



Season 2021-22

The Annual General Meeting

Monday 22 August 2022 at the Binningup Clubhouse

Present:

Three Grahams (no “e’s”) and 4 others (Tom, Ron, Chris, Robin). Phil Hipsley provided a little decorum.

Apologies:

Dennis (paying lip service), Brian (bending bananas), Macca (needs a leg up).

The President noted an apology for Tom who responded with a suggestion for a change of our Constitution.

Business arising:

It was noted that the comment in relation to the **South West Masters** “It will not be pursued” was not recalled by all assembled, leaving the opportunity open for another such event (see *Other Business*).

Because he can, Robin decided to exclude from these Minutes his query about Hamersley reserving “the right to add members of the public to our groups” because that had clearly been resolved (“catch up Dalbs”) and it would clearly cause him ongoing embarrassment.

Election of Office Bearers:

The general sentiment was “If it’s not broke, don’t fix it” despite the cunningly oblique reference to a change of Constitution previously noted.

The position of Handicapper was discussed as Dennis’s availability was not assured. It was agreed that The President was the best person for the job, the decision carefully scrutinised to ensure no shadowy Morrison-like tactics.

President’s Report:

The President delivered one of the most comprehensive reports to-date perhaps with the threat of Constitutional change looming. Another very successful year with high attendances despite “war wounds” and COVID. Uncertainties at the start of the year with a change of Hamersley management proved to be unfounded with Macca to be congratulated for building strong rapport with them. Ron joined the 400 Club which now numbers 4. The Mornington Masters Memories book was fantastic with a big thank you to Robin for producing it in such a short time. The 21st Anniversary celebrations were a great success – well done Ron. Chris was thanked for organising the successful South of the River Day 1 while the Josephs were thanked for the sumptuous breakfast after the South (North) of the River event. Platinum sponsor Steve was thanked for his continued support with fixture cards, table runners and scoreboards while the Walkers were also thanked for yet another great season windup. It was time for another drink!

Treasurer’s Report:

A better than average year for attendance in 2021-22, despite COVID, our first game ever (officially) cancelled for inclement weather, and assorted bouts of ill-health, and interstate travel.

There were 176 GBW player-games played (if you include the 6 attendees on the rained-out game on 9 November) this season, compared with 147 player-games in 2020-21. This led to \$85 in game subsidies compared with \$48 in 2020-21. The only extraordinary but expected expenditure was the biennial Website cost of \$265.

Cart subsidies of \$20 were paid to each of the seven Joondalup players this season. The club has a healthy \$869 to transfer to 2022-23.

Subscriptions: With a healthy carryover, it is recommended the 2022-23 subscription is set at \$20. It is also strongly suggested that the platinum Sponsor be granted complimentary status in recognition of his contribution to the club

Annual subs of \$20 unanimously agreed to and that Steve be granted complimentary status.

Binningup (and Mandurah) surpluses: Bumper surpluses totalled \$678 matched only by fines at Binningup in 2007-08 (\$712). It is recommended that this item remain with Ron.

It was agreed the issue of fines be kept on the backburner for now.

Golf Balls: If members are happy with the current arrangement of donating a dozen golf balls at the beginning of the season (Steve excluded), (10 X 12) 120 balls should see us through the season with Binningup/Mandurah events handled separately.

It was unanimously agreed that each member donate a dozen golf balls at season start with Steve being granted complimentary status.

Playing fees at Hamersley: Hamersley have set fees for 9 holes midweek at \$22 for standard games and \$18 for concession players. Chris has proposed that each player be charged \$20 at Hamersley thus subsidising workers for a change! Based on 2021-22 attendances, the proposal would glean \$122 into club coffers and simplify payment.

The \$20 playing fee for all was unanimously agreed to.

If we've learnt something from this report, it's never let Macca be holed up with too much time on his hands!

Golf Captain's Report:

As usual all that the Golf Captain intended to talk to had already been covered by others. The expectation is for a good 2022-23 season.

Fixtures 2022-23:

The President provided a draft set of fixtures, noting that a copy had been provided to Hamersley with the draft status qualification.

Ron indicated a Binningup Open (covered in more detail in Other Business) would clash with the proposed Match Play Rd 1 on 15th November. Match Play to be moved to 8 November.

The draft is currently a 26 week season finishing mid-March. A longer season was proposed to take advantage of the warm weather noting that the season had extended to end-March in the past. The proposal was agreed to.

Playing a South West Masters was raised but discussion deferred to Other Business.

Other Business:

- **Future of the Winter Trophy.** The impact of past inclement weather appeared to cast doubt on this event. It was proposed that future Winter Trophy events be played at the same time as this 2022 event which was pushed forward until later in August. The meeting expressed unanimous agreement to the proposal.
Should a Tournament at Binningup not proceed, the President proposed a Plan B – play one game in Perth followed by the AGM.
- **Local Rules:**
 - **Lost Ball/Ball Out of Bounds.** Club current penalty is 1 stroke. Revised Rules of Golf now provide for a 2 stroke penalty in both cases and the proposal was put to amend our club Local Rules to reflect the official change. Despite Walks' emotional plea to retain the status quo ("I hit too many into the bush and would be overly disadvantaged"), the proposal was passed 5 votes to 2.

- **Unplayable Ball:** There is currently no documented GBWGC local rule showing relief options for an unplayable ball. Where a player declares his ball unplayable, it's a one stroke penalty. The relief options are to be placed on the website for information and reference.
- **Incorrect Score Cards:** Both player and marker are encouraged to take more effort/care to ensure score cards are consistent and correct before handing in. It was agreed that, where a scoring error(s) is(are) found, the original scores will stand.
- **Par Bisque Countbacks:** This topic raised a veritable tirade, the issue being whether the Par Bisque scores are used to decide countbacks, or the results are converted to Par Equivalent scores for this purpose. It was agreed that Par Bisque scores would be used but Par Equivalent scores used for Season Stats and Handicapping.
- **Handicapping 18 Hole Events:** Rather than doubling the current 9 hole handicaps for an 18 hole event, it was agreed that the event be treated as two 9's and handicapped accordingly. This method will be trialled
- **South West Masters:** The South West Masters was suggested as an alternative to the Mornington Masters but the format is not clear. The meeting agreed to leave the option open and seek comment from Les Gray who has offered up Club Santavea for a multi-day event – a longer format of the Mandurah Masters – as an annual event. The issue of a Masters tournament next year was raised. It was agreed to seek a list of potential courses and plan a "Masters" tournament at a date to be decided.
- **Binningup Open:** Confirmed by Ron as 15th to 19th November and comprising three rounds.

Meeting closed at 1823 (official Hawthorn FC clock time)