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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION INC

Secretary / Treasurer: Tom Grimston Ph 0403 253 192

MINUTES of meeting held at Melville Glades Golf Club on Tuesday 30th January 2024

PRESENT: David St George, Stan Sexton, Tom Grimston, Ron Ross, Stan Bartley,
Doug Hudson, Graham Bourgault, Colin Willis, Peter Green

APOLOGIES: Colin Thorniley

MINUTES: of previous meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 confirmed and accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

NIL

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

FIXTURES 2024: Ron presented the current fixture list for 2024 which is now locked in. It was agreed that the Araluen fixture on 20th May will be a 2-ball Ambrose event.

SOUTH-WEST TOUR: Ron advised that the Harvey fixture has been cancelled due to course maintenance. There is no replacement fixture planned for Thursday 21 March but members may phone either Bunbury or Pinjarra to book into their day comp on the way home.

2024 CAPTAIN: Ron has prepared comprehensive handover information for the incoming Captain to enable a smooth transition.

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Book balance as at 29/01/2024

Commbank	\$ 16,296
Bendigo Bank Fixed deposit	\$34,840
Commbank fixed deposit	\$40,000

PAYMENTS SINCE PREVIOUS REPORT:

Payments totalling \$58,866.65 were listed and endorsed.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

There have been 19 new members signed up since the previous meeting on 17 October'23. Current financial membership now stands at 343 with a further 36 unfinancial members. These members have received a reminder regarding their overdue fees.

SPONSORSHIP

1. Drummond Golf have 12 months remaining on their current sponsorship arrangement. Graham and Tom will meet with Drummond next week to commence negotiations for a continuance of their sponsorship beyond 2024.
2. A new store has now opened in Booragoon providing our members with improved access to a Drummond store.
3. Westech Flooring have ceased their sponsorship, citing lack of return for the investment.
4. Nutrimate and Golf Corner Travel are now our two commercial silver sponsors. Harfield GC and Meadow Springs GCC continue as major sponsors.
5. Distinctive Golf Products have renewed their bronze sponsorship and have been joined by Perth Golf Centre as a new sponsor for 2024.
6. Shani Waugh Golf is undergoing a business change and will return when this is complete.
7. Life member Garry Carter continues his sponsorship along with Vets members from WAGC, Mt Lawley, Rockingham, Chequers and York Golf Clubs.
8. Graham to contact Mr Ball with a view to renewing his sponsorship.
9. Increased profile for our commercial sponsors to improve the return on their investment is planned as follows:
 - 9.1 Laminated posters to be displayed on the registration desk
 - 9.2 Sponsorship banner to be displayed above the results sheet for their respective fixture.
 - 9.3 Hyperlinks to be developed for these banners to provide seamless access to their websites.
 - 9.4 Hyperlinks to be inserted on all home page logos.

SOUTH WEST VETS

1. Peter advised that a motion, proposed by Margaret River GC, was put at their recent AGM, to increase their green fees to \$30. This appeared to have come about following a query from GolfWA. This motion was defeated and as a consequence the SW Vets have lost Margaret River and Sanctuary from their fixture list. As a result, certain cost saving measures have been introduced.
2. Peter reiterated how enthusiastic the Sanctuary members are for the City Vets to participate in their comp on Wednesday 20 March. They are providing a sausage sizzle at cross over and our members will be shuffled in with Sanctuary members, rather than playing in our own groups. Members are also encouraged to stay for dinner.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Captain's vacancy

After some discussion regarding the role of Captain, Doug Hudson offered take on the role. The committee unanimously voted to appoint Doug Hudson as Captain.

Colin Willis then offered to take over the role of Vice Captain. The committee unanimously voted to appoint Colin Willis as Vice Captain.

Review of order of merit scoring system

Tom put up an alternative method of scoring which was designed to recognise attendance and consistency. After much discussion it was agreed that this proposal was more of a consistency award and we should continue with the current order of merit award system. It was agreed that we would in future pay down to the top 5 places in the OOM with payments of \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25, and \$10.

