



Season 2022-23

The Annual General Meeting

Monday 21 August 2023 at the Binningup Clubhouse

Present:

Two Grahams and a Graeme and 5 others (Tom, Ron, Chris, Robin and Brian).

Apologies:

Dennis (recuperating), Squancey (bending bananas), Terry (no excuse).

Minutes of the 2022 AGM:

So brilliantly recorded were the 2022 Minutes that they were accepted as read.

Moved: Chris Jackson; *Seconded:* Ron Allardice

Business arising:

There was no business arising from the 2022 Minutes.

Election of Office Bearers:

Ron Allardice repeated the 2022 mantra: "If it's not broke, don't fix it". It was unanimously agreed that all positions remain unchanged.

President's Report:

There were sighs of relief when the President announced that he had left his report file at home. But he did confirm that we had all done very well. It was a good year and we always come up with a good formula that works. A most successful season.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of funds at 30 June 2023 was a solid \$848, with Income boosted by levies at Hamersley of \$2 per player totalling \$268 added to Subscriptions (\$200) and Binningup surpluses (\$280). Expenditure comprised only 2 items, the largest being MM8 subsidies of \$739.

Subscriptions: The Treasurer posed the question whether annual subscriptions remain at \$20.
Annual subs remaining at \$20 was unanimously agreed to.

Playing fees at Hamersley: Hamersley have set fees for 9 holes midweek at \$20 for concession players (\$18 last season). The Treasurer proposed keeping fees at \$20 from a practical viewpoint even though this means foregoing the levy income achieved last season (\$268).
The \$20 playing fee was unanimously agreed to.

Suggested Extraordinary Expenditure in 2023-24: The Treasurer called for suggestions for possible new expenditure in 2023-24. The suggestion was put to buy new club caps. Mr Walker indicated he was travelling to Bali in October and could investigate sourcing caps. If the club OTT standard was to be maintained, the concensus was for caps and hat bands.

Graham Walker to take responsibility for investigating the purchase of new caps and hat bands.

[Full Treasurer's Report available from the website]

Golf Captain's Report:

Another successful year with good attendances. The donation of a dozen golf balls has also been a good innovation

Fixtures 2023-24:

The draft fixtures presented were similar to last season. It was noted that:

- South of the River courses were subject to change pending their availability;
- Look at the opportunity for a sons/visitors day trying for one of the South of the River fixtures but remaining flexible.

The question was put: Is 2 groups at Hamersley enough? That old ABS stager Ken "Maggie" Clarke is getting back into golf and there was a suggestion to ask him for a few games. With Peter Crowe not playing this season, the feeling of the meeting was that 2 groups would be enough.

Graeme McLennan to negotiate the proposed fixtures with Hamersley

Away Events:

Mandurah Masters: Though usually held during the first long weekend in March, the mood was to avoid playing a long weekend. A proposal was put for an April event - early to mid.

Ron Allardice to negotiate the proposal with Les Gray

2023 Binningup Open: Ron advised the dates as 14th to 18th November with golf on 15th (Wednesday) to 17th (Friday). An Event Co-ordinator is required with the position to be sorted closer to the event. Any game played on the way down won't count as part of the competition.

2024 Winter Trophy: Playing dates are 19th and 20th August (Monday/Tuesday).

2024 Binningup Open: Playing dates are 13th to 15th November (Wednesday to Friday)

2025 Mornington Masters 9: To be discussed. There was some discussion around the length of future Mornington Masters and the number of games played given we are an ageing club with varying member physical capacities.

Binningup Events: Ron raised the issue of later teeoff times for future events, something agreed as a future discussion item.

Other Business:

Local Rules:

- **Lost Ball/Ball Out of Bounds**. Previously both circumstances incurred a 2 stroke penalty. It was proposed that the penalty be reduced to 1 stroke and the ball placed on the fairway at the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.

The proposal was agreed to

- **Unplayable Ball**: Previously there were three relief options for an unplayable ball which incurred a one stroke penalty. It was proposed that the relief options be dropped and that an unplayable ball, including one in a penalty area, be placed on the fairway at the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.

The proposal was agreed to

- **Ball in Bunker**: Discussion centred on the situation where a ball in a bunker lies in unraked footprints, sand piles, is plugged, etc. It was proposed that the player pick up, rake and place in such circumstances.

The proposal was agreed to in principle. Chris Jackson to provide Robin with wording to cover this situation

Meeting closed at 1818 (from the official Hawthorn FC member's wristwatch).