On courses that this is an issue, the Captain will place a notice to members at the registration desk to alert them for the need to carry water with them.
7. Willie Henry asked for clarification regarding credit card charges. Tom Grimston explained that once your card is registered, you only need to ensure your expiry date is kept current. Your card will only be charged each week after the event to ensure no one is charged if they do not play.

8. Ross Hancock explained the changes to be implemented this year in the awarding of points for the Order of Merit. Details will be placed on the website under "Results"
9. Graham Bourgault raised the point about the difficulty some members have playing of the blue tees with the carry to the fairway, and could C grade play off the white tees. This would not be practical as there would be different slope ratings involved. The Captain will endeavour to liaise with each club to request a "moderate" course setup.

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 Karrinyup
Brian	STEVENSON	Pickering Brook
Laurie	JENNINGS	Wanneroo
Cliff	MATSON	Nedlands
Geoff	NEWMAN	Mt Lawley
Brett	HALVORSON	Lake Karrinyup
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

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

Secretary / Treasurer : Tom Grimston Ph 0403 253 192

MINUTES of meeting held at Melville Glades Golf Club on Tuesday 13th July 2021

PRESENT: David Scott, Stan Sexton, Tom Grimston, Ron Ross, Kim Horne
Stan Bartley, Steve Spencer, Peter Green

APOLOGIES: Ross Hancock, Lee Collison, Richard Pace

MINUTES: of previous meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 confirmed and accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

NIL

CAPTAINS REPORT

1. We have had ten fixtures since our previous meeting with an average attendance of 67. This is reasonable considering some were affected by senior pennants and inclement weather.
2. Thank you to Gosnells for accommodating a late change for Monday 12th July due to Rockingham closing two holes. Unfortunately, this fixture was subsequently cancelled due to the extreme weather forecast. An email was received from Gosnells regarding the short notice of our cancellation and Stan will write an appropriate reply.
3. Two trips are planned for 2022. The South West in March, which will follow the Country V City challenge at Bunbury on 21st March and include Collie, Capel and Harvey. The second trip will be to Kalgoorlie in August. Planning for these will commence over the next few weeks.
4. Help on the registration desk has improved with more members offering assistance.
5. Good progress has been made with members using the Miscore app. Continued encouragement needs to be given to members to use the app which will ultimately assist in the running of events.
6. We continue to live in uncertain and challenging times, but it remains the major objective of the Vets to provide enjoyment by playing a variety of quality golf courses at good venues with positive comradery on most Mondays throughout the year.

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Book balance as at 12/07/2021

Bank West	\$17,496		
Opening bal 1/10/20	\$ 4,373	Gain to date	\$13,122

Bankwest Fixed deposit	\$10,000
Bendigo Bank Fixed deposit	\$24,594

Payments since previous report totalling \$26,093 were listed and endorsed.

It was noted that a purchase was made from Harvey Norman for an external hard drive to enable website backups to be performed by the Webmaster.

The forecasted income and expenditure for the financial year was presented showing a projected minimal loss of \$352.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Received since previous meeting;

Ian	CAMPBELL	Karrinyup
Peter	HUMPHRY	Melville Glades
Mark	BILL	Secret Harbour
Terry	SMITH	Gosnells
Peter	SWEETLOVE	WAGC

The above applicants were endorsed as members of the WAVGA.

RESIGNATIONS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING:

NIL

Current membership	358
Fees paid YTD -	330
Unfinancial members	28
Registered credit cards	245
New members year to date	24
Resignations year to date	35

GREEN FEE CASH SUMMARY

The Green Fee Cash Summary YTD was tabled showing a net loss of \$1537. This is a reduction of \$472 since the previous meeting and will continue to reduce as the benefit of the increased green fees is reflected.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An update on the 2021 National Championships at Yarrowonga has been received from the AVGU National Secretary. This has been added to the Notices on our website for members information.
2. A circular was put together by David Scott and Colin Thorniley and sent to all State and Regional associations of the AVGU providing advance notice of the 2022 National Championships, for distribution to their respective members. This circular is to now be posted on the WAVGA website under "Notices" for our members information.

