

**MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB LTD**

**49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE 233 BYANGUM ROAD MURWILLUMBAH**

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 at 11.00am**

**ATTENDANCE:** G Rosenbaum (Chair) and as per Attendance Book. (38 members)

Chairman, G Rosenbaum welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11.00am.

The Chairman introduced Secretary Manager and minute taker, Gary Thatcher and Club Auditor, Geoff Dwyer and thanked Mr Dwyer for attending.

**APOLOGIES:** Warren Colefax

**BUSINESS:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 17th November 2019.

**Moved:** Vince Formica                    **Seconded:** Bob Green  
that the minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting of Murwillumbah Golf Club held 17th November 2019 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:** Jo Campbell                    **Seconded:** Bill Quantrill  
that the Chairman's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Chairman, Graham Rosenbaum thanked Gary Thatcher and the dedicated and hardworking staff He also thanked the members for their patronage and support of their club and all the volunteers for their efforts. He thanked the Board for their support and carrying out their responsibilities in a very professional manner. He stated that he believed that the actions taken and to be taken have set the Club on track for a successful future.

**Moved:** Mark Biltoft                    **Seconded:** Bob Green  
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 supporting the Club and thanked all the Staff and the Board for a job well done especially during the uncertain COVID-19 period.

**Moved:** Vince Formica                    **Seconded:** Rod Richards  
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, Wayne Kendrigan reported that the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 was a very different year with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic including the closure of the clubhouse for 10 weeks and the increased numbers playing golf albeit with COVID-19 safety restrictions. The resulting profit for the Club was \$166,896. \$242,000 government support from “job keeper” and “cash flow boost” allowed the Club to keep all but a few recently employed casual staff employed. Almost \$300,000 has been reinvested on upgrades during the year Our bank loan has been reduced to \$30,000 and the Club is still in a position to build the new kitchen and complete major works on the golf course. He thanked the board, the staff, the volunteers, the veterans and women’s committee members and the members for their support over the past year.

**Moved:** Ted Sellwood                      **Seconded:** Peter Sheppard  
that the Captain’s report as posted on the Club’s web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

Club Captain Graham Nelson thanked the Match Committee, Ladies Captain Julie Connell and Vets Captain Gary Fidler for their efforts and giving up their time. He also thanked Steve Walton for organizing and running the Thursday 9 hole competition. The club championships and all honour board events were able to be completed. The Pro-am was also able to go ahead after postponements due to border closures. Graham thanked Brian Cox and his golf shop and course staff for all their help during the year and for the continued improvement of the golf course.

**Moved:** Mick Shields                      **Seconded:** Darren van Egdorn  
that the House Committee report as posted on the Club’s web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

**Moved:** Paul Fahy                      **Seconded:** Bill Quantrill  
that the Greens Committee report as posted on the Club’s web site is accepted by members                      Carried

**Moved:** Marion Shields **Seconded:** Mary Walden  
that the Women’s Golf Murwillumbah report as posted on the Club’s web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

Women’s Golf President Patsy Brady reported that Women’s Golf is financially sound. Numbers playing in women’s competitions has increased to 60-70 playing regularly. She also stated that socializing after golf was not as good since the one tee start was introduced.

**Moved:** Bob Green                      **Seconded:** Marion Shields  
that the Veterans Committee report as posted on the Club’s web site be accepted by members.                      Carried

**Moved:** Peter Sheppard                      **Seconded:** Mick Shields  
that the Directors’ report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 as posted on the Club’s web site be received and adopted.                      Carried

**Moved:** Vince Formica                      **Seconded:** Steve Huggins  
that the Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 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 Club showed a strong profit. Although less than the previous year there was no bar or gaming machine income for 10 weeks during the COVID-19 forced closure of the clubhouse. Geoff congratulated the Board, management and finance committee and the office staff for the way the books and records are kept.

**NOTICES OF MOTION BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:  
Ordinary Resolution**

Chairman, Graham Rosenbaum 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 are supplied with a Club shirt to wear when representing the Club at meetings and events.
- (e) That Directors be entitled to reserved car parking spaces as designated by the Board.
- (f) That Directors and Employees be entitled to represent the Club at sponsored golf day events by invitation.
- (g) That all members of the "Staff Membership" category be entitled to purchase goods other than consumables such as drinks and food from the Golf Shop at a discount. The discount is not to exceed more than 50% of the difference between cost price and the normal sale price offered to members.

