

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WOODBURN EVANS HEAD GOLF CLUB LTD
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY, 24th September, 2023 AT 10am**

Outgoing President, Peter O'Connor welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance. Please observe a minutes silence for those who passed away this year. Gloria Bishop, Colin Peake, Jim Edser and Nancy Webb

PRESENT: C. Youngberry, B. Ferrier, D. Ferrier, J. Robinson Jnr., J. Robinson Snr, B Jacobson, S. Jacobson, W. Kessell, S. Colless, J Perkins, D Perkins, J. Olivieri, P. O'Connor, G Pawsey, P Wall, G Hudson, E Mackney, C Strong, B Bevege, R Ware, J Pethers, J Townsend, B Cornelius, A Schmitt

APOLOGIES: Were received from S. Manwarring, T. Manwarring, S O'Connor, J Kessell, W Doran, B Turner, R Williams, G Ferrier

On the motion of W Kessell, seconded C Youngberry the tendered apologies were accepted.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were distributed, read and adopted on the motion of J Olivieri seconded J Robinson Jnr. The motion was carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

ANNUAL REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome All.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and show respect to the passing of 4 members of the club in the last year. Colin Peak, Gloria Bishop, Jim Edser and Nancy Webb. Sue will be sending each family a card in reference that they were acknowledged at the AGM 2023. So if we could be upstanding and have a minute's silence. Thank you.

To the year we've had.

Firstly, not to mention any names, a very big thank you to all involved volunteers this year with the rebuilding of the course, which is still ongoing from the 2022 floods.

Also a very big thank you to the ladies for their huge donation for the course watering system to which the vets have now also contributed and the board in the future may be looking at pursuing it further.

Whilst still on the course, we, the board decided to have a change to the structure of the course green keeping procedure. We have now introduced a different system with Wayne Doran to be employed as a Contract Head Green's Supervisor, with one other casual employee each day.

Back to the flood recovery update, which James will gladly answer any questions about.

Financially, insurance is still ongoing, but like all in Woodburn are still waiting in line, but we believe there will be a positive result in the future.

As for machinery post flood. On my last inspection in the shed all is looking good, with Wayne having everything under control.

Upstairs post flood. The bar facilities are at 100% but the kitchen and storeroom are both at about 10% which the board agreed is a work in progress as we have the state of the BBQ area down stairs.

Junior Golf. We now have between 20 and 25 junior members with the possibility of more on the way from Bill Kessell's Junior's Programme running on Thursday afternoons.

Our biggest event of the year the Bowlo XXXX Classic was a huge success with 130 players this year. A huge thanks to the Evans Head Bowlo who have signed on as a major sponsor for \$10thousand for another 3 years.

This year we will be introducing a division for Pros. With another sponsor which will not affect the prize money for the other divisions.

Congratulations to all Club Championship winners. Men's, Men's Foursomes, Mixed Foursomes, Ladies Championship winners on Wednesday and the Vet's Championships.

In conclusion, a huge thank you to the efforts from the board this year for their input. In conclusion thank you to the members for their support in the past year and good golfing in the future. I haven't forgotten but the biggest thank you must go to Sue Jacobson for her tireless work as club administrator, who also keeps me in line. I couldn't start to try to explain the jobs she does for the club, but I can say if there was a toll way on the Links Road she would be our best customer.

Thank you Sue and again enjoy the coming year.

In closing I would like to once again thank our retiring board members and our many volunteers for their tireless efforts and to all our Sponsors who have made such a huge impact on the success of the club. Without you all we would find it much more difficult to operate.

On the motion of P. O'Connor, seconded J Robinson Jnr the President's Report was adopted. The motion was a carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Mark Charters sent his apologies for not attending today

TREASURER'S REPORT:

After 18 months we are still like everyone else, waiting for insurance. Grants go to council owned courses. We have lots of players here most days of the week. Sunday's, the carts go out 2 and 3 times each. After an investment of \$100 thousand last year buying the carts we have made that much again by hiring them out. With the upgrade to the power, it has been a massive process. The switch board has been made and works will start within the next few months. At the moment the power bill is very low. They are moving three power poles because we won't be needing them so we will be compensated, but don't know by how much.

Our next project is to get the irrigation up and running so that we have the course is in as good condition as we can. James reports to the board every month on the progress of the insurance.

So far we have had 4 different assessors. Westlawn have been a great help. So far we have been paid for the carts. Our insurance was \$23 thousand a year and has gone up to \$52 thousand this year. We have outsourced a payment plan for one year. It is now very hard to get insurance for a golf club. We are hoping to get \$250 thousand for the machinery, but just have to wait and see. We are going to lease two new mowers from Toro on a 4 year plan which will cost us \$3000.00 a month. This way we will have new machinery all of the time. Hopefully we will get the insurance money soon and will be able to decide where the best place will be to use it. We are making progress and will have a result. So far we have had 3 payments, \$100 thousand dollars, \$30 thousand dollars and \$119 thousand and have had to pay \$35 thousand excess. We were lucky to have photos and videos of the flood damage to give to the hydrologist.

On the motion of J Olivieri and second J Perkins the Treasurer's report was adopted. The motion was carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Outgoing President Peter O'Connor declared all positions vacant and vacated the chair and asked life member John Robinson Snr to take the chair to conduct the Election of Officers as follows:

PRESIDENT: Peter O'Connor – Nominated by R Turner seconded S Jacobson – Accepted position

VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Perkins – Nominated by B Leeson seconded T Lawler - Accepted position

VICE PRESIDENT: Grant Pawsey – Nominated by J Robinson Jnr. Seconded P Newman – Declined position

TREASURER: James Olivieri – Nominated by B Ferrier seconded S Jacobson – Accepted position

CAPTAIN: John Robinson Jnr – Nominated by D Ferrier seconded B Turner – Accepted position

DIRECTORS:

G Pawsey - Nominated by J Robinson Jnr. seconded P Newman – Accepted position

Carrol Youngberry - Nominated by J Robinson Jnr seconded B Turner – Accepted position

William Kessell - Nominated by S Jacobson seconded W Doran - Accepted position

Robert Turner - Nominated by C Youngberry seconded B Ferrier – Letter of acceptance given to S Jacobson
Andrew Schmitt - Nominated by M Knox seconded P O'Connor – Accepted position

John Robinson Snr thanked everyone for the nominations and handed the meeting back to the president

President Peter welcomed the new Board Members and thanked the outgoing Board Members for their support throughout the past year.

HONORARIUMS: To remain the same

President: Peter O'Connor - \$500

Treasurer: James Olivieri - \$500

Captain: John Robinson Jnr - \$500

All Directors will be paid \$20 per meeting attended.

Honorary Administration Office to be paid \$20.00 per meeting attended

GENERAL BUSINESS: None

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CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.46 am

Sue Jacobson
Honorary Administration Officer

Peter O'Connor
President