

GOLF NSW LIMITED

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL
held at St George Rowers Club, 1 Levey Street, Wolli Creek
on Wednesday 23rd April, 2013 at 10:00 am

Council Members in Attendance: Please see list below

Others in Attendance:

Directors: Chris Allen (Chairman), Sue Fabian (Deputy Chair), John Lock, Jean Moran, Lynne Ritchie, Darrell Watts

Staff: Stuart Fraser, Graeme Phillipson and Wynter Hines

Other (during Special Presentation):
Martin Hirons & Steve Wheatly

Apologies: Frank Gal, Annette Baggie, Julie Jones, Carol O'Brien, Marcia Box, Ian Fraser, Ian Armour, Jim Glenday, Colin Smith, Ray Bellamy, Maureen Cole, Margaret Koeninger, Michele Adair, Bob Soper, Tony Briers.

Alternates: Meralyn Fage (Murray DGA), Colleen Heylar (Western District DGA), Thomas Elley (Geroges Rover), Olwyn Johnstone (Bayview Golf Club), Ray Robbins (Lower North Coast), Steve Jenkins (Botany Golf Club), Leonie Busch (Blue Mountains), David Chomley (North West DGA).

1. Introduction, Welcome & Apologies not noted above

Chris Allen welcomed the Council Members and guests Martin Hirons and Steve Whately of Sport Business Partners. The Chairman also gave a special welcome to Maggie O'Donnell.

It was noted that this would be the last meeting for Robert Scarr of the Hunter River DGA, he introduced Bob McKenzie who is the new President of the District. This was to be North West DGA's David Coulton last meeting, he will be replaced by new representative David Chomley. The Chairman thanked both Robert Scarr and David Coulton for their services on the GNSW Council over the years.

Stuart Fraser addressed the Council explaining the SWOT analysis on Golf NSW that would take place during the morning's proceedings (SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) The feedback and input that the Council could offer was of great value and assistance to help with GNSW moving forward in the future.

Sports Business Partners – Martin Hirons and Steve Whately then commenced with the workshop.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

2-1 The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 31st October, 2012 were adopted.

2-2 **Business Arising:**

Actions Items from the last Council Meeting:

- It was noted that there were no items on Business Arising;

3. Chairman's Update

The Chairman thanked Martin Hirons and Steve Whately for their time and running the workshop

4. SWOT workshop

Stuart Fraser opened this session by introducing Martin Hirons and Steve Whately from Sports Business Partners. The council then broke into ten groups of 6 or 7 and completed the SWOT analysis. Sports Business Partners will provide a separate summary on this workshop.

5. Administration and Sub Committee Reports

5-1 Finance (J. Waanders)

- Balance Sheet was taken as read.

5-2 Handicapping & Course Rating (L. Ritchie)

Lynne Ritchie spoke of:

- Sand Green courses will use the ACR and AWCR that they currently have in use at present, this decision was made at a recent Handicap & Course Rating Committee meeting. Their new scratch score rating will be the old ACR or AWCR – that is until such time a review can be made on the new systems.
- In June a workshop will be carried out in Melbourne on the new handicapping system, 4 GNSW representatives will be attending.
- Lynne invited the Council to comment on “how do we educate the clubs on the new system” should we have a District Seminar, a Regional Seminar?
- Course Raters will be given a sticker to cover the old role in the Course Rating books.

5-3 Women's Match (J. Moran)

Jean Moran spoke of:

