



**MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
27 November 2022 at Long Reef Golf Club**

In Attendance: K Warren (Chairperson), S Holdstock, D Campbell, C Gillespie, V Murphy, R Cordaiy, S Twigg plus 55 Members.

1. Opening of meeting by Chairman Keith Warren welcoming Members to the 101st Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman acknowledged the passing of Gold Member Lilith Gollan. The Chairman wished Gold Member Sandra Gillies well on her moving to Queensland.

The meeting was officially opened at 7.32pm.

2. Apologies

Rachael Loomes, Marg O'Connell, Abigail Gruzman, Andrew Thurlow, Emma Thurlow, David Wing, Faye Sinnott & Meriam Matheson

3. The Chairman welcomed Athan Tsamouras from Conroy Audit and Advisory.

4. The minutes of the 100th Annual General Meeting of Long Reef Golf Club Limited held on Thursday 29 October 2020 were tabled and moved:

Proposer: Roger Poignand (559) Seconded: John Steuart (393) Carried

5. The President Keith Warren addressed the meeting to present the President's report.

6. The Treasurer Stephen Holdstock addressed the meeting to present the Treasurer's report.

7. Response to Member's questions received in writing:

Bruce Hein (2450) requested the Board to publish the Member category numbers each year in comparison to the previous year. The Treasurer presented these in his presentation and will consider including it moving forward in the Annual Report.

8. Receive, consider and, if thought fit, adopt the Financial Statements and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Proposer: John Steuart (393) Seconded: Steve Twigg (327) Carried

9. Pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act 1976, the Members approve and agree that Directors are entitled to the following:

- i) To have one reserved time slot available to each of the President, Captain and Treasurer and their respective playing partners be entered on the competition booking sheet prior to the sheet being available to Members;
- ii) The President and the Captain to each have a reserved space in the Club's car park;
- iii) To have provided to them reasonable meals and refreshments whilst attending board meetings of the Club; and
- iv) To receive reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred whilst acting in the capacity as a Director of the Club, provided that those expenses are approved by the Board, and where appropriate documentation has been submitted to substantiate such expenses; provided, however, that the total amount of expenses referred to in (iii) and (iv) above does not exceed \$12,000, collectively, in any of the Club's financial years.

Proposer: James Knox (744)

Seconder: David Costello (1525) Carried

10. The Chairman Keith Warren addressed the meeting to put forward the special resolutions. The Members consider and if thought fit, pass the following Special Resolutions:

10.1. The Constitution be amended by deleting those parts crossed through and adding those parts underlined.

(a) Section 14.1 be amended as follows: -

The board will consist of the Offices of President, Vice President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer and up to 4 Directors, and will be elected biennially ~~annually~~ in accordance with this Constitution.

(B) Section 14.2 be amended as follows: -

The Directors will hold office from the time they were elected ~~or appointed~~, until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting when there is a biennial election for the Board at which time ~~when~~ they must retire but will be eligible for re-election

(c) Section 21.3 is deleted and replaced with a new clause 21.6 as follows and sections 21.4 to 21.6 are renumbered 21.3 to 21.5: -

~~*21.3 Any Member appointed in accordance with section 21.2 will only hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.*~~

21.6 Any Member appointed in accordance with sections 21.2 when there is a biennial election for the Board at which time, 21.4 and 21.5 will hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting when there is a biennial election for the Board.

Comments: Geoff Cranfield (0059):

Asked if having a biennial election means there can be no challenge if a board member is difficult

Response: The Chairman confirmed there will still be an annual AGM with the biennial election, a challenge can be made through the Membership holding an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Result: The Members passed special resolution 10.1.

10.2. (Note – The following resolution will only be proposed for resolution if resolutions 10.1 (a), (b) and (c) are passed)

Section 14.3 of the Constitution be amended as follows: -

A director must not hold any or one of the Offices of President, Vice-President, Captain or Vice-Captain for more than 6 consecutive years.

Result: The Members passed special resolution 10.2

11. The Members consider and if thought fit, pass the following Special Resolution:

That John Steuart be elected as a Life Member of the Club.

John Davison spoke in support of John Steuart being elected as a Life Member.

