

VICTORIAN GOLF LEAGUE Inc.

GENERAL DELEGATE's MEETING Held at the Ringwood Golf Club clubrooms

Monday 23rd October 2017 at 7-00 PM.

AGENDA

1. Attendance

**Apologies
Visitors**

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held 7th November 2016.

The minutes of the General Meeting of the League held on Monday 7th November 2016 are presented for consideration and confirmation.

3. Business arising from the minutes 7th November 2016.

4. Report to Council

To receive the report of the committee as presented to the Council.

5. Business Arising from the Report.

6. Financial Report

To receive the Financial Report.
Present 2018 budget.

7. Business Arising from the Report.

8. League Golf Enterprises Report.

9. General Business

(a) Any business of which written notice has been given prior to the meeting.

➤ Nil

(b) Any business raised by the delegates without notice as permitted by the Chairman.

10. Guest Speaker – Evan Gale from Team App.

11. Meeting Closed

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**Minutes of Council Meeting Held at the Ringwood Golf Club
clubrooms on
Monday 7th November 2016**

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

PRESENT: A. Johnson, S. McInerney, G. Weaver, D. King, A. Madden, P. Kingshott (Board Members), T. Edward, G. Lewin (Golf Committee's), P. Goad (Executive Manager).

DELEGATES: As per Register.

VISITORS: As per Register

APOLOGIES: As per Register, J. Scott, P. Ross, (Board Members), C. Rissinich, P. Frost (Golf Committee's)

ABSENT: As per Register

MINUTES PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING:

*Moved: Centenary Park Seconded: Ringwood
That the minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on the 29th February
2016 be accepted as a true and correct record. **Motion Carried.***

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Reports from President, Women's Captain, Men's Captain, Junior Development Team, Seniors Development Team and Executive Manager were presented.

*Moved: Sandringham GC Associates Seconded: Dorset That
the reports as presented be accepted.*

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Nil

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented by the Executive Manager in the Treasurer's absence. The figures supplied in the report were for the current year up to 17th October which had no extraordinary items and was essentially on budget.

Reported that the League was in a very good financial condition.

Delegates were asked to take back report to their club committees and if any queries or questions were required to contact the Treasurer or the Executive Manager.

Moved: Yarrambat Park Seconded: Centenary Park that the report as presented be accepted.

Motion

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Tirhatuan queried the cost expense variation between the yearly comparison of the men's P.C.S.D. event – he was advised that the event was held at a different time last year and expenses had yet to be incurred.

The 2017 budget was presented to the meeting for perusal.

Moved: Yarrambat Park Seconded: Centenary Park that the 2017 Budget be adopted.

Motion Carried.

A League Golf Enterprises balance sheet and profit and loss was supplied for the period up to the end of September.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Brighton updated meeting on the success of petition presented to Council on a sustainable water supply project. Work will begin after Easter and course will be affected during construction stage which will affect pennant season.
2. Camberwell reported the 10th hole green had been redesigned and is now a more level green.

3. Elsternwick Park asked for an update on the possible sale of 1st T Motel at Mirboo North. He was advised that a sworn valuation was to be obtained in readiness for a February meeting with the Mirboo North Golf Club who have first option of any sale.
4. Lakeside reported that they had obtained a State Government grant for a defibrillator for use at their golf course. Submission was based on being in a public area. In addition building renovations are under way with the Lago restaurant to be re-branded as Green Fields including a bar area which the clubs will use.
5. Riverview advised that their course is available to hold a Senior's event – Men's Golf Committee have noted.
6. Tirhatuan queried the concern held at the A.G.M. about whether there was a quorum and whether this meeting had to confirm any decisions made. He was advised that there was a quorum at the A.G.M., the number thought needed for a quorum was in fact the pre-merger constitution (50%) not the current constitution figure i.e. 1/3rd of member clubs need to be present. We had 34 out of the 59 member clubs present (57%) – which still highlights an unacceptable attendance.
7. Wellington Links advised that the Kingston Links golf course is guaranteed to be open until end of 2017 with a possibility that it may be open still in 2018. The club is highly unlikely to continue beyond 2017.
8. Yarrambat Park thanked Peter Kingshott for his attendance for clarification of some rules.

The Chairman thanked the Ringwood Golf Club for the use of their clubrooms for the meeting.

As there was no further General Business, the Chairman thanked Delegate's for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.40 PM.



Reports

23rd October 2017

Presidents Report

I welcome and thank delegates for their attendance tonight.

I again thank Ringwood for the use of their facilities.

➤ **CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

The League is anticipating that overall membership will decrease in 2017. Club affiliations indicate a decline over the past five years. Hopefully this trend can be reversed.