- Jean addressed one of the points that had been raised in the Council Reports regarding the Women's 3BBB and the recent changes that had been made by the Women's Match Committee. Some Council Members had advised that clubs were disappointed of the changes from a 3BBB to a 4 Ball event and that they hadn't been consulted, other clubs felt the tournament had ceased. Jean clarified that the event had not ceased, it was continuing and that the only change was from a 3BBB to a 2 Ball format. The reason for this was due to a number of contributing factors, all of which were taken into consideration by the Women's Match Committee prior to the change being made. The process of play is still the same – players must qualify at club level, then district level before making it to State Level. The Women's Match Committee made an informed decision; the 3BBB had been struggling over the years.
- September Country Week was another matter raised, this tournament is for Country Women to come down and play the city courses. 3 courses within close proximity are chosen for play over 3 days. Jean advised the Council of the difficulty in confirming 3 courses that are within the same proximity, if one of the 3 courses are unable to host in worst case scenario another 3 clubs must be sought. This year great difficulty was had finding 3 metropolitan courses to host, therefore the tournament will now be held in the outer metro area with the 3 clubs being Glenmore Heritage, Penrith and Lynwood Golf Clubs.
- Jean also mentioned of the people who had already booked accommodation for the September Country Week who had used the venues that were shown on the website – Jean reminded all Council Members that the Fixtures List that is used, does have DRAFT on the top and that there are a further two columns after the "Venue" column that indicates if the Venue has been confirmed. (when printed out on home printers these two columns are not always included).
- Any Council Members with any further question regarding the Women's Fixtures list were encouraged to contact Jean directly by wither phone or email.

5-4 High Performance

Darrell Watts spoke about:

- Darrell gave a verbal report on the recent Junior Interstate Series, Kevin Uwan came 3rd in the overall boys Championship, his sister was 6th in the overall girls' championship. Overall the Girls came 2nd closely following the first place getters by ½ a point. The Boys came overall 3rd.
- Darrell wished all the State Teams and Les Browne heading to Tasmania in May the best of luck

5-5 Rules

- The rules report was taken as read.
- John Robinson advised the Council of the now up and running online Rules Accreditation Exam. It allows people to take the exam at their own leisure in their own home, the exam is still a 3 hour exam and will give the mark instantly, re-sits are available for anyone who is unsuccessful and anyone with any questions can contact GNSW.
- Sue Fabian requested Council Members promote Information Sessions for clubs in their Districts. These sessions are not Rules Nights, rather a general session for all topics that are regularly discussed by Golf Committees and are of great value, the topics covered are ones that are frequently asked at GNSW such as writing conditions for competitions, drafting local rules, setting up and marking golf courses, dealing with disputes and claims, slow play and issues dealing with suspension of play or the need to suspend play or cancel play.

6. CEO Update

6-1 Governance & Structural Review

Stuart Fraser advised that a letter has been sent to all Club General Managers, Presidents and Captains, Council Members and District Secretaries informing them of the Structural Review that is taking place. The main focus of this review is to assist GNSW in adopting an appropriate Governance Structure that will insure its continued relevance in effectiveness for its members and golfers. The entire project is expected to take a few months with a final presentation being made at our AGM in October 2013. Council Members with any questions are encouraged to contact Stuart Fraser.

These reviews will be carried out in assistance with SBP (Sports Business Partners).

Every Club in NSW will request to complete a survey that will be forwarded out by SBP, Martin Hirons advised that this would probably take place in July. Interviews will also take place, these will be one on one interviews conducted by SBP.

6-2 EPA Update

The investigation with the EPA have widened, approximately 40 - 50 fine notices have been sent out across the state, this also includes Bowling Clubs and other sporting grounds that are maintained by councils. The Lakes Golf Club are looking to avoid any major fines and will be issue minor infringements.

GNSW will continue to work on a method of educating all NSW Clubs on the best use of chemicals.

The Chairman asked Council Members to remind their clubs to continue to be diligent when using chemicals. The EPA are continuing to monitor use and sales of certain chemicals for the following 2 years.

6-3 Golf Australia Club Support & Development Initiative

This program is progressing with input from several golfing bodies – GNSW (represented by Stuart Fraser), PGA, Golf Course Supers, Golf Australia pooling their resources together to help struggling Golf Clubs.

6-4 National Junior Golf Program

Stuart Fraser advised that there will be one national program called 'My Golf' the PGA and Golf Australia are working in close collaboration on the program and it is looking to be re-launched later this year.

7. General Business

7-3 District Reports

The Chairman thanked all those who had submitted reports.

