

MINUTES OF THE AGM NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB (NBGC) LADY MEMBERS

HELD Tuesday 10th November 2020

- Meeting Opened:** President Pam Townsend declared meeting open at 2:15pm
- Present:** Attendance list attached. In attendance were 64 members.
- Apologies:** Di Mclean; Elizabeth Phennigwerth; Sharon Stevenson; Rosalie Derek; Robyn Hemberg; Tamie Takatsu: Rhondda Shaw; Alana McGee; Beth McDuff; Donna Hall; Glenda McGaw; Maureen Griffiths; Shelly Kertez; Kath Allan; Pattie Bowden; Jill Woodhill, Catherine Smith and Shirley Anicich.
- Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the 2019 AGM Meeting held 29th October 2019 were available to view on the NBGC website and Ladies notice board in the locker room.
- Pam Townsend moved that the MOM be accepted; seconded by Chris Wright
- Business Arising:** Nil
- President's Annual Report:** (*Attached*)
President Pam Townsend read her report. Carmen Rigon moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Karen Flatt.
- Captain's Annual Report:** (*Attached*)
Captain Peri Kennedy read her report. Niki Ireland moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Cara Frires
- Treasurer's Report:** (*Attached*)
Treasurer Fran Giudes read her report.
Pam moved that the Treasurers report be accepted; seconded by Gail Murray
- Handicap Manager's Report:** Handicap Manager, Pat Hawkins was not aware of the need for a report for the AGM. A review of the protocol required for the AGM will be conducted at the next Committee meeting.
- Veteran's Delegate Report:** (*Attached*)
Veterans Delegate Pam Townsend read her report. Charmaine Elliot moved that the Veteran's Delegate report be accepted; seconded by Karen Flatt
- Election of Committee Office** President Pam Townsend read the names of those standing for another term, and the new lady nominations. Pam asked Norma Hocking to

bearers 2021:

take a chair to call the names of the committee members standing unopposed.

The term of the 2020 ends on 11th November. In 2020, the ladies committee, Heather Atkins committee member acted in the position of Vice Captain. Three candidates were nominated to stand for two positions. A closed ballot revealed that Jenny Bezuidenhout and Anne Turner were successful in a close count.

The term of the 2020 committee ends on 11th November except for the organisation of the 2020 Presentation Night. All other business is conducted by the 2021 committee after 11th November 2020.

President requests lady members formally ratify the appointment of the 2021 committee with a show of hands. Motion carried

**Motions, Notices,
Business:**

a) Notice of Motion received from member Margaret Harding requesting that a Stableford Competition be offered in conjunction with Stroke rounds, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Lady members choose not to play in Stroke rounds. Marjorie Margan spoke to support this motion. Her reasons were that many older ladies experience difficulty entering and leaving bunkers and accessing some of the elevated greens which don't allow approaching carts. A Stableford competition would allow them the choice of picking up and then continuing onto the next hole. Peri responded that this is would be possible by offering two separate competitions on the day, with separate prizes / ball run down. Margaret Harding also spoke in support of her letter and request for a show of hands and Pam moved a motion " that all stoke rounds in 2021 apart from the championships will have a stableford competition in conjunction which will be a ball competition only". Pam then asked for a show of hands and the motion was carried.

b) Notice of Motion received from member Norma Hocking regarding the introduction of three Divisions in the competition on Thursdays. Norma spoke citing that the number of Ladies playing on Thursdays has increased. Having only two divisions places Division one ladies at a disadvantage.

Discussion followed:

- I. Joan Front stated that the prize money is often paltry with cents included
- II. Colleen Beattie stated that members who win the day's event should be awarded their entry fee.
- III. Barbara Frost stated that the ball run down should start outside the placegetters. Reduce the number of balls to prop up Prizes for Placegetters.

Committee response.

Peri reported that the number of ladies playing on Thursdays have not been maintained. Higher numbers were probably due to CoVid. Julie Walker identified herself as the Match Desk Duty officer on Thursdays and supported Peri's statement. Numbers are reducing.