➤ **PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUE EVENTS:**

This continues to be a concern especially with clubs and members contacting our Executive Manager after the closing dates attempting to be included in the draw. This seems to be an issue for the men's events but sometimes applies for the women's competitions. The Executive Manager, Phil, continues to provide laminated details of the events together with entry forms. Please ensure the Club Executive circulate the material to the relevant person(s) within the Club

➤ **GOLF AUSTRALIA ONEGOLF PROJECT:**

Following the address given to the club executives by Simon Brookhouse, C.E.O Golf Victoria, on Tuesday 15th August, the League sought a meeting with Golf Australia to clarify the future direction of our operations. Together with Phil Goad and Peter Kingshott, we met with Stephen Pitt, C.E.O Golf Australia, on Wednesday 13 September. Please refer to the Executive Managers report for the positive response indicating our operations will continue to be the same following implementation of the One Golf project.

➤ **FIRST T MOTEL**

The League are waiting on a response from the Mirboo North Golf Club about the purchasing the business from the League. If the response is negative the League will then investigate other options.

➤ **BOARD AND GOLF COMMITTEES**

Again, I thank all for their continuing involvement. I believe the League administration provides a very professional support to Clubs for the enjoyment of our game.

I wish everyone all the best for the rest of 2017 and look forward to 2018 with 2018 with excitement and good golfing.

Alex Johnson

Women's Golf Committee

The Committee as part of its annual review and the pennant summit held in April, your requests and concerns were taken on board.

Some refreshed rules in Pennant are:

1. A player must have 3 rounds in a single competition at their home club between 1st September and the first round of Pennant in February.
2. Registered members must play a minimum of 3 games of pennant (exemptions for injuries etc.) penalties apply.
3. Tee times no earlier than 7.30
4. Requests for draw considerations to be limited.
5. Pennant final put back one week to April 30th
6. Spare week after Round 6 for any abandoned rounds after round 6 to be played.
7. Confirmation of results no longer required in the Results Vault.
8. Cancellation of play in any event due to the weather will be made by the VGL Committee with consultation of the golf course Management. The event will be rescheduled as soon as practicable.
9. Entries to be registered no later than the end of January or earlier.

The Decision was made in 2016 to remove some of the events out of the depths of winter.

This was done successfully although the weather has not been kind this year very wet and cold.

We welcomed a new member onto the VGL Ladies Committee Beverley Jenkins.

Foursomes at Southern Golf Course on the 28th August. Attended by 64 players, down from 76 last year, 84 the year before. 22 clubs representative out of 34.

Gross Score...90.....Jane Lake/Chris Riley. (East Malvern)

Runner up.....96.....Anita Newton/Linda Vincent. (Oakleigh)

Nett Score.....72.5.....Lois Parker/Michelle Trewin (Camberwell)

Runner up.....75.....Judy Haberman/Sue Lowerson (Bundoora)

The Committee Invitational was to be held at La Trobe Golf Course on the 25th September but was changed due to renovations,
Now held at Northern Golf Club. On the 2nd October.

87 players last year.....54 this year

Perpetual Cup Winner.....Sheryn McInerney 38 points (Glen Waverly)

Runner up.....Glendale McIntyre 34 points (Lakeside Ladies)

3 Waltz Stableford Team.

Kristine Holden (Lakeside Ladies) Sheryn McInerney (Glen Waverley) Elleni Livingston (Lakeside Ladies) 72 points.

The VGL/ Life Members Trophy is due to be played on the 30th October. At Kingswood.

Champion of Champions 20 November.

Wish to express heartfelt thanks to Phil Goad for his continuing help and support throughout the year, so happy you are continuing our journey all together.

Thank you to the VGL Board for all their support.

Thank you to all the golf clubs who support the VGL events throughout the year.

See you all in 2018.

Safe and Happy Christmas.

Kindest Regards to all.

Dianne King.

Captain Women's Golf Committee.

Men's Golf Committee

In June a Pennant Summit meeting was held and attended by all clubs, with the view to review all aspects of the pennant competition and the rules that apply to it, looking forward to the future. It was important to have all clubs input for this process to be successful.

I believe this was a very successful initiative, with much input from the clubs. Many ideas were put forward, and I think clubs could see that in a lot of areas there were differing views between clubs. There were some changes made for the 2018 season and possible changes to the 2019 season and beyond.

Some of the changes included;

- the allocation of points for disqualified players.
- the inclusion of an 8-team senior's pennant division
- change of the time limit for results entry
- confirmation of results no longer required
- clubs to supply golf-link numbers of competitors to opposition (hcp pennant)
- clubs to be responsible for checking handicaps of opposition
- provision of food/drinks not compulsory

We will be holding a pennant manager meeting in February next year where all the new rules and procedures will be explained.

The events for 2017 have been poorly attended and continues the downward trend which is of major concern to my Committee. The success of our events is very dependent on clubs promoting them to their members actively. We are always open to feedback about our events from our member clubs.

BY LAW No. 16: V.G.L. MEDALLIST OF MEDALLISTS COMPETITION

Each Member shall conduct an event **prior to the 1st November** of each year in which the monthly Medalists shall compete in a handicap stroke play competition. The winner of this event shall be known as the "Club Medalist of Medalists".

To be eligible to win the Club Medalist of Medalists the player **must** be available to represent his Club in the V.G.L. Medalist of Medalists on the date as advised in the V.G.L. Programme of Events for that year.

