

**MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB LTD**

**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 at 11.00am**

**ATTENDANCE:** K O'Grady (Chair) and as per Attendance Book. (40 members)

Chairman, K O'Grady welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11.00am.

The Chairman introduced Secretary Manager and minute taker, Gary Thatcher, Club Auditor, Geoff Dwyer and Greens Superintendant, Brian Cox.

**APOLOGIES:** S Steen, J Chilcott and L Shepherd.

**BUSINESS:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**Moved:** V Formica                      **Seconded:** B Harbison  
that the minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of Murwillumbah Golf Club held 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as presented on the Club's website are confirmed. Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

To receive and consider the Reports of:

The Chairman  
Directors' Report  
Financial Report and Auditor's Report  
Secretary Manager  
Finance Committee  
Match Committee  
Greens Committee  
House Committee  
Women's Golf Murwillumbah Committee  
Veterans' Committee

**Moved:** B Masiar                      **Seconded:** E Wheeler  
that the Chairman's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Chairman, K O'Grady thanked the outgoing Board and commented that the actions taken and to be taken have set the Club on the right track for a successful future. The Chairman also thanked the Secretary Manager and the Club staff for their contributions and to the members for their patronage and support of their club.

**Moved:** V Formica                      **Seconded:** L Gorton  
that the Directors' report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted. Carried

**Moved:** V Formica                      **Seconded:** L Gorton  
that the Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and the Auditor's Report thereon as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted. Carried

Auditor, Geoff Dwyer commented that the profit amount of \$180,000 was very pleasing and congratulated the management and the Board. He also stated that the Club's books and records are kept in very good order.

**Moved:** A Amisano                      **Seconded:** G Austin  
that the Secretary Manager's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Secretary Manager, Gary Thatcher thanked all the members for welcoming him to the Club and thanked all the staff and the Board for a job well done.

**Moved:** V Formica                      **Seconded:** J Harris  
that the Finance Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

No questions were received regarding the Financial Accounts.

Finance Committee Chairman, W Kendrigan reported that the Club showed a healthy profit when compared to previous years. The underlying cash flow from operations increased by 125% and is being used for the benefit of members to upgrade facilities and equipment, improve the golf course and reduce the debt. Mr Kendrigan also advised that the Club is ahead of budget this financial year.

**Moved:** I Armour                      **Seconded:** B Masiar  
that the Captain's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

Club Captain, Neil Fogo commented that there had been some major changes with the new Golf Australia Slope Rating System and handicapping. Also the retirement of Ray Brims from his competition results and card checking duties. He stated that it had been a great year for golf and he was looking forward to the next twelve months.

**Moved:** M Biltoft                      **Seconded:** A Amisano  
that the Green's Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

Greens Committee Chairman, Warren Colefax thanked Greens Superintendent Brian Cox and his team for their hard work and all the volunteers that have given their time in the past year.

**Moved:** L Gorton                      **Seconded:** E Wheeler  
that the House Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

House Committee Chairman, Graham Nelson thanked the ladies club for their contribution to the funding for the new balustrade at the front of the Club. He also thanked the veterans for their continued financial support for various projects. The next major project will be improvements to the surrounds of the Golf Shop in December.

**Moved:** N Formica                      **Seconded:** J de Closey  
that the Women's Golf Murwillumbah report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

Outgoing Women's Golf Murwillumbah President, Eve Wheeler commented that at their recent AGM it was very apparent that the lady golfers want their committee to spend money on golf course improvements and she was sure funding will be provided in the coming year.

**Moved:** R Green                      **Seconded:** I Audsley  
that the Veterans Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

Veterans' President, Bob Green informed that their committee now has three lady members.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:**

Chairman, K O'Grady advised that:

- The honorarium granted to the Finance Chairman has been waived at the request of the Finance Chairman.
- The Directors resolved to recommend to the members that no payment of Directors fees be made
- In accordance with sections 10 (1) and 10 (6) of the Registered Clubs Act the members approve entitlements and other benefits as permitted by law to Directors, Volunteer Workers, Club Committee Members and Employees.

Such benefits to include

- (a) That each Volunteer be entitled to reasonable refreshments at the end of each day's work
- (b) That the Chairman be entitled to an allowance to cover out of pocket expenses in carrying out Club duties. Such expenses to be agreed to by the Board and are to be properly documented.
- (c) That the Directors, Employees and representatives of the Men's, Veterans' and Women's Committees be entitled to reasonable out of pocket expenses when carrying out their duties.
- (d) That Directors be entitled to reserved car parking spaces as designated by the Board.

(e) That Directors and Employees be entitled to represent the Club at sponsored golf day events by invitation.

**Moved:** V Formica

**Seconded:** C Blissett

Carried

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:**

Chairman K O'Grady advised that the Board has appointed Ed Ryan as Returning Officer.