**Moved:** Frank Monement      **Seconded:** Keith O'Grady      Carried

A recommendation from the Board "that William Quantrill is granted Life Membership of Murwillumbah Golf Club". To be resolved needs to be carried by two-thirds majority at this meeting.

**Moved:** Vince Formica      **Seconded:** Mary Walden

That William Quantrill is granted Life Membership of Murwillumbah Golf Club

The Chairman called on Vince Formica to speak for the motion. Vince read out his letter nominating Bill for life membership.

There were no speakers against the motion. Carried Unanimously

A recommendation from the Board "that Edwin Sellwood is granted Life Membership of Murwillumbah Golf Club". To be resolved needs to be carried by two-thirds majority at this meeting.

**Moved:** Mark Biltoft      **Seconded:** Mick Shields

That Edwin Sellwood is granted Life Membership of Murwillumbah Golf Club

The Chairman called on Mark Biltoft to speak for the motion. Mark read out his letter nominating Ted for life membership.

There were no speakers against the motion. Carried Unanimously

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

Chairman G Rosenbaum advised that the Board has appointed Edd Ryan as Returning Officer.

Chairman G Rosenbaum, 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 declared the result of the election:

Chairman:	Graham Rosenbaum	Elected Unopposed
Captain:	Graham Nelson	Elected Unopposed
Finance Chairman:	Wayne Kendrigan	Elected Unopposed
Chairman of Greens Committee:	Neil Fogo	Elected Unopposed

Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing:	Ian Campbell	Elected Unopposed
Ordinary Directors	Shannon Murnane	243 votes Elected
	Marilyn Parkes	229 votes Elected
	William Quantrill	228 votes Elected
	Shane Davidson	185 votes Elected
	Andrew Moore	170 votes

Mr Ryan announced the Directors elected for 2020/2021:

Chairman	Graham Rosenbaum
Captain	Graham Nelson
Finance Chairman	Wayne Kendrigan
Chairman of Greens Committee	Neil Fogo
Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing	Ian Campbell
4 x Ordinary Directors	Shannon Murnane
	Marilyn Parkes
	William Quantrill
	Shane Davidson

Mr Ryan thanked the office staff for their help printing the ballot papers for the election.

**Moved:** Keith O’Grady **Seconded:** Frank Monement

That the ballot papers are destroyed. Carried

Elected Chairman, G Rosenbaum thanked the Returning Officer and congratulated all incoming Directors for 2020-2021.

Andrew Moore said that he had enjoyed working with the Board and wished the new Board every success.

The Chairman thanked Warren Colefax and Andrew Moore for their service on the Board and thanked outgoing Club Patron Bill Quantrill for the past 3 years.

Chairman, G Rosenbaum called for nominations for the position of Club Patron.

Wayne Kendrigan nominated Keith O’Grady.

**There were no further nominations.**

**Moved:** Wayne Kendrigan **Seconded:** Neil Fogo

That Keith O’Grady be appointed as Club Patron for the ensuing year Carried

Keith O’Grady thanked the members.

Chairman G Rosenbaum thanked the members of the new Board for taking the time and making the commitment to guide the Club through what will be an exciting and interesting 12 months.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Issues Raised at 2019 Meeting**

1. Gary Hughes – suggested a budget for improving the men’s locker room.  
Response: The Chairman stated that other projects had taken higher priority.
2. John Menin – Asked if the Board are looking at reshaping the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway.  
Response: Work is in progress.

**Current Issues:**

The Chairman advised that the Board has approved or is considering the following capital projects:

1. Eastern Carpark
2. Ongoing course improvements and machinery replacement program

**Recommendations to the Board for 2020/2021:**

Carol Quantrill recommended that painting the exterior of the clubhouse is completed.

Marion Shields asked for a railing to be installed on the steps at the 18<sup>th</sup> tee.

Mike Rayner recommended that the Club makes enquiries with Tweed Shire Council about the use of effluent water when the sewerage works are updated.

Peter Sheppard asked for the buggy shed on the corner of Byangum Road to be tidied up.

Paul Walden requested making improvements to the men's locker room.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd closed at 11.48am.

The Chairman invited members to enjoy a refreshment at the bar.

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Chairman