SENIORS

We played our last competition of 2017 at the Kingston Links Golf Course on Thursday 12th of October, the Seniors and Veterans Championship.

The day was great weather and the course after quite a bit of rain was in excellent condition.

A big thank you must go to the Course Management for all their help and use of the facilities.

JUNIORS

Junior Camp:

Golf Victoria have withdrawn funding provided by the Victorian Golf Foundation which meant the junior camp had to be cancelled. It is unlikely that funding will be provided for any future camps.

The Committee will look at other alternatives to offer junior members of our clubs – e.g. perhaps one or two-day clinics in the metropolitan area. Clubs will be advised when any arrangements are made.

Event Results (since AGM)

PENNANT:-

Scratch:

Division 1 - <i>Growling Frog</i>	def	Lakeside
Division 2 - <i>Brighton</i>	def	Dorset
Division 3 - <i>Westgate</i>	def	Burnley
Division 4 <i>Sandringham</i>	def	Tirhatuan

Handicap

Division 1 - <i>Mt Martha</i>	def	Creekside
Division 2 - <i>Camberwell</i>	def	Centenary Park
Division 3 - <i>Elsternwick Park</i>	def	Ringwood
Division 4 - <i>Sandringham</i>	def	East Malvern
Division 5 - <i>Craigieburn Willmott</i>	def	Forest Hills
Division 6 - <i>Tirhatuan</i>	def	Westgate
Division 7 - <i>Royal Park</i>	def	Glen Waverley 1
Division 8 - <i>Northcote Gold</i>	def	Dorset 1
Division 9 <i>Glen Waverley 2</i>	def	Dorset 2

Senior's

Divisions

David Graham -	Westgate	def	Craigieburn Willmott 1
Peter Thomson -	Royal Park	def	Riverview
Bruce Crampton -	Lakeside Lions	def	Forest Hills
Kel Nagle -	Ringwood Gold	def	East Malvern
Norman Von Nida -	Lakeside Swans	def	Centenary Park Blue
Jim Ferrier -	Centenary Park White	def	Olinda
Ossie Pickworth	Ringwood Blue	def	Mt Martha

EVENTS:-

➤ **Open Championship:**

Championship	Henry Clayton	Lakeside	Gross 72
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➤ **Nett Trophy:**

Winner	Wayne Wallis	Sandringham	Nett 66
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➤ **President's Trophy:**

Championship	Brian Jensen	Glen Waverley	Gross 88
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➤ **Seniors Championship**

Championship	Hilton Heldsinger	Dorset	76 Gross
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Handicap	Bradley Watt	Wellington Links	67 Nett
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➤ **Veterans Championship**

Championship	Brett Youll	Brighton	84 Gross
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Handicap	Garry O'Brien	Olinda	68 Nett
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George Weaver
Captain Men's Golf Committee

Executive Manager's Report

Golf Australia Meeting

Below is a copy of email received after meeting with Stephen Pitt CEO Golf Australia in September.

Dear Phil,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me last week. It was good to get a deeper understanding of the VGL and the key thoughts you have about the proposed One Golf project. As promised I wanted to provide you with a summary of the key points I made in our meeting and they are as follows:

- Under One Golf, the existing State, District and Club structure that exists in Victoria will not be changed. That structure will remain the jurisdiction of GV and GA will not be taking it over. The members that elect the GV Board will continue to do so under the new structure if / when it is implemented. GA has no plan or desire to get involved in this component of Victorian Golf.
- There is no requirement that any changes to the existing structure (and the VGL's role within it) will be made under the One Golf structure.
- We see the role of One Golf to bring more financial resources into Australian golf and to ultimately provide better services and support to organisations such as the VGL and Districts and Clubs around the country.
- There will be a consultation process for Districts, Clubs and the VGL before any determination is made about One Golf by the GV Board.

Phil, I hope this provides a clearer picture of things in terms of the VGL's role under this proposed structure. Thank you (along with Peter and Alex) for taking the time to meet with me and more importantly thank you for your work and contribution towards growing Australian golf. All the best.

Stephen Pitt
Chief Executive Officer



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Course Ratings

All course ratings have been put on hold.
However, if any club thinks they need a re-rating Golf Australia has advised that they are able to provide upon application.
More information will be forthcoming.

Affiliation 2018

We have not had any indication of the fees for 2018, however, one should always assume at least a CPI increase annually.
I think the days of fee increases only every 2 or 3 years have gone.

The method to be used for calculation of fees has been revised.

The membership figure to be used to calculate the fee will be the number of members you have current as at 31/12/17.
There will be no need to worry about any non-current members or members who not renewed during the year.
The figure to be used is the figure current on the 31st December.
This is a much easier method than previous.

Club forum

The Board advises that they are available to meet with clubs executive and committee should they so request. They are happy to meet at your clubs rooms or at the VGL office in Richmond. Please contact me if you require such a forum.

Club information

A reminder to clubs that any changes to Club's Executive or Committee should be immediately notified to me, particularly new Secretary's name, contact address, telephone number and email address.

Philip Goad