**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS LADIES’ GOLF ASSOCATION (INC)**

**MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING**

**Date: Tuesday 28 November 2017**

**Venue: Royal Perth Golf Club**

**Time: 6:00pm**

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The President opened the meeting at 6.10 pm and welcomed those delegates present.

**Attendance**

**Committee Present**

Carole Bain President

Linda Silverlock Treasurer

Beth Deeley Pennant Coordinator

Sandra Alexander Committee Member

Stephanie Brakespeare Secretary

**Delegates Present**

Beth Deeley Bunbury

Carole Bain Gosnells

Julie Lepp Mt Lawley

Georgie Wynne Lake Karrinyup

Linda Silverlock Royal Fremantle

Pauline Spencer Mandurah

Eve Broadley Mosman Park

Stephanie Brakespeare Pinjarra

Sam Vongyer Pinjarra

Maura Morrissey Royal Fremantle

Rosemarie Eckert Royal Perth

Debra Renfrey WAGC

Di Wood WAGC

**Apologies**

Kerry O’Meara The Vines

Helen Sireon The Vines

Angie Bell The Vines

Jacquie Bourke Mt Lawley

1. **Confirmation of Minutes** 
   1. That the minutes of the previous delegates meeting on 29 August 2017 be accepted & confirmed as true and accrate record of that meeting.

Moved Georgie Wynne

Seconded Die Wood

Motion was carried

1. **Business Arising**
   1. Surplus funds in WABLGA account.

Carole advised that the surplus funds in the WABLGA account will be primarily directed toward the WABLGA 40th Anniversary celebrations and the refurbishment of trophies.

* 1. Ros Fisher Trophy

Delegates agreed to adopt the count back proposal put forward by Beth Deeley as follows:

Conditions of Play #25:

In the event of a tie between two or more players having won the same number of pennant matches in the qualifying rounds, a count back system will operate.

1. Firstly, by the total number of individual matchplay points attained across all qualifying rounds.
2. If still equal, then the total number of holes left to play across all qualifying rounds.
   1. Pennant Pack Updates

Adopted after minor alterations.

* 1. WABLGA Website

The WABLGA website is up and running at WABLGA.org.

Many thanks to Julie Lepp for her work on the site. Administration of the site will eventually fall to the committee.

Carole will write to GolfWA and request that a link to WABLGA.org be added to the GolfWA website. This will ensure that only one website needs to be kept up-to-date.

* 1. WABLGA 40th Anniversary

Rose Eckert confirmed that RPGC will host the 2019 WABLGA Opening Day (incorporating the 40th Anniversary Gala celebrations).

The planning subcommittee for the 40th Anniversary is Rose Eckert, Linda Silverlock and Sam Vongyer.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
   1. Financial Statement (unaudited) was presented by Linda Silverlock

Linda noted that the Ester Foundation will receive $8,868.55 which represents a fantastic effort by the WABLGA clubs.

Surplus funds as at 30 October 2017 were $6373.54.

1. **Correspondence**
   1. In and out as listed in the agenda. Nothing of note.

1. **General Business**
   1. Eileen Dawson Trophy and Silver Spoon

Carole acknowledged that she had made an error with the Eileen Dawson trophy. She thanked Julie Lepp for rectifying that error. The trophy, along with the silver spoon (which was not available for presentation on Closing Day) will be presented on Opening Day 2018.

* 1. Perpetual trophies should be returned to the committee at the Foursomes event so that they can be cleaned and engraved for presentation on closing day.

1. **Other Business**
   1. Julie Lepp advised the meeting of potential changes to MLGC’s weekend competition structure which may effect the club’s ability to retain it membership of WABLGA under current WABLGA rules (see attached). Julie advised that MLGC would honour its commitment to host Opening Day 2018, whatever the outcome of the deliberations at MLGC.

Meeting closed 6:50 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 27 February at 6 pm at Royal Perth Golf Club.

Other business - MLGC

MLGC raised a prospective issue regarding the current WABLGA club eligibility criteria.

In the last 12 months, MLGC has moved to a new membership structure similar to a 5, 6 and 7 day model. Under the new arrangements, the BA category has had its rights grandfathered for a 3 year period.

The BA category has already seen a large drop in numbers as women elected to join other categories which gave them access to the Saturday PM field. Effectively we have spilt into 3 categories, playing at different times of the day in one all-day Ladies competition.

A recent survey of weekend women revealed a level of dissatisfaction with the all-day Ladies competition – the morning ladies are unable to have a presentation being one reason, the lack of depth in the women’s fields being another.

As a result, the ladies have expressed a desire to move to mixed competition in both the AM and PM on a Saturday. Whilst this is unlikely to be in place in 2018, pressure for change will remain particularly at the end of 2019 when the BA category will effectively cease and the ladies move to other playing categories.

We are already seeing lower participation rates in WABLGA events by MLGC women and we will not be entering this year’s ballot for a second pennant team. Whilst the leadership team at MLGC will do all we can to encourage our members to continue to support WABLGA, should we move to mixed format competitions in the coming years we will also need your support in finding a way to preserve our eligibility.

Julie Lepp, MLGC WABLGA Delegate

Lyn Johnson, MLGC Weekend Women’s Leader