



WELLINGTON GOLF REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting held at Shandon Golf Club on Monday 27th March 2017

Present.

Bill Stratford (President), Michael Phelan (Secretary/ Treasurer), Peter Brown, Bryan Futter, Terry Gardiner, Aine Meek, Steve O'Sullivan, Lauchlan Thurston, Murray Radford, Steve Weir (WGI)

1 Apologies.

Brian Richmond, Kathy Goodman, Barry Brown, Jan Brown, Nik Yarrall, Barbara Hunter, Isobel Knapp, Geoffrey Lee, Neil Woodbury, Steve Smith, Terry Bastion, Kathy Goodwin, Ian Ayson. Andrew Harcourt, David Murie, Jolene Zink, Steve Bridle, Marty Scott

It was agreed that the apologies be accepted MP/ MR

The meeting stood in a moments silence to acknowledge the passing of 2 loyal referees and supporters in Ian Gordon and Eddie Deonarain

2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual General Meeting.

Motion by Peter Brown, seconded by Terry Gardiner that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record of the AGM held on the 23rd March 2016. Carried

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Apart from comments to be made later about clothing there was nothing arising

4 Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements.

The Report having been circulated was taken as read

Bill added comments thanking Kathy Goodman for the progress made to date in buying identification Bibs and progress made on sourcing similar warm jackets through Wellington Golf

Bill noted Murray Radford was stepping down from the committee and thanked him for the substantial years of service to the committee and lately taking over running the Rules course from 2015 following Julie Murphy's sudden ill health, last 12 Months.

Bill thanked the Active Referees officiating at numerous Regional and National events and summarised time spent – i

in 2015 there were 747 hours or 83 days;

in 2016 477 hours and 53 days with the reduction due to the split venues for the Otaki Cup now changed in 2017; and 2017 to date 136 hours and 15 days

No further discussion

The Financial Report was Presented.

Michael covered his report briefly as the report itself was straight forward. Small surplus leaving a bank balance of \$6,368 which would be needed to meet intended purchases of jackets and new radios.

Michael noted with thanks for the record the contribution by Terry Bastion in reviewing the accounts

Motion by Murray Radford, seconded by Bryan Futter That the Presidents Annual report and Financial reports be adopted. Carried

5 Election of Committee

Bill noted that with the exception of Murray who was standing down the current committee had indicated they were willing to continue on the committee

President:	Bill Stratford
Vice President:	Brian Richmond
Secretary/Treasurer	Michael Phelan

Committee Members:

Tee Time:	Terry Gardiner Bryan Futter Kathy Goodman
Wellington Golf Inc;	Steve Weir

There was a need for 2 more members and nominations had been received from Lachlan Thurston and Aine Meek. It was noted a third nomination had been received but withdrawn and Secretary would followup with Mr Chung to see if he was able to renominate in future

Motion by Bill Stratford seconded Murray Radford that the Committee as nominated with the addition of Aine and Lachie be duly confirmed. Carried

We welcome Aine and Lachie to the WGRA committee

6 2017 Subscription

Michael advised that for the current year the sub would remain at \$15. This \$15 has been the rate for at least 8 years but was likely to be increased in 2018. The upcoming Rules changes would cause increased costs in 2018 running introductory and full courses; plus expenditure on assets.

Motion by Michael Phelan seconded by Bill Stratford that the annual subscription for 2017 remains unchanged at \$15.00. Carried

General Business.

Rules Modernisation.

Bill Spoke generally about the proposed fundamental changes to the Rules as released by the R & A and USGA earlier in March for comment by 31 August. Murray Radford had agreed to assist with facilitation of the education process when something firm was available from the governing bodies. Some general discussion on how which would be progressed further in Committee Steve Weir Thanked the WGRA for their contribution to Wellington Golf during the past year particularly, He noted the Otaki Cup officiating issues had been resolved for 2017 and highlighted the 2017 WGI events that coverage would be needed but would confirm dates with Bill in due course

Freyberg Masters 2018 in Paraparaumu would require assistance but no input would be needed for the Asia Pacific Tournament to be run at RWGC in October 2017.

Pace of play issues were discussed and SW noted that education efforts were being directed to WGI Academy players

Conclusion.

There being no further business, Bill thanked the committee for their efforts, those members who attended the meeting and finally Shandon GC for the use of their facilities and closed the meeting at 8.05pm

Chairman.....28/03/2017