SPONSORSHIP

1. Distinctive Golf, Mr Ball and Gadean Footwear have renewed their sponsorship and Richard Pace's new company, Nutrimate Dog Rolls has come on board as a silver sponsor.
2. Advanced Care have come on board as a bronze sponsor and thanks to Jeff Watkins for stepping in at the last moment to provide this sponsorship.
3. The RAC was identified as a future potential sponsor. Steve to follow this up.
4. Other potential sponsors will continue to be researched with a view to coming on board in 2022.

SOUTH WEST VETS

1. Peter pointed out that their Margaret River fixture scheduled for Monday 12th July was also cancelled. The decision to cancel was made jointly by the delegate and the host club.
2. Peter expressed his appreciation at being copied in on the email update for the 2021 Nationals at Yarrowonga which was then circulated to their membership.
3. There is an ongoing problem for the SW Vets fixtures scheduled at Sanctuary Golf Resort. Harvey Golf Club have offered to host these fixtures.
4. Stan to attend the SW Vets AGM to be held at Capel Golf Club. Peter to advise Stan of the date.
5. Mandurah Country Club to be approached for The City V County challenge return match to be played on Monday 21st November 2022.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The payment of the Captain's and Secretary / Treasurer's allowances of \$2500 each was approved for payment.
2. Club Championships:
 - 2.1. Stan to check with the two nominated clubs, Hartfield and Wanneroo, that their courses will be in the appropriate condition and greens not recently cored.
 - 2.2. Eligibility to be as per the decision made at the meeting on 1st May 2018. i.e. participants must have played at least 6 WAVGA games in the 12 months prior to the championship dates. Any dispensation to be at the discretion of the match committee comprising of the Captain and the two Vice-Captains.
 - 2.3. The entry fee for the championships will be \$15 in addition to the normal green fees payable.
 - 2.4. A notice to be placed on the website detailing the entry conditions and the Hartfield fixture to be opened early for club championship entries only. The timesheet will become available for the normal daily comp at the usual time of two weeks prior.
3. Stan presented an advertisement from Inside Golf, advertising the NSW Vets. Steve to put a possible ad together for the WAVGA with the costing involved for review at the next meeting.
4. Stan stated that his wife is still submitting the weekly results to the West Australian and should this continue? It was felt this should continue for now.
5. Executive committee green fee subsidy –

Stan Bartley presented a table of the estimated costs that the subsidy provided to the executive committee amounts to. He pointed out that whilst green fees have continued to rise, the amount charged to executives has not been proportionately increased. After some considerable discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer would provide some detailed information at the next meeting on the actual costs and the history of changes that have occurred, to enable a constructive review to be made.
6. The question was raised as to the number of grades per fixture. The current policy is: 3 Grades – 100 + players, 2 grades 60-99 players and 1 grade less than 60 players.

These numbers, together with the number of balls rewarded, to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Stan pointed out that there can be over 100 registered players at the time of submitting the time sheet to the host club (Thursday prior to the event), and then this reduces to 80+ on the day. The club has already set the fixture up with the requested number of grades which is then locked in for the day.

This will become less of an issue as we progressively move to electronically submitting the time sheet on the Monday morning with no need to submit one on the prior Thursday.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7th September at Melville Glades – 10:00am

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

Secretary / Treasurer : Tom Grimston Ph 0403 253 192

MINUTES of meeting held at Melville Glades Golf Club on Tuesday 7th September 2021

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

APOLOGIES: Lee Collison, Richard Pace

MINUTES: of previous meeting held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 confirmed and accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Advertising in *Inside Golf* – Steve obtained a quote of approximately \$1300 to advertise our organisation. It was felt this was not a justified expense and we would not proceed.

Ross mentioned how difficult it was, at times, for someone to find our website. Tom will obtain a quote from the website developer to install SEO (search engine optimisation).

