



Trafalgar Golf Club Inc.

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday 28 August 2024 7.00 pm

LOCATION: Trafalgar Golf Club Clubhouse 230 Gibsons Road Trafalgar

In attendance:

Board Members: Chris Griffin (President), Brian McKenzie (outgoing Vice President), Peter Moss (Captain), Jeff Gray (Secretary), Paul Fogarty (Treasurer), Anne Outhred (Board), Graeme Harris (outgoing Board member), Steve Gould (outgoing Board member), Shane Dwyer (outgoing Board member).

Life members: Gavin Patchett

Members: Jan Griffin, Pat Harris, Angela Bailey, Aileen McNair, Brian Barnes, Mick Bennett, Peter Griffin, Russ Grant, Paris Christian, Stewart Cluning, Chad McKie, Harold McNair, Ian Outhred, Laurie Snowball, Max Taylor

Apologies & Proxies: Peter Moss, Aija Owen, Steve Klemke, Karen MacGregor (all proxy Brian McKenzie), Nola Fordham, Sue DeVries, Norm Mether, Max Pugliese, Tony Shearer, Bev Keily, Uwe Tomski, Rod Brisbane, Rob DeVries, Anthony Cunningham, Ian Grant, Sue Klemke (all proxy Chris Griffin), Hank Fiddelaers, John Hanley, Les Pearce (all proxy Harold McNair), Di Moody, Chris Moody, Reno Borg, David Balfour, John Robinson (all Proxy Paul Fogarty), Jeff Hasthorpe, Keith Owen, Ed Hayward, Lachy McCrorey, Graeme Grant, Marg Grant, Ron Keith, Helen Keith, Mick West, Sue Balfour.

WELCOME

President Chris Griffin opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance, including Life Members Gavin Patchett. The President noted that the quorum of 31 had been exceeded.

MINUTES OF THE 2023 AGM

There was no Business Arising from the Minutes.

That the Minutes of the Trafalgar Golf Club Annual General Meeting held on 6 September 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Jeff Gray

Seconded: Brian Barnes

Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (115TH CLUB ANNUAL REPORT)

The President then spoke to the club's Annual Report. He commented on the successful implementation of MiScore, the general success of the Club, plans for a new shed, the contributions from Club sponsors, the work of the Board, and he thanked outgoing Board members Steve Gould, Graeme Harris, and Brian McKenzie.

That the 2024 President's report be received.

Moved: Chris Griffin

Seconded: Mick Bennett

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer directed members to his report; he commented that the work of Club volunteers is estimated to save the Club approx. \$100 000 in wages and costs. He also noted that income from Green fees, Competition fees and sales is up approx. 15% - 20% compared to last year. Cash balance is approx. \$320 000, which allow for spending, but the Club should hold reserves of \$100 000 to protect it.

That the 2024 Treasurer's Report, Annual Financial Statements and Account Balance Sheets be received.

Moved: Paul Fogarty

Seconded: Graeme Harris

Carried

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Treasurer noted that as a "Tier 2" Association under the *Incorporated Associations Reform Act (2012)*; the Trafalgar Golf Club is permitted to have its financial statements reviewed by an independent accountant. Tyrell are the Club's accountants, and the review was carried out by CamTech.

That the Trafalgar Golf Club appoints CamTech and Slater as Club Reviewer for 2024 / 2025.

Moved: Paul Fogarty

Seconded: Max Taylor

Carried

APPOINTMENT OF CLUB PATRON

That the Trafalgar Golf Club appoints Lachy McCrorey as Club Patron for 2024 / 2025

Moved: Peter Griffin

Seconded: Brian Barnes

Carried

APPOINTMENT OF GOLF WEST GIPPSLAND DELEGATES

That Trafalgar Golf Club appoints Trafalgar's Men's and Women's Captains as the GWG Delegates for 2024 / 2025.

Moved: Gavin Patchett

Seconded: Angela Bailey

Carried

BOARD ELECTIONS

The President invited Secretary Jeff Gray to conduct elections for the Board. Gavin Patchett and xxxx were asked to act as scrutineers.

The following Board members continue to serve in their second year and did not face election: Chris Moody (Vice Captain), Paul Fogarty (Treasurer), Anne Outhred (Board); Di Moody (Board).

The Secretary then noted that, in accordance with Clause 5.2 of the Constitution the term of office for board members is two years and he declared the following Board positions vacant:

President
Vice President
Captain
Secretary
Board (3 members)

The Secretary also noted that under cl6.1, all candidates, including for positions where they are the only nominee, must be endorsed by a majority of voting members.

Point of Order: Stewart Cluning raised a Point of Order; he stated that he believed that the elections should not go ahead as the Notice period was not followed properly. He asserted that members were given six days to nominate for vacant Board positions. The Secretary responded by asserting that the 14-day period was adhered to, but that the notice of the AGM was a day late. The matter rested there.

The secretary then returned to the Agenda.

That Chris Griffin be appointed President to the 2024/25 Trafalgar Golf Club Board

Moved: Jeff Gray

Seconded: Anne Outhred

Carried

That Peter Moss be appointed as Captain to the 2024/25 Trafalgar Golf Club Board

Moved: Paris Christian

Seconded: Graeme Harris

Carried

That Jeff Gray be appointed as Secretary to the 2024/25 Trafalgar Golf Club Board.

Moved: Chris Griffin

Seconded: Mick Bennett

Carried

That Peter Griffin be appointed as member to the 2024/25 Trafalgar Golf Club Board

Moved: Laurie Snowball

Seconded: Brian Barnes

Carried

The Secretary then called for nominations under cl 6.1.1h from the floor for the remaining Board vacancies.

There were no nominations for vice President.

That Russell Grant be appointed as member to the 2024/25 Trafalgar Golf Club Board

Moved: Chad McKie

Seconded: Steve Gould

Carried

There were no further nominations for the other vacancies.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The President returned to the chair.

Bylaws – members were invited to ask questions on the Bylaws that were recently adopted by the Board. Anne Outhred commented on the Board considering policy on the weather and the Child

Safe standards being referred to in the Bylaws. The president commented that the next Board can review these.

Paris Christian: what strategies is the Board considering to get more volunteers? The Treasurer responded on behalf of the Board; commenting that we do not have a particular strategy but it is difficult; two of our volunteers do so as part of their Centrelink. A member queried whether this is truly “volunteering”.

Stewart Cluning: commented on the use of the Category of Honorary Member, and that to keep awarding this is to allow it to become a type of Life Membership. Life Membership should be ‘kept on a pedestal’.

Stewart Cluning: the Board needs to proactively recruit members to sub-committees; invite them to sub-committee meetings etc. Others commented on the need for succession planning, diversity in age etc.

The President closed the meeting with thanks to the outgoing Board Members and he welcomed the new Board.

Meeting closed: 8.05 p.m.