



Encourage Shield
Junior Golfers



Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

6.00pm July 30th, 2018 at North Ryde Golf Club

1. Meeting Opened

The meeting commenced at 6.07pm with JNIG representative and tournament director Greg Watkinson chairing the meeting. Peter Van Wegen (JNIG CEO) in attendance.

2. Welcome all Delegates.

GW thanked North Ryde GC for once again hosting the meeting and asked James Burt (Director of North Ryde Golf Club) to welcome all attendees. There were 9 delegates representing 6 clubs present. James informed the meeting that long time member and junior promotions office Joan Flaherty (present at the meeting) was awarded life membership of North Ryde Golf Club – the first female in the club's history.

3. Apologies:

Graeme Phillipson (GolfNSW), Glen Woodley (North Ryde GC) and Arnie Gould (Monash GC).

4. Minutes of the 2017 AGM and business arising-

Motion – “Minutes from 2017 AGM accepted as correct”

Moved – Joan Flaherty (North Ryde GC)

Seconded – Jim Burt (North Ryde GC)

Passed

5. Financial Report

Peter Van Wegen (JNIG) tabled the financial report. Income and expenditure items were presented to the meeting and in summary a surplus of \$407.82 was achieved. \$200 will be placed in the Encourage Shield Fund and the balance of \$207.82 will be transferred to the State final series in Newcastle in early 2019. The Encourage Shield Fund will now have a balance of \$6,000. Based on the decision at the 2012 AGM to increase the fees each year by \$5, the fees for the 2018 Encourage Shield will be increased to \$90.00 per team.

Motion – “That the Financial Report be accepted”

Moved – Bruce Watt (Moore Park GC)

Seconded – Peter Stipanovic (Bankstown GC)

Passed

6. 2017 Competition Report

Greg Watkinson reported that there were 41 teams competing in 7 divisions in the 2017 Metropolitan Encourage Shield event. Division winners were Moore Park, Roseville, Killara, Stonecutters Ridge, Avondale, Georges River and Camden. Moore Park GC won the event beating Roseville GC in the final and then went on to participate and win the 2017 State Encourage Shield final against Golf Illawarra in Newcastle. Overall the Encourage Shield State series attracted 70 clubs and 441 juniors.

Issues arising from the Competition

- Clarification of strokes received is required when clubs start on the tenth tee which becomes the first hole of play. Details are in the conditions and need to be advertised to all managers.
 - Handicap issues were discussed. Some players are obtaining a maximum handicap but are not allowed to play in competitions unless they are on 27. They are improving but not being provided the opportunity to lower their handicap in competitions. This creates issues at Encourage Shield matches. This discussion resulted in the following motion:-
 - **Motion**
"That players must have 3 competition rounds recorded in Golflink in the 6 months prior to the commencement of the Metropolitan Encourage Shield competition".
Penalty – Disqualification of player.
Moved **Peter Stipanovic**
Seconded **Nigel Gourlay**

Passed - Greg to draft the correct wording including an exception clause and distribute to the attendees for ratification.

- The role of the walkers and the club hosting the event was discussed and it was agreed that the walker's policy be re-issued to all managers at the commencement of the competition.
- Players being substituted between ES and JP was discussed. PVW reminded the meeting that any decisions on JP matters rests with GolfNSW. This discussion resulted in the following motion:-
 - **Motion**
"Encourage Shield players can be used as substitutes for Junior Pennants when necessary. If a player is substituted twice then the player will not be able to move back to Encourage Shield in that season. A maximum of three players are permitted to substitute in that season".
Penalty – Loss of matches played by ineligible player.

Moved **Nigel Gourlay**
Seconded **Tom Daniels**

The motion was passed unanimously and will be referred to GolfNSW for final approval.

- Tee times were discussed and in particular a 2.00pm final group at a match at St Michael's GC. It was agreed that this resulted in a very late finish and in these instances that Greg look a drawing the host team last.

7. Entries for the 2018 event

Registrations are open for the 2018 Encourage Shield teams and 21 teams have entered for the 2018 Junior Pennant competition.

8. Tyro Shield Update

20 teams in 2018 with 90 participants.

9. MyGolf Junior League

Greg provided a short explanation and that Junior League would likely replace the Tyro Shield in the coming years and this would be a feeder to the Encourage Shield competition. JNJG has committed to 4 Leagues in 2018. PVW indicated that it was important for Golf Australia to have a national playing competition to compliment the national introductory program MyGolf.

10. General Business

Joan Flaherty raised concerns of more experienced players being used in Tyro Shield. It was agreed that this occurred in some circumstances but was probably unavoidable.

The similarity of the ES and JP handicap competitions was again discussed. It was again stressed that the JP was for more experienced handicap players. PVW indicated that GolfNSW will be going out to the clubs with a survey on all pennant competitions and the consequences on many clubs. The meeting agreed that GolfNSW again be approached to reconsider the format and change to 2 scratch and 4 handicap players as an important part of the Junior pathway.

Next Meeting:-

A date was not set for the 2019 AGM. It will be in July 2019.

Meeting closed at 7.27pm

Attendees:-

Bruce Watt (Moore Park), James Burt (North Ryde), Joan Flaherty (North Ryde), James Crawford (Concord), Jeff Mansfield (Lakeside Camden), Dean Pitman (Lakeside Camden), Tom Daniels (Wentworth Falls), Peter Stipanovic (Bankstown), Nigel Gourlay (Bankstown).