- I. The limited funds available in trophy prize money is dictated by the number of ladies playing on the day and the sponsorship of lady members. Match desk duties are the responsibility of the ladies on Tuesdays, Thursdays. Friday match desk is run by the Ladies; however, the responsibility belongs to the men with instructions that all the money be used. This situation makes it unavoidable to include cents in prize vouchers.
- II. Lady members on duty always try to favour the higher placegetters, often by allocating only 1st and 2nd place on Thursdays. Men seem to have a different procedure
- III. Prize trophy money and Ball rundown is dictated by club management

Appointment of Patroness:

c) Notice of Business received from Member Norma Hocking regarding hearing that newsletters from the Captain and President may not be reaching all lady members. Apropos the sharing of email addresses with partners; therefore, not included on the lady members emailing list. This issue was raised earlier this year. Pam has been working with Reception and Chontelle Grecian (Marketing officer) and the problem has been solved.

Appointment of Vets Delegate:

Pam Townsend further reiterated that any ladies who are not receiving emails should contact reception.

Appointment of the Social Committee:

d) Notice of business received from the President Pam Townsend regarding a revision of the Ladies By-Laws. Currently the By-Laws state that the AGM should be held as close as possible to 31st October for full playing members only. This year, the timing of the AGM was unavoidable due to Championships being held in October and scheduled events which feature as permanent fixtures on the clubs' calendar. President Pam Townsend proposed the motion 'that a sub- committee be formed and in 2021, consisting of a lady committee member and a lady non committee member to review the NBGC Ladies By-Laws and amend as appropriate' Motion carried.

Life Member Joan Frost stated she is happy to serve another year in the Patroness position.

The current Vets delegate Pam Townsend accepted another year in the position.

The 2021 Social Committee consists of Marjorie Margan, Robyn Hemburg, Di Moon and Wendy Heapy

Correspondence: Secretary Julie Walker reported that there was no correspondence received relating to the AGM.

General Business: **Matters raised by members without written notice:**
Captain **Peri Kennedy** responded to a common question asked by members, regarding the return of rakes in bunkers and removing the Pin when putting. NBGC follows the NSW Government Health CoVid guidelines NOT Golf NSW.

Chris Ledingham requested that the Ladies Golf Championships be held outside school holidays. Numbers were down this year; this could have been a contributing factor. Peri responded that this will be considered for 2021.

Colleen Beattie requested that the Treasurers report at the AGM include the balance at the end of September 30. Treasurer Fran Giudes stated that she believed the period being reported was aligned to the golf club guidelines. Will seek further advice from Management. The bank balance for the period ending 30 October was reported as \$7339 in the cash account plus the term deposit, along with an estimate of approximately \$2000 yet to be spent for Presentation which would reduce the cash account balance to approximately \$5,300. Colleen also questioned the term deposit renewal period, which was advised as being a rolling 6-month term deposit.

Peri Kennedy reported that there will be no *Fixture Book* printed for 2021. The Fixtures for the year will be online or available in print out form from Reception. This is a management decision brought about by the following reasons:

- Too static, does not allow for changes that can occur making it redundant.
- Published hard copy arrives late
- Usually contains many errors
- Not cost effective

There were some objections; however, it is an issue to raise at the *Nelson Bay Golf Club AGM* on November 30. Peri Kennedy invited members to attend this meeting and put forward their objection.

Elsie Flanagan raised the issue of evening up the handicap divisions in our Championships. Peri Kennedy will investigate believing that we should fall in line with Regional and State guidelines. Margaret Harding responded that Club Handicaps were up to the club. This issue will be discussed at the next Match Committee meeting.

Linda Drake's spoke of the wealth of knowledge and broad skill sets that exists within the lady members. A valuable resource that could be

used to provide strategies to increase sponsorship. Linda approached Peri and Pam at the end of the meeting to elaborate on her statement. Pam asked Linda to write down some key points in an email and send it to her.

Carmen Rigon will continue to sponsor the HOLE in ONE on the 14th.
Niki Ireland will continue to sponsor the HOLE in ONE on the 25th.

Pam Townsend invited our new lady members to introduce themselves. Unfortunately, there was some negative criticism levelled at the Ladies Committee for failing to acknowledge them at the New Members Meeting held in July. Both Pam Townsend and Peri Kennedy reported that the management failed to inform the Ladies Committee of the meeting. In fact, the General Manager Trevor Harrison and the then Men's President Peter Power wrote an email of apology to both Pam Townsend and Peri Kennedy.

Meeting Closed: 3:50pm

Next Meeting: 2021 AGM

Signed

President

Secretary