

**OUTLINE OF THE GOLF AUSTRALIA INTERIM BOARD MEETING
HELD AT GOLF AUSTRALIA HOUSE THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

Present from the Board:

Jerry Ellis (Chairman), Vivien Beer, John Buckley, Tom Crothers, Carol Humphreys, David Martin, Judy Onto.

In attendance: Tony Hallam (CEO - Golf Australia), Alex McGillivray, Kathryn Wright.

1. 28th September 2006 Meetings

1.1. Special General Meeting

1.1.1. Constitutional amendment

It was noted that most delegates had been contacted to brief them on the background to the change.

1.1.2. Half Year Financial report

A report for the period ended 30 June 2006 will be presented to the meeting, (this has been posted on the website).

1.1.3. Constitutional reform

It was agreed that the Board recommend to the Council engaging an independent expert to conduct the review. This would be similar to the role David Crawford completed for FFA and the AFL when looking at the optimum operating structure for these bodies.

2. Human Resource Matters

2.1. Contractors – Australian Open

It was noted that several staff have been hired on a short term basis to assist with the Australian Opens. These are accounted for directly out of current provisions in the Australian Open budget.

2.2. National Technical Director

This position has been short listed to two candidates. The Board empowered the CEO to appoint either of the candidates subject to their meeting with the Chairman.

3. Commercial Matters

Below is a summary of key commercial matters discussed. Given the commercial sensitivity of certain matters, some items are summarised or not included:

3.1. Status of 2006 MFS Australian Open Plans

3.1.1. MFS Australian Open – 13-19 Nov, 2006 at Royal Sydney

3.1.2. MFS Women's Australian Open 1-4 February, 2007 at Royal Sydney

The launch for this event announced the signing of Natalie Gulbis and Laura Davies. Also announced was that the ABC had signed as host broadcaster.

3.1.3. Ticketing

The complimentary ticketing policy was circulated. It was noted that the policy had been tightened significantly from prior years.

3.2. Host Club EOI process

Clubs have been advised that this process has been delayed pending advice from the Victorian Major Events Corporation on exercising its 2007 option.

3.3. MFS Golf Industry Enhanced Income Fund

The Board noted that cash investments of the fund were placed in Commonwealth Bank and the fixed asset portion with Macquarie Bank. This

highlighted the ability of the fund to attract better rates by grouping funds.

4. Alliance with Sportal on website

An agreement has been signed with Sportal to develop Golf Australia's website which will deliver three benefits:

- Redeveloped Golf Australia site
- Improved content on Sportal sports site
- Potential cost savings for State Associations on websites

The site will be launched prior to the MFS Australian Open.

5. Golf Australia Branding Development

The board was presented with draft concepts and the final version will be ready for launch at MFS Australian Open along with the new Golf Australia website.

6. Golf Australia Foundation

It was also noted that \$100k has already been pledged to this fund. The fund is developed to assist Golf Australia's strategic plan particularly in the area of game development and elite player programs. It was further noted that Sally Capp had accepted a position onto the committee.

7. Relationships with Industry Stakeholders

7.1. Golf Industry Council

The inaugural meeting of this Council in Sydney on the 15th September was noted.

8. Status of Board committees

8.1. Finance, Risk & Audit

Ian Lewis and Alison Watkins had accepted a position onto the committee.

Next Meeting: 15th November 2006 at Royal Sydney Golf Club.