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1. We are now into the eight month of the fixture program and since the last meeting eight fixtures were planned but due to extreme weather conditions, two were cancelled and one, at Meadow Springs, abandoned mid-round. Attendance has generally been good but affected by inclement weather conditions. with the following numbers: York 51, Meadow Springs 49 (but abandoned), Kwinana 85, Sun City 88, Mandurah 83, Joondalup 79 and The Vines 87. All players who attended the Meadow Springs abandoned game will receive a credit for the next fixture, on Monday 8th November.
2. There were no fixture changes during the above period. However, we have been informed that WAGC will be closing two holes in the near future which will affect our planned fixture for Monday 13th December. Gosnells has been confirmed as an alternative venue for this fixture. They will provide the meeting room for our AGM at no cost and have quoted \$27.50 per head for a roast buffet dinner. Stan was authorised to accept this quote and members will be charged \$50 for the day, inclusive of green fees and the dinner.
3. The South West trip, following the City v Country challenge at Bunbury on Monday 21st March 2022, will be finalised shortly. The following fixtures are planned but are subject to confirmation from these clubs:
Tuesday 22nd March – Collie
Wednesday 23rd March – Capel
Thursday 24th March - Harvey
4. Club reps assistance on the registration desk remains an issue with the reps needing to be more proactive. Some clubs are excellent and make arrangements with very little involvement from the Captain. Appointed club reps should plan ahead for when a fixture is scheduled at their club. Book at the back of the field and stay on the registration desk till it closes, and then later, assist the Captain with the prize presentations. These requirements will be reinforced at all future presentations.

5. The uptake of members using the Miscore app has stalled with an average weekly usage of 50%. Continued encouragement needs to be given to members to use the app which will ultimately assist in the running of events.
6. Club championships are our next two fixtures with Round 1 at Hartfield on Monday 13th September and Round 2 at Wanneroo on Monday 20th September.

Good luck to all participants.

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Book balance as at 6/09/2021

Bank West account	\$14,813		
Opening bal 1/10/20	\$ 4,373	Gain to date	\$10,440
Bankwest Fixed deposit	\$10,000		
Bendigo Bank Fixed deposit	\$24,594		

Payments since previous report totalling \$22,254 were listed and endorsed.

The forecasted income and expenditure for the financial year was presented showing a projected surplus of \$683.

David Scott raised the point that when reviewing competition fees we must be mindful of running our program on a cost recovery basis to ensure we retain our status as a not-for-profit Association.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Received since previous meeting;

Tony	CHAPMAN	Sea View
John	LENNON	Royal Fremantle
Paul	HOLT	WAGC
Francis	FORRESTER	Hartfield
Geoff	PHIPPS	WAGC

The above applicants were endorsed as members of the WAVGA.

RESIGNATIONS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING:

NIL

Current membership	362
Fees paid YTD -	335
Unfinancial members	27
Registered credit cards	252
New members year to date	29
Resignations year to date	35

GREEN FEE CASH SUMMARY

The Green Fee Cash Summary YTD was tabled showing a net loss of \$776. This is a reduction of \$761 since the previous meeting and will continue to reduce as the benefit of the increased green fees is reflected.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Emails were received from James Carslaw and Lynton Piggott requesting confirmation of their eligibility to enter the club championships. Both these members have played 5 games in the past 12 months and their eligibility was confirmed.
2. Email was received from Phil Epis regarding slow play. It was agreed that Ross would draft an email to be circulated to all members addressing this subject.

SPONSORSHIP

1. Payment of sponsorship from York members (\$250) and Nutri-mate Dog Rolls (\$400) has been received.
2. A couple of sponsors invoices remain unpaid and will be followed up to confirm their sponsorship.
3. Sponsors to be approached during the November/December period regarding their 2022 sponsorship.

SOUTH WEST VETS

1. Information on the recently circulated newsletter was well received, in particular the hints on saving power with the miscore app, and the information on the launch of the website. As a result, the first registration for the 2022 Nationals came from a Bunbury member and his wife.
2. Peter asked if there was to be a register of volunteers for the Nationals. David confirmed there would be and he already had an offer from several members. The tasks to be handled will need to be determined and then allocated as volunteers are received.
3. Peter offered to be a non playing volunteer for the championships and asked David to allocate him a course. He requested to be included in the field for our fixture at Secret Harbour to familiarise himself with this course.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Executive Green fee subsidy:

An analysis of the actual costs over a financial year for the green fee subsidy provided to the executive members of the committee was presented. Based on limiting the discount given at \$25 in any game, the total subsidy cost over 12 months is estimated at \$3500.

