



Plettenberg Bay Country Club

Minutes of the 58th AGM – 29th October 2020

- Present : Howard Garmany (Chairman)
John Lloyd (Treasurer)
170 Members as per attendance register
- Apologies : 25 as per the attached List
- In Attendance : Greg Phillips (General Manager)

Meeting was opened by Howard Garmany who welcomed everyone and confirmed that members present constituted a quorum but requested that those in the bar that did not have a seat should please move outside as they would be contravening the covid restrictions on number of people allowed in the area

Howard also gave a brief explanation on the issue of proxy voting and confirmed that the committee would be investigating the matter to find a solution

1, **Obituaries**

- A moment's silence was requested in memory of the members who passed away during the year

2. **Confirmation of the previous minutes:**

- Proposed: Rodney Gray
Second: Grant Thomas

3. **Matters arising**

Proposal from N Andrew to offer Honorary Life Membership to Rodney Gray, unanimously approved from the floor

4. **Finance report:**

- Treasurer John Lloyd gave a presentation of the financial statements of the club for the year ending 30th June 2020. (Copies available on the Club web site) and asked that the audited financial statements be accepted.
- Proposed: Grant Thomas
- Second: Howard Garmany

Peter Pyke introduced himself as a tennis member and queried the finances figures for the tennis section. The income was good but there was little maintenance done on the courts and was of the opinion that Plett Country Club tennis section was the most expensive club in the area. He disputed the statement that the tennis section was subsidized and requested that each section of the Country Club have an accurate accounting of income and expenditure. This would show that the tennis section was actually a cash cow for the club.

The treasurer replied that the subsidy mentioned was a pro-rata amount of the projected loss of R4,9 million and did not have anything to do with the income and expenditure.

Mr. Pyke was correct about the expenditure, as was shown in the presentation. Tennis accounts for 1% of the clubs annual expenditure, and one should remember that every 4 - 5 years the courts need to be resurfaced. The annual income of the tennis section would not cover this cost so if taken over the 5 to 10 year period the tennis section would not be seen to be such a cash cow. The Treasurer emphasized that all sections of the club form part of the club and are not seen as “ugly sisters” Perino Pama introduced himself as a tennis member and added his support for statements made by Mr. Pyke. He also noted that the tennis courts need to be completely rebuilt, not just resurfaced. Accidents had been happening as some players had slipped on the courts. Perino also suggested the Club should look at installing lights to extend the playing time. With regard to the refurbishment of the courts, the treasurer explained that the Club had paid all staff in full during the pandemic and did not retrench any staff member. The salaries were funded from the capital reserves but the club had made application for TERS relief. If this gets paid back to the Club then the tennis courts would be first on the list for refurbishment

5. Appointment of Auditors:

- Proposed to re-appoint Mazars as auditors for the next financial year
- Proposed: John Lloyd
- Second: Nigel Tipping
- Motion Carried

6. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Howard Garmany presented his report (copies available).

7. Election of office bearers:

There being 8 nominations for 5 vacancies available, members present voted as below
The committee members for the following year are

Howard Garmany
John Lloyd
Daron Smit
Richard Schulz
Barbi May

The Following captains were elected at the sections A.G.M.

- Golf Captain: Nico Westraat
- Bowls Captain: Roger Wright
- Tennis Captain: Carrie McClean
- Lady Golf Captain Charlie Ford

8. General:

Rodney Gray thanked those present for the honor bestowed on him and he also offered his thanks to Manager Greg Phillips and Green Keeper Dave Porrill for the support he always received

Ray Leonard queried if a member could vote via Zoom, answer is no, not at this time

Meeting Closed 19h50

The chairman invited members present to join him for a round of drinks