



Season 2020-21

The Annual General Meeting

Monday 2 August 2021 at the Binningup Clubhouse

Present:

Four Gra(e)ham(e)s and 5 others (Tom, Ron, Dennis, Les, Chris).

Apologies:

Robin (though Lea did send Choccies), Steve and Brian (busy with behind the scenes census activity).

Business arising:

Nil

Election of Office Bearers: Graham (more specifically, the bloke from Hamersley) to formally assume the position (his words) due to the total unreliability of the titular occupant of the position.

President's Report: The President asserted that 2020-21 had been a terrific season – he would know because he played more games than any other member. It was noted by the meeting that having the actual President report to the meeting in person was a refreshing and long awaited change (the acting Secretary took this to be an accurate representation of history, not having been to an AGM himself for about 8 years).

The President made particular mention of the generosity of the Walkers in hosting the windup once again. As with the previous point, the acting Secretary wasn't at the windup either, so took these comments as presented.

The President's report was accepted amidst rapturous applause (*Moved:* Scobes, *Seconded:* Ronzo)

Treasurer's Report: If Houdini was an accountant this is the report he would have delivered. It was agreed that each player should contribute ½ doz balls to the kitty for weekly trophies. A quick look at the maths of that will show that we run out of balls at about New Year. However, no one was in any condition to do maths at that stage, so there was no argument. In any case, someone always ends up with a heap of balls after Xmas and gives them to Walks anyway.

Annual subs of \$20 agreed to.

Something else was also agreed but the acting Secretary's notes were a bit garbled so that item will have to drift until someone remembers what it was.

Moved that the report be accepted: Ronzo, *seconded:* Tom.

Program and Fixtures: Initially proposed that the 2021/22 fixtures be adopted with any necessary minor alterations. However, Ga Little had further info on the expected new arrangements at Hamersley with the revamp of the facilities and presented some ideas which the club may need to consider (you could hear a pin drop). Essentially, it seems that Hamersley would be prepared to treat the GBWGC as "a club" and allow us to reserve 2 groups and let us pay after we finish play (like in the old days). Importantly though, they would reserve the right to add members of the public to our groups.

By comparison, Wembley may be prepared to take a different attitude and allow us to play exclusively amongst ourselves. This should be investigated further as members would rather that we did not have to play with outsiders.

Graham will keep an eye on what's happening at Hamersley and also stay in touch with Wembley to get a clearer view of what the possibilities are.

Ron asked that the meeting recognize the commitment of Chris and Squancy for their willingness to travel the long distance to Hamersley for many seasons from their far flung abodes. Similar recognition was not afforded Brian, but you can't think of everything. Well done all three.

Golf Report: The Captain advised that approx 6 players/week was the average attendance – comparatively good. Litts was back in the fold and was in fact the most regular attendee! There were no outstanding issues. It was noted that Araluen is “a good hit” (not to mention a good hike) and should be a regular on the fixture. Report accepted – *moved* Litts; *seconded* Jacko.

Other Business: (getting a bit messy by this stage)

- **20th Anniversary Activities.** It was proposed that 21st anniversary celebrations be planned for later this year. This is apparently to recognize the outstanding efforts of long standing players to convince Tom to join our ranks. The celebration would honour the elevation of the previous rag tag group of Tuesday enthusiasts to the much higher level of esteem associated with that fabled recruitment coup. Ron has generously offered his home as the venue with the intention of a meal being provided and partners included. A small fee would be charged to help defray costs. All agreed that this was a great idea, particularly given it was not being held at their place. Tom and Ron will confer on the details. 16 October was agreed as an interim working date.
- **Future Away Events**
 - **Binningup Open.** A number of possible dates in November were discussed and it was agreed that 2 – 5 Nov were the preferred dates. Because these dates include Melbourne Cup Day, a special trophy was proposed. The needs of those members with a spiritual connection to the first Tuesday in November were not considered. Disappointing.
 - **Mornington Masters:** Many alternatives were suggested, including the obvious one of returning to Mornington with a revised residency plan. Other options floated included Murray River, Thailand and Queensland. This is an issue for, probably, 2023 at the earliest.
 - **Mandurah Masters:** Les indicated that he would be happy to host a 2-3 day Mandurah Masters, based on previous arrangements.
 - **South West Masters:** Will not be pursued.

It was generally agreed that we should continue to make tentative plans for 2-3 years ahead. Keeping wives in the loop was seen as an effective tactic to achieve good numbers, whatever is decided.

Meeting closed at 1843. (There is no record of what time it opened).