It was agreed that, going forward, the approved executives would be charged a minimum of \$15 per game and receive a maximum of \$25 discount on the daily green fee. This discount does not apply to cart fees which must be paid for, in full, to the pro shop. The executive committee approved to receive this discount are: President, Vice President, Captain, Vice Captains, Secretary/Treasurer and Life Members, and only after serving 2 years on the committee. Members playing at their home club pay a comp fee of \$10.

2. Grade classifications and number of grades per fixture:

It was agreed to reduce the requirement for 3 grades down to 90+ players, with 2 grades at 60-90 and 1 grade less than 60 players. The run down of balls awarded to remain the same.

3. Nominations for 2022 committee positions:

The following positions become vacant at the AGM

- Vice President – David indicated he is willing to renominate
- Vice Captains – Ron will renominate but Kim is standing down.
Stan Bartley indicated he would like to nominate as a Vice Captain
- Committee – Lee Collison will renominate

4. Use of personal carts:

Email to be sent to all members outlining the rules regarding the use of a personal cart at clubs.

5. General discussion was held regarding our ongoing relationship and green fees paid at the various clubs we visit. It was felt that we are regarded at some clubs as just “a social club” and not given the appropriate recognition. Some ‘future proofing’ is needed and it was recommended that Ross and Kim consider contacting the various General Managers for a meeting to create a relationship going forward.

6. Carnival of Golf to follow on from the City v Country challenge on Monday 22nd November at Mandurah.

Courses to be played will be:

The Cut - Tuesday 23rd November

Secret Harbour – Wednesday 24th November

Fixtures to be open to all senior (over 55) male and female players who hold an official golf link handicap. Stan Bartley and Ron Ross to assist in running these fixtures.

7. Use of Slope range finder

Stan raised the issue of a member he was playing with recently, telling him that his range finder also had the slope facility and he was using it. This is clearly not within the rules of golf and members need to be advised, that if they use this feature they will be disqualified.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th November at Melville Glades – 10:00am

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

Secretary / Treasurer : Tom Grimston Ph 0403 253 192

MINUTES of meeting held at Melville Glades Golf Club on Tuesday 9th November 2021

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

APOLOGIES: Richard Pace, Ron Ross, Stan Bartley

MINUTES: of previous meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 confirmed and accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Tom obtained a quote of \$100/month from the website developer to install SEO (search engine optimisation). This was considered an unjustified expense and it was agreed not to proceed.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1. Nine fixtures held since last meeting with an average attendance of 85 apart from Chequers which was 48. This was disappointing although poor weather was again a factor. It was agreed to continue with Chequers for 1 fixture in 2022, subject to endorsement from the members at the AGM.
2. Club championships held at Hartfield and Wanneroo were well attended with Brendan Curtin the Gross winner on 158 and Neil Thatcher taking out the Net on 146. Congratulations to all the grade winners.
3. The South West mini tour is all locked in following the City V Country challenge at Mandurah with fixtures at The Cut on Tuesday 23rd November and Secret Harbour on Wednesday 24th November.
4. The South West trip, following the City v Country challenge at Bunbury on Monday 21st March 2022 has now been finalised. Tuesday 22nd March at Capel, \$25 green fee including a sausage sizzle, Wednesday 23rd March at Collie and Thursday 24th March at Harvey. Green fees expected to be \$30 for Collie and Harvey.
5. Club reps to be reminded to support the registration desk when we visit their home club.
6. AGM and final fixture moved to Wanneroo with a 12:15 shotgun start followed by dinner with an all inclusive cost of \$50.