David Costello spoke in support of John Steuart being elected as a Life Member.

Peter Verrills spoke in support of John Steuart being elected as a Life Member.

Result: John Steuart was elected to Life Membership of Long Reef Golf Club

12. The Members consider and if thought fit, pass the following Special Resolution:

That Ross Lanes be elected as a Life Member of the Club.

Geoff Cranfield spoke in support of Ross Lanes being elected as a Life Member.

Allan Delaney spoke in support of Ross Lanes being elected as a Life Member.

Sandra Mellowes spoke in support of Ross Lanes being elected as a Life Member.

Result: Ross Lanes was elected to Life Membership of Long Reef Golf Club

13. The Members consider and if thought fit, pass the following Special Resolution:

That Michael Snell be elected as a Life Member of the Club.

Doug Campbell spoke in support of Michael Snell being elected as a Life Member.

Wendy Milson spoke in support of Michael Snell being elected as a Life Member.

Result: Michael Snell was elected to Life Membership of Long Reef Golf Club

14. Presentation of Gold Members by Steve Twigg

Rex Donovan was presented Gold Membership for achieving 50 years of continuous Membership. Mr Donovan was invited to say a few words.

Paul Bradford was presented Gold Membership for achieving 50 years of continuous Membership. Mr Bradford sent his apologies.

15. Presentation of the John Mullins OAM Award

Steve Twigg addressed the meeting to present the recipients of the John Mullins OAM Distinguished Service Awards. The John Mullins OAM recipients for 2022 were:

Wendy Milson for her contributions towards Women's Golf and the development of the Rookies Programme. Mrs Millson was invited to say a few words.

John Davison for his contribution to strategic planning, member survey, board assistance and his role on the Centenary Committee. Mr Davison was invited to say a few words.

16. Results of Board Election

The General Manager announced the incoming Board for 2022/2023. The following Members were elected unopposed:

President - Keith Warren

Vice President - Abigail Gruzman

Captain - Doug Campbell

Vice-Captain - Cam Gillespie

Treasurer- Stephen Holdstock

Directors - Rob Cordaiy, Helenka O'Connell, Vanessa Murphy, Andrew Thurlow

The General Manager thanked retiring Director Steve Twigg for his contribution to the Club during his 7 year tenure on the Board.

17. Transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in conformity with the Club's Constitution.

Nil

18. General Business for consideration of the incoming Board.

James Knox (744) - Mr Knox questioned that over the past 4 years there have been many promises of a 25- or 50-year lease but nothing has come of it. He asked where is the lease process at and is the Board concerned with the timing?

Reply from Chairman – The Club is governed by the speed of which the Council works at, we have a good relationship with Council and have a high degree of assurance with the Council wanting to update and further improve the stature of the Club for the benefit of the community.

Peter Munro (220) - Mr Munro requested the Club Championship format be looked with the declining number of attendances, with many not seeing value or prestige in the event.

Sandra Gillies (828) – Mrs Gillies supported Mr Munro's comments and requested Women's Championships also be looked; with only 40 women nominated to play and requested all competitions are look at across the board.

Reply from Chairman – Confirmation that the Golf Committee is going to conduct a review of all competitions and review all elements in that forum.

John Steuart (393) - Mr Steuart mentioned there have been recent events of fires breaking out in golf clubs due to issues with Lithium batteries and wanted to know if the Club has a plan in place to mitigate the risk of this happening.

Reply from General Manager – The Club has recently had all Members' batteries test and tagged. The storage area under the pro shop has been assessed a member of Fire & Resuce NSW to identify potential hazards. A request has been sent to all Members with Club storage to ensure

belongings aren't left in the storage area that may pose risk to heat around the battery charging areas.

Peter Verrills (499) - Mr Verrills requested the Board look at a way the Northern Door under the pro-shop can be opened to avoid walking around the building to the Southern side, as it is frustrating. Mr Verrills understands there is probably a security reason behind this, but requested a card system be investigated.

Reply from Chairman – Mr Verrills comments will be taken under consideration for the incoming Board.

Meeting Close 9:22PM

Signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record

Keith Warren
Chairman