

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES of 41st Annual General Meeting held at Western Australian Golf Club on 11th of December 2023 commencing at 10.30am.

PRESENT: 31 members as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Tim & Yvonne Turner, Judge Merenda, Peter Livingstone, Phil Robinson, Lee Collison, Dave Lampard, Peter Hayward, Ross Hancock, Kath Fordham, Peter King, David Scott

1. MINUTES: of Annual General Meeting held at the Western Australian Golf Club on 12th December 2022 were available with the Secretary. Moved Mick Brazier, seconded Colin Thorniley they be accepted as a true record and carried by a 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. Moved Colin Thorniley, seconded Doug Hudson they be 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:

Vice President	Stan Sexton	2 year term
Committee member	Graham Bourgault	2 year term
Committee member	Ron Ross	2 year term
Committee member	Colin Willis	1 year term

There were no nominations for the position of Captain. Ron Ross, the outgoing Captain, outlined the duties involved and the members were asked to canvass their fellow members to seek someone prepared to nominate for the position. The committee will attempt to appoint someone to the role at their first meeting in 2024

- 4. AUDITOR: With a successful audit from our new auditor for 2023, Tom Grimston proposed that Quanto SMSF audits be appointed as our auditors for 2024. Moved Colin Thorniley, seconded Tom Colella that Quanto SMSF Audits be appointed and carried by a show of hands.
- 5. General business:
- a. Newsletter Stan Sexton said that he would continue to produce the newsletter and asked for members to submit any articles for inclusion.
- b. Green fees Clayton Gunning asked whether there was a monitory limit the committee placed on acceptable green fees. He pointed out that playing with the Vets gave him access to courses he would not otherwise have access to and that in his opinion the green fee we pay should reflect the actual value of playing on that course. It was generally agreed that increases are inevitable and no actual limit should be set, we will just continue to negotiate the best deal we can.

Discussion was also held regarding the fact that a few clubs are now requesting payment in advance. If the timesheet is closed on the Friday evening prior to the fixture, then all withdrawals after that will be charged unless there are special circumstances. Warren Howard requested the committee clearly clarify what will constitute "Special circumstances" so there is no room for arguments. This will be dealt with at the first committee meeting in 2024.

- c. Brian Bell raised the question of why we had still kept the membership fee at \$40 and recommended it be increased to \$50. This would provide additional funds to help cover any costs we are burdened with when members withdrawal from a fixture we have had to pay for in advance. The fees have already been set for 2024, but this will be considered for 2025 by which time we will have a good idea of what, if any, shortfalls we have had to cover.
- d. Sponsorship Stan Sexton appealed to members to be on the lookout for any potential sponsors. Our sponsorship income is very important in our overall cash flow and we are always on the lookout for new sponsors.
- e. Terry Porter asked about any country trips planned for 2024. Ron advised that the only trip scheduled was the SW tour similar to this year following the Country V City challenge in Bunbury on 18 March 2024. The Mid West trip will be run biennially. Geoff Smith enquired about Kalgoorlie to which Ron responded that his enquiries had determined that accommodation was too difficult with the increased mining activity in the region.
- f. Phil Davies enquired about playing at Lakelands in 2024. Ron confirmed we had secured a fixture for 26 February. Phil offered to be the delegate for Lakelands.
- g. Club Championship prizes John Ryan raised the point that the club championships were a gross event and too much weight was currently being placed on awarding the winners of the net. He requested that prizes for the gross winner and runner up in each grade should be awarded. It was agreed that this was a valid point and would be taken into consideration for the 2024 championships.

The President closed the meeting at 11:20am, thanking the members for their attendance.

Signed as a true record _____

David St George President

Date