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Book balance as at 8/11/2021

Bank West account	\$13,753		
Opening bal 1/10/21	\$13,327	Gain to date	\$426

Bankwest Fixed deposit	\$10,000
Bendigo Bank Fixed deposit	\$24,594

Payments since previous report totalling \$35,637 were listed and endorsed.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Received since previous meeting;

Bob	ALLERT	Northam
Peter	FLINT	Northam
Brian	GOGAN	Northam
Max	HUBBLE	Northam
Peter	RICHARDS	Northam
Simon	PROUD	Mt Lawley
Paul	ANDERSON	Kennedy Bay
Phil	WONG	Melville Glades
Lindsay	QUANN	Sea View
Alan	SPOONER	Chequers
Bruce	DIAMOND	WAGC

The above applicants were endorsed as members of the WAVGA.

RESIGNATIONS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Phil	ELLIS	WAGC
Mick	MALONE	Karrinyup

Current membership	369
Fees paid YTD -	345
Unfinancial members	24
Registered credit cards	266
New members year to date	40
Resignations year to date	37

General discussion held regarding expected green fees for 2022.
An approach to be made to both Karrinyup and Royal Fremantle for possible fixtures.
There may be the need to remove the \$5 competition fee where green fees exceed \$50.

SPONSORSHIP

1. Distinctive Golf invited to Royal Perth fixture but unable to attend due to Covid restrictions. Product provided for nearest the pin prizes.
2. Thanks to Chequers and Rockingham members for sponsoring recent fixtures at their courses.
3. Mt Lawley members have come on board and will sponsor the upcoming fixture at their club.
4. Special thanks to Richard Pace for sponsoring the Secret Harbour game with his new company Nutrimate. The free samples of dog food handed out were very popular and hopefully will provide Richard with some future business.
5. David advised of Drummond Golf's strong interest in becoming our Gold Sponsor at \$3500 PA. David and Lee to have further discussions with Drummond with a view to a possible move.

SOUTH WEST VETS

1. A few SW members played in our recent Secret Harbour fixture and enjoyed the day. Peter received very good feedback from the Nutrimate product provided and relayed this back to Richard Pace.
2. The SW Vets AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 7 December. A proposal will be put to this meeting to increase the green fees from \$20 to \$25.
3. Peter enquired as to whether our members are charged to use their own carts and advised that this was not the case for City Vets.
4. General discussion held regarding WAVGA policy regarding Covid playing restrictions. It was agreed to follow the general guidelines put out by individual golf clubs.
5. SW Vets currently have 524 members.
6. The Mandurah challenge is proving very popular with the SW Vets with 66 starters already and will require balloting. Agreed to charge SW Vets members a \$25 green fee. Scoring for the challenge will be the top 20 stableford scores from each team.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Dates for call of nominations and despatch of annual report -
 - 1.1. Call for nominations to be despatched 14 November and to be received by 26 November.

The following positions become vacant at the AGM

 - Vice President, Vice Captain (2), Committee (2)
 - 1.2. President, Captain and Sponsorship reports required by 25 November.
 - 1.3. Annual Report and Notice of AGM to be despatched 28 November.
2. Inter Club challenge – it has been suggested by Tony Farrow to hold an annual interclub challenge with the top four stableford scores from each club to count. Only clubs with 4 or more players present will qualify. It was agreed that this should be a perpetual trophy and Tony to be approached as the trophy donor with naming rights as the Tony Farrow trophy.
3. Ladies eligibility to play in the Nationals – There is a ladies veterans assoc. in WA who at present are not eligible to play in the Nationals as they are not affiliated with the AVGU. David Scott advised that this can be overcome by inviting the ladies association to affiliate with the AVGU through the WAVGA by including them in the Capitation fee numbers provided to the AVGU. It was agreed for David to approach the ladies association to become affiliated with the AVGU.
4. Preferred lies in bunkers and on fairways – the association currently permits a smooth and place in bunkers when playing on courses that are also utilised by the general public. This however does not apply across the board to all courses. The rules for the day to be clearly stated on the daily information sheet displayed on the registration desk.

Members to be reminded that it is their responsibility to abide by all the rules at all times.
5. General discussion held regarding a member's eligibility to play with the Vets. It was agreed that if a member loses his ability to play in competitions at his home club, whether by way of a suspension or expulsion, he is automatically ineligible to play with the Vets for that same period of time.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st February 2022 at Melville Glades – 10:00am