3. Credit/Debit card application

The application to Commbank for a corporate credit card was rejected on the grounds that the association does not make a profit, despite it being registered as a not-for-profit organisation. As a result, Tom Grimston proposed that a new 'one to sign' transaction account be opened with Commbank and a debit card applied for, to facilitate the purchase and distribution of Drummond e-vouchers. The committee agreed for the President and Secretary to open such an account with the Commonwealth bank.

4. Conditions for waiving charges for late and no-show withdrawals

With several clubs now requiring us to confirm booking numbers and pay in advance, it has become necessary to close some timesheets several days early. When this occurs, and a member wishes to withdraw from the closed timesheet, they will be charged the applicable green fee, unless there are special circumstances necessitating their withdrawal. A special circumstance will only be accepted if it is medically related directly to the member or an immediate family member. The member must provide their reason to the captain for the withdrawal. Any no-shows are to be reported by the Captain to the Vice President for follow up.

5. Newsletter

Stan Sexton is working on the first newsletter for 2024. It is planned to include a new section for a member profile and also an obituary for members that have passed in the previous year.

6. General

- Peter Green enquired whether there was any information available as to where future national tournaments will be held. There is a roster by State on both our website and the AVGU website, but any more detailed information needs to be obtained from the individual states.
- Stan Bartley advised there are currently two temporary greens in play at Pinjarra due to the 6th and 8th greens being re-constructed.
- Doug Hudson suggested a section be created on the website for members to indicate they have golf equipment they want to either buy or sell. This section could also contain a list of those members that regularly hire a cart and wish to share with another member. Tom will look into creating this section.
- Stan Sexton recommended that next year the delegates are offered a free game of golf at Melville Glades, to be played immediately after the delegates meeting. This is a gesture in recognition of their support throughout the year. This was agreed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2 April at 9:30am (this will precede the game on that day)

Signed as a true record



05.02.2024

David St George
President

Date

**MINUTES of Delegates meeting held at Melville Glades Golf Club on
Tuesday 30th January 2024**

PRESENT: Brian Bell, Geoff Smith, Terry Smith, Gordon Sherlock, Chuck Macfarlane, John Dec, Brendan Curtin, Denis Clarke, Phil Davies, Mal Kent, Willie Henry, Ron Ross, Stan Bartley, David St George, Rob Bennett, Rolf Kraus, Charlie Lancey, Colin Willis, Graham Bourgault, Warren Howard, Tom Grimston, Stan Sexton, Doug Hudson

APOLOGIES: Peter Stewart, Colin Thorniley, Jerry Hetharia, Tom Colella, James Carslaw, Gerhard Saueracker, Clayton Gunning, Neil Thatcher, Brett Flatters, Jim Treloar

David St George welcomed all the delegates present, stressing that this meeting was an important starting point for the season.

Points discussed were:

1. The fixtures for 2024 have been finalised and are available on the website.
2. SW mini tour in March commencing with Country v City challenge at Bunbury on Monday 18 March, followed by Collie and Sanctuary. The Harvey game has been cancelled due to course maintenance.
3. Delegates manual has been updated and is available on the website under Captain's corner.
4. Delegates bags: There are new delegates bags, slightly larger, with the contents all replenished.
 - 4.1 Bags now contain display stands with laminated posters for all the corporate sponsors. The applicable sponsor poster for the day must be displayed on the registration desk.
 - 4.2 Contents include delegates manual, clip boards for ball sweep and super pin sheets, NTP markers, super pin money box and envelopes, pen case containing pens and highlighters.
5. Make sure you are familiar with your clubs local rules and display them on the desk if necessary.
6. Stress to members to move to their respective starting tee 10 minutes before their start time.
7. It is the Delegates responsibility to contact the Captain to request they be given a late tee time prior to the timesheet opening when they are going to be on the desk.
8. NTP markers on 9 hole courses to clearly indicate which 9 they relate to.
9. Next year all delegates will be offered a free game of golf at Melville Glades, to be played immediately after the delegates meeting. This is a gesture in recognition of their support throughout the year.