

# VICTORIAN GOLF LEAGUE Inc.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE RINGWOOD GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY 25th May 2015

Meeting opened by the Chairman Mr. Alex Johnson at 7:04 PM.

**PRESENT:** A. Johnson, T. Carnell, P. Ross, G. Weaver, J. Scott, (Board Members) T. Edward, J. Hipgrave, C. Rissinich, P. Frost (Golf Committee), P. Goad (Executive Manager). Clubs as per Register.

**APOLOGIES:** P. Kingshott, S. McInerney, (Board) G. Lewin (Golf Committee), Burnley, Kings Park, Mt. Martha, Normanby Park, Northcote, Parkview, Royal Park Ladies, Sandringham Associates.

**ABSENT:** Australasian, Burnley, Dorset Golf Lady Members, East Bentleigh YWCA, Eastern Sward, Elsternwick Park, Elsternwick Park Women's, Emerald, Malverndale, Mandalay, Nepean, Nepean Women's, Riverview, Royal Park, Sandringham, Stud Valley, Timbertop.

**VISITORS:** As per Register

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and visitors to the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

### **MINUTES PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

***Moved: Forest Hills***                      ***Seconded: Riverside/Ess***  
*That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.*                      ***Motion Carried***

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

Nil.

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

The Chairman invited Mr. Peter Frost (Men's Committee sponsorship coordinator) to introduce the nights guest, Mr Sam Colisimo proprietor of the Golf Clearance Outlets and major sponsor of the Victorian Golf League.

Mr. Colisimo gave an insight to his early relationship with the V.G.L. as a junior member playing with the Oakleigh GC, who attended the Junior Camp at Mirboo North.

His early working life began with the Oakleigh GC pro shop, moved onto the Amstel GC pro shop.

He began to sell stock that was not moving using ebay for a year, which saw him then move into a store in Huntingdale, which was the beginning of the Golf Clearance Outlet stores.

Struggled to get support from local suppliers so developed overseas links and imported golfing supplies.

Next store opened up in Smith St, Fitzroy - led to other stores opening including Adelaide (since closed), Narre Warren, Melbourne city, Oakleigh (replacing Huntingdale store) and 1 store each in Qld and NSW.

He thanked the Board for the opportunity to sponsor the VGL and believed it beneficial to both organisations and re-iterated his continued support remembering his beginnings in the VGL family.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Colisimo for his attendance to our AGM and for the informative talk as well as his continued support to the Victorian Golf League.

### **ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT**

Presidents Report  
Juniors Report  
Seniors Report  
League Golf Enterprises Pty Ltd  
Golf Committee's Report

**Moved:** Dorset                      **Seconded:** Forest Hills  
*That the Annual Report as presented be adopted.*

**Motion Carried**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM ANNUAL REPORT.**

- Question was raised querying the statement that clubs have a pathway to recommend rule changes. The Chairman stated the League survey clubs about event and pennant rules to gauge the need for change but also reiterated that all written requests relating to pennant/event rule changes or improvements are passed on the relevant Golf Committee to be considered at the annual review of rules.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer Peter Ross.

**Moved** P. Ross                      **Seconded** G. Weaver  
*That the Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer be adopted.*

**Motion Carried**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Denis Ryan, Craigieburn Willmott queried the figure of \$399,829.66 retained profits and why we are retaining profits. The terminology used could be misleading - our accounting firm will be contacted for a detailed explanation and perhaps a review of the terminology to be applied.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The Chairman declared all positions on committee vacant.  
Nominations received were;

### **BOARD**

President

- Alex Johnson

Vice President

- Sheryn McInerney

Treasurer

- Peter Ross

Ordinary Members . 4 positions

- Joan Scott
- George Weaver
- Peter Kingshott

### **WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE** . 4 positions

- Jan Hipgrave
- Dianne King

### **MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE** . 4 positions

- Tim Edward
- Peter Frost
- Gregory Lewin

As there were no surplus nominations over positions all were elected to their nominated position.