Meeting concluded at 2.48pm

Next Meeting:

10:00am – Tuesday, 30th July 2013 @ St George Rowers Club, 1 Levey Street, Wolli Creek

Council Member Listing:

- * DGA = District Golf Association
- * GA = Golf Association
- * GC = Golf Club

1	<i>Michele Adair (Zone B - Hurstville)</i>	34	<i>Julie Jones (Zone A - Northbridge)</i>
2	<i>Ian Armour (Northern Rivers DGA)</i>	35	<i>Margaret Koeninger (Zone A - Cammeray)</i>
3	<i>Annette Baggie (Zone A - Killara)</i>	36	Brian Lanz (New England DGA)
4	John Barbour (Zone B - The Australian)	37	Diana Lindsay (Zone B - New South Wales)
5	Trevor Bartley (Zone C - Windsor)	38	Peter Mackay (Mid North Coast DGA)
6	<i>Ray Bellamy (Lower North Coast DGA)</i>	39	Ken Martin (Western Riverina DGA)
7	John Benn (Zone A - Chatswood)	40	Harold McKerrow (Central North DGA)
8	Colleen Bennett (Far South Coast & Tablelands GA)	41	John Miller (Central Western DGA)
9	Diane Boulton (North & North West District LGA)	42	Verelle Miller (Central North Coast)
10	<i>Marcia Box (Western District Ladies GA)</i>	43	Bruce Nairn (Zone B - Bexley)
11	Peter Brien (Western DGA)	44	Trish Nance (Zone C – Cabramatta)
12	<i>Tony Briers (Murray DGA)*</i>	45	Robyn Newey (Western Districts Ladies GA)
13	Les Browne (Zone A - Long Reef)	46	<i>Carol O'Brien (Zone C - Stonecutters)</i>
14	Tony Busch (Blue Mountains DGA)	47	Margaret O'Donnell (Newcastle Hunter DLGA)
15	Gerard Bush (Zone A - Ryde-Parramatta)	48	Jann Pearson (Zone A - Mona Vale)
16	David Byfield (Riverina DGA)	49	Margaret Playford (Riverina Ladies GA)
17	Maureen Cole (Blue Mountains DGA)	50	Ellen Rae (Central Coast Women's GA)
18	Paul Cortaville (Newcastle DGA)	51	Jill Roach (Zone B - Woollooware)
19	David Coulton (North West DGA)	52	Lynne Robson (Zone A - Wakehurst)
20	Patricia Crocker (South West DGA)	53	Barry Rowley (Zone C - RAE)
21	Kate Crone (Zone B - The Australian)	54	Robert Scarr (Hunter River DGA)
22	Julie Preskett (Zone C – Penrith Golf & Rec)	55	Robert Scott (Zone B - Bankstown)
23	Deanne Deitz (Newcastle Hunter District Ladies GA)	56	Alan Simons (Zone A - Avondale)
24	John Dunkin (Zone C - Cabramatta)	57	Joy Slater (Women's Golf Northern Rivers)
25	Ian Elliott (Central Coast)	58	<i>Colin Smith (Zone B - Botany)</i>
26	<i>Ian Fraser (Zone B - The Coast)</i>	59	Liz Smyth (Central Southern GA)
27	Jan Frater (New England DGA)	60	<i>Robert Soper (Far South Coast DGA)</i>
28	Lance Fredericks (Illawarra DGA)	61	Denis Spillane (Zone C - Fox Hills)
29	<i>Jim Glenday (Zone C - Georges River)</i>	62	Mark Stamopoulos (Zone A - Warringah)
30	Grant Harding (South West DGA)	63	Paul Thomas (Lachlan Valley DGA)
31	Judy Harris (Zone C - Richmond)	64	Jo-Ellen Thorpe (Zone C - Wallacia Panthers)
32	Jim Jackson (ACT Monaro)	65	Marilyn Wright (Illawarra DGA)
33	Carol Jones (Zone B - Kareela)		
		*	Meralyn Fage (Murray DGA)
		*	Colleen Helyar (Western District Ladies)
		*	Thomas Elley (Georges River)
		*	Olwyn Johnstone (Bayview)
		*	Ray Robbins (Lower North Coast DGA)
		*	Steve Jenkins (Zone B - Botany)
		*	Leonie Busch (Blue Mountains DGA)
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Absentees/Apologies - Red italic text