



Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

6.30pm July 24th 2017 at North Ryde Golf Club

1. Meeting Opened

The meeting commenced at 6.35pm with JNMG representative and tournament director Greg Watkinson chairing the meeting. Peter Van Wegen (JNMG CEO) in attendance.

2. Welcome all Delegates.

GW thanked North Ryde GC for once again hosting the meeting and asked Glen Woodley (Captain of North Ryde Golf Club) to welcome all attendees. There were 20 delegates representing 12 clubs present. Glen invited all to stay for refreshments after the meeting adjourned.

3. Apologies Trevor Jay (The Coast), Graeme Phillipson (GolfNSW), Terry Bews – (Dunheved) and Scott Spence (Roseville).

4. Minutes of the 2016 AGM and business arising-

Peter Van Wegen reported that Srixon were approached but declined to provide sponsorship. Greg Watkinson provided details from the Junior Pennant survey. 12/27 indicated that they preferred the scratch/handicap format. 11/27 were happy with the all handicap format but preferred a greater differentiation as part of the pathway for the players. 2/27 wanted to revert back to the all scratch format.

Motion – “Minutes from 2016 AGM accepted as correct”

Moved – Joan Flaherty (North Ryde)

Seconded – Danny Hagerty (Stonecutters Ridge)

Passed

5. Financial Report

Peter Van Wegen (JNMG) tabled the financial report. Income and expenditure items were presented to the meeting and in summary a surplus of \$1112.13 was achieved. \$200 will be placed in the Encourage Shield Fund and the balance of \$912.13 will be used to subsidize the metropolitan winners to attend the State final series in Newcastle. The ES Fund will now have a balance of \$5,800. Based on the decision at the 2012 AGM to increase the fees each year by \$5, the fees for the 2017 Encourage Shield will be increased to \$85.

Motion – “That the Financial Report be accepted”

Moved – Tony Sedgwick (Mona Vale)

Seconded – Jim Burt (North Ryde)

Passed

6. 2016 Competition Report

Greg Watkinson reported that there were 35 teams competing in 6 divisions in the 2016 Metropolitan Encourage Shield event. Division winners were Monash, Oatlands, Camden, Cromer, Leonay and Moore Park. Oatlands GC won the event and then went on to participate in the 2016 State Encourage Shield finals in Newcastle won by the Northern Rivers DGA team. Overall the Encourage Shield State series attracted 73 clubs and 510 juniors.

Issues arising

- Order of handicap – it was reinforced that the girls handicap adjustment must be made prior to the team order being determined.
- Policing and new handicaps – discussion took place regarding handicaps and it was agreed that there are many circumstances with new and developing players to deal with but we must keep in mind that any rules should encourage players not limit players.
- Pace of Play – it was again stressed that pace of play be a major part of training the players in match play format and that assistance for the players (other than coaching is acceptable).

7. Entries for the 2017 event

Registrations as at 24/7/17 include 31 Encourage Shield teams and 28 Junior Pennant teams

8. Tyro Shield Update

Greg Watkinson informed the meeting of the Tyro Shield event as an introduction to match play. Peter Van Wegen informed the meeting of the Juniors on the Move Program. There are a number of players that are willing to be included in a composite team if required

9. MyGolf Junior League

Greg Watkinson informed the meeting of the Golf Australia Junior League competition and the pilot conducted at Shelly Beach GC on Sunday 23rd July between Shelly Beach and North Ryde juniors. It was very successful and David Gallichio from Golf Australia was in attendance. This event is likely to fit below the Encourage Shield in the playing pathway for juniors in NSW.

10. General Business

It was suggested that the Encourage Shield recognize undefeated players. Greg Watkinson indicated that this was the case some years ago but now it is left up to the individual clubs. The consensus was to maintain this process.

It was suggested that more training needs to be undertaken by clubs with regards to pace of play and concession of strokes and holes. Walkers need to be more involved in the education process. It was indicated that JNJG are sending out officials at JNJG events with the younger groups for 18 holes to help in the training process.

The handicap spread B/C graders for ES and A/B graders for JP) was discussed. Any uncertainty for which competition to enter should be referred to Greg Watkinson.

Next Meeting:-

A date was not set for the 2017 AGM. It will be in July 2018.

Meeting closed at 7.44pm

Attendees:-

Danny Hagerty (Stonecutters Ridge), Scott Beynon (Concord), Glenn Woodley, Jim Burt and Joan Flaherty (North Ryde), Aren Billinghamurst and Joel Berrell (Camden), Dean Pittman and Geoff Mansfield (Lakeside Camden), Liz White (Brighton Lakes), Kathy Armstrong, Bruce Watt and Andrew McCrory (Moore Park), Les Knox (Leonay), Luke Gillespie, Tony Sedgwick and Michael Mashman (Mona Vale), Graeme Roberts (Windsor), Tom Daniels and Rob Kennedy (Wentworth Falls) and Jack Steed (JNJG).