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**GOLF AUSTRALIA
HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE
MEETING – TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2007
BY PHONE**

SUMMARY

Present from the Committee: John Buckley (Chairman), Joan Coles, Murray Cropley
(NOTE – Murray Cropley exited the meeting after explaining and discussing the option of him performing the analysis of women's handicapping & course rating data), Lynne Ritchie, Barry Shepherd

In Attendance: Simon Magdulski (Manager – Rules & Handicapping), Therese Ritter
(Manager – Championships)

ANALYSIS OF WOMEN'S HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING DATA

1. Performance of Analysis of Women's Handicapping & Course Rating Data

Murray Cropley was commissioned to perform the task of analysing women's handicapping & course rating data.

This analysis will involve producing the same range of graphs and tables as occurred in the document produced by Murray Cropley entitled *Report of an Investigation into Golf Handicap Data Derived from the Golf Link Database from July 2000 to June 2003* – this document related to work conducted on men's handicapping and course rating data. The women's project will include placing the data into a format which will give the Committee the capacity to see the actual effect of any specific regulatory options it may be considering in Golf Australia's move forward to a single Australian Handicapping & Course Rating System.

As a result, this work will be significant in providing the tools for the Committee to put flesh on the framework provided by the National Handicapping & Course Rating Forum with regulations which will achieve the desired objectives.

Murray Cropley was considered to be the person most ideally suited to perform this task to the highest possible standard given his broad understanding of handicapping data and his experience in performing precisely this type of exercise.

The project will not involve an assessment of the effectiveness of any of the handicapping & course rating systems operating around the world. Nor will it involve making value judgements on our current system as a whole. Such work would be academic at this point as the National Handicapping & Course Rating Forum has already made the determination on the way forward for the framework of the Australian Handicapping & Course Rating System.

The only specific conclusive aim Murray Cropley is actually being commissioned to strive towards is to "devise a WCCR formula that will be acceptable to the Member States". Irrespective, the Committee will not put anything to the Member States until it is happy with the outcome.

The Committee as a group will work progressively in considering and drawing conclusions from the data.

2. Remuneration for Performance of Analysis of Women's Handicapping & Course Rating Data

The Committee resolved to recommend to the Board its support for the principle of Murray Cropley being remunerated for performing the task of analysing Women's Handicapping & Course Rating Data. [Murray Cropley exited the meeting prior to this decision being reached.]

The Committee considered that even though it was commissioning a Committee Member to perform a project, remuneration was warranted due to the following factors:

- ◆ The project will involve utilisation of the Committee Member's professional skills.
- ◆ The project will take a particularly lengthy period of time to complete (ie a period of months).
- ◆ The project would otherwise be necessarily given a lesser priority to other work to be performed in order to maintain the operation of a professional business. Given the time the project would already be taking to complete, the effect of low-prioritising would be to potentially significantly impact on the timeframe for the delivery of an alternative WCCR option and a single Golf Australia Handicapping & Course Rating System.

Specific details of the remuneration are to be negotiated by the Secretariat.

[NOTE – The Board has subsequently ratified this recommendation.]

3. Further Consideration & Discussion

In the context of the work Murray Cropley is actually being commissioned to perform, the Committee was of the unanimous view he would not be conflicted by compiling data which is to be used by a Committee he sits on. The Committee Members present looked forward to working with him to achieve an excellent outcome which will be of significant benefit to the industry as a whole.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Letter – from Daniel Constable, Acting Director of Golf, New South Wales Golf Association

Regarding performance of analysis of women's handicapping & course rating data – received & tabled.

NEXT MEETING

2.00 pm on Wednesday 14 November at the New South Wales Golf Association office.