Chairman K O'Grady, in accordance with the Constitution of Murwillumbah Golf Club, Rule 31.1 (a-h) declared all Directors positions vacant.

Mr Ryan stated that Directors to be elected are:

Chairman  
Captain  
Finance Chairman  
Director - Chairman of Greens Committee  
Director - Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing  
4 x Ordinary Directors

Mr Ryan stated that the election was carried out correctly and the result of the ballot for the position of Chairman of Greens Committee was Samuel Steen 25 votes, Warren Colefax 168 votes, informal votes 2. Therefore he declared that the following were elected to the Board:

Chairman:	Keith O'Grady (unopposed)
Captain:	Neil Fogo (unopposed)
Finance Chairman:	Wayne Kendrigan (unopposed)
Director - Chairman of Greens Committee:	Warren Colefax
Director - Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing:	Graham Nelson (unopposed)
Directors:	Marilyn Parkes (unopposed)
	Richard Souter (unopposed)
	Samuel Steen (unopposed)

Chairman, K O'Grady thanked the Returning Officer and congratulated all incoming Directors for 2014-2015. The Chairman also thanked the members of the new Board for taking the time and making the commitment to guide the Club through what will be an interesting and exciting 12 months.

**Moved:** E Ryan

**Seconded:** V Formica

That the ballot papers be destroyed

Carried

Chairman, K O'Grady called for nominations for the position of Club Patron.

M Biltoft nominated Adrienne Amisano.

There were no further nominations.

**Moved:** M Biltoft

**Seconded:** B Masiar

That Adrienne Amisano be appointed as Club Patron for the ensuing year

Carried

Mrs Amisano thanked the members.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **Issues Raised at 2013 Meeting**

1. Gary Hughes recommended that unallocated membership numbers be re-used & lower numbers be used for full golfing members.  
Response - numbers allocated are system generated & at this point in time we are stuck with the current allocation of numbers

## Current Issues

As part of the information flow from Board to Members we advise the following -

### **1. Progress on 18th hole realignment & fencing**

Hard to believe that this is still going, we successfully negotiated a 50/50 split of costs on construction of the fence and proceeded to seek professional advice on the best/most economical way to "fix" the problem of stray golf balls as best we can acknowledging that any fence would not stop all transgressions.

The initial construction as is was deemed the most economical and effective, however we could not cater for what the fencing contractor described as the "idiot" factor and a few balls found their way into areas we deemed almost impossible to get them.

At the request of our neighbors we agreed to extend the fence a further 30m and are awaiting completion in the next few weeks, total cost will be still be below original expectations.

### **2. Irrigation System replacement**

Up and running, we saved approximately \$50k by using our own staff rather than a contractor. Greens staff did a fantastic job to keep all holes open during the installation with minimal disruption to golfers.

### **3. General Course equipment renewal.**

There are a number of course machines that will come due for replacement during the course of the year. Each machine will be reviewed at that time and a strategy put in place to replace or extend the life of the equipment based on the condition of the equipment at the time.

### **4. Proposed Change to Hole 1 & Hole 18**

We are currently looking at changes to holes 1 and 18 in line with the course architect presentation that has been on the website for many months and available for member comment as per our constitution.

As there were no formal issues raised with the Board, the Board has commenced planning, costing processes, to be implemented as time permits staff to complete.

Part of the reason for change is to redirect the holes so 18 fairway centre is further right, meaning we need to move the centre of fairway on hole 1 to the left for member safety.

This may require the removal of some trees on the left of the first hole which may be compensated by planting of more trees on the right side of the fairway.

### **5. Changes to front of Golf Shop**

Congestion at the front of the Golf Shop has increased in the past years with more motorised carts and pedestrians.

In an effort to create a safer pedestrian zone and improve parking area for golf carts, the centre brick wall and seat are to be removed, the area leveled and expanded a few meters towards the practice putting green, shaded seating will be provided between the tee and the golf shop.

## **Recommendations to the Board for 2014/15**

1. Gary Austin asked if there could be problems with the water supply to the golf course during extended dry periods. Course Superintendant, Brian Cox replied that there should always be enough water for the greens. The dams on the course fill quickly due to the runoff from all of the surrounding properties. The Club also continues to pay for its licence to pump water from the river if ever necessary. The Chairman also advised that the neighboring school has offered to allow the Club to pump out of its dam in an emergency.
2. Mike Rayner suggested that the Club invest \$4,000-\$5,000 to overhaul its web page for a more professional image. Mr Rayner also suggested that the Club prepare a data base of members' email addresses for marketing purposes. The Chairman advised that the Club has been compiling a list of email addresses for some time now as well as mobile phone numbers that are used to message members details of upcoming events.
3. Gary Hughes asked for the leader board screen to be working each day when the first golfers come into the Club.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the 43rd AGM of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd closed at 11.41am.  
The Chairman invited members to enjoy a refreshment at the bar.

---

Chairman