## **RULE ALTERATION**

Proposed rule changes were corresponded to clubs for their consideration for the Annual General Meeting.

### **Preamble**

Rule 24.1(ii) . The need to have nomination signed by two member CLUBS of the League would act as a significant barrier for nominations to the Board and Golf Committees. The proposed change to have nomination signed by two members of any member club would remove the barriers and hopefully encourage more nominees.

**1) Motion: That Rule 24.1 is changed from:**

24 Election of officers and ordinary Board members

24.1 Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the League or as ordinary members of the Board must be:

- (i) made in writing, signed by two Member Clubs of the League and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- (ii) delivered to the Secretary of the League before a closing date, as advertised by the board, for nominations,

**To:**

24 Election of officers and ordinary Board members

24.1 Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the League or as ordinary members of the Board must be:

- (i) made in writing, signed by two **financial members of a Member Club** of the League and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- (ii) delivered to the Secretary of the League before a closing date, as advertised by the board, for nominations,

**Moved: P. Ross      Seconded: G. Weaver      Carried**

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

**Moved** P. Ross      **Seconded** Riverside/Ess  
That Kingston Accounting and Taxation Services be appointed Auditors for 2015.  
**Motion Carried**

**LEAGUE GOLF ENTERPRISES Pty Ltd**

**Election of Director by Council**

**Moved:** Glen Waverley      **Seconded:** Centenary Park  
That Mr. Peter Kowalski of the Centenary Park Golf Club is elected Company Director for the year 2015  
**Motion Carried**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

There was no general business of which prior notice was given.

As there was no further Business, the President declared the **80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Closed at 7.51 PM.**

The Chairman then invited Delegates to raise any issues without notice:-

1. **Altona Lakes** raised a previously raised question about if there was any consideration to having women's pennant on Sunday's to cater for working women members. Will be referred to the Women's Golf Committee.
2. The Chairman passed on condolences to the **Craigieburn Willmott** GC committee & members on the loss in tragic circumstances of committeemen and pennant member Kevin Skinner.
3. **Creekside** asked if a V.G.L. medal competition is available for women's competition. Will be referred to the Women's Golf Committee.  
Also asked if there had been any consideration to change the VGL Medal prize from current medallion to something else e.g tankard. Was advised that a recent survey of clubs had overwhelmingly responded to continuing with current medallion. Will be referred to the Men's Golf Committee.
4. **East Malvern** asked if consideration could be given to the Women's Champion of Champions competition being held on a weekend rather than on a weekday. Will be referred to the Women's Golf Committee.
5. **Glen Waverley** noted that during the recent Senior's pennant final at Amstel that VGL officials were reduced to roam the course in green-keepers vehicle rather than a more comfortable cart. He was advised that circumstances limited the number of carts available for players and the Committee will take measures to avoid next year.
6. **Lakeside** advised that the Melbourne Grand Prix will be run later than normal - approx 3 weeks later. Will have consequences with the playing of pennant matches. Will liaise with the VGL for the formation of the pennant draw.
7. **Mentone** asked if there were any rules disallowing the running of another competition during club championships for those not in the club championship - there are NOT.
8. **Olinda** thanked the VGL team for their efforts in the running of the pennant finals.
9. **Tirhatuan** stated that the rule change during the pennant season was late in the week and Secretary was unavailable and therefore not passed on to pennant manager. Asked if pennant managers could be included in notification. Will be referred to the Men's Golf Committee.

10. **Wattle Park** asked if survey respondents could be anonymous. Will be referred to the Men's Golf Committee.
11. **Wellington Links** Also thanked VGL Committee for the running of the pennant finals.
12. **Yarrambat Park** Asked about the online club rule accreditation exams and whether there was the facility to get feedback on questions got wrong. Chairman stated that this question had recently been asked and are in contact with Golf Victoria and will relay response to all clubs.
13. **Growling Frog** stated that two of their members had sat and passed club level rules accreditation some time ago but not received anything from Golf Victoria. Will be followed up by the Executive Manager.

**The President** thanked all delegates for attending and invited them to remain for refreshments.