

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WOODBURN EVANS HEAD GOLF CLUB LTD
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 10am**

Outgoing President, Peter O'Connor welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance.

PRESENT: J. Edser, C. Youngberry, B. Ferrier, D. Ferrier, J. Robinson Jnr., J. Robinson Snr., A. Youngberry, M. Hardy, M. Jarrett, B. Turner, K. Richardson, G. Bishop, S. Jacobson, G. Walker, W. Kessell, J. Perkins, S. Colless, J. Hennessy, J. Olivieri, P. O'Connor and G. Edser,

APOLOGIES: Were received from F. Murdoch, S. Manwarring, T. Manwarring, E. Mackney, R. Ware and G. Ferrier. On the motion of J. Olivieri, seconded J. Robinson Jnr. the tendered apologies were accepted.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were distributed, read and adopted on the motion of B. Ferrier seconded J. Perkins. The motion was carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

ANNUAL REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome All"

I thank everyone for their attendance and would like to acknowledge and thank all the outgoing Board Members for their time and effort afforded to the club during 2020/21 year. I would also like to acknowledge the many volunteers that eased the burden and workload for our staff and in fear of forgetting someone I prefer not to mention names in case somebody is missed and again I say a very big thanks to the volunteers.

In 2021 we welcomed a new Greenkeeper, Gary Landrigan, who has fitted into the role very well and has been strongly supported by the volunteers. We also welcomed our new Bar Useful, Deserea Williams who has been an enormous asset to the club in her role behind the bar and keeping the clubhouse and surrounds spotlessly clean.

The ongoing difficulties with Covid 19 have impacted on our year again but we have pulled out all stops to follow the rules and have still been able to offer golf to those who wanted to and were able to attend the club. We seemed to manage to hold weekly competitions with only a few minor changes to the course rules. We missed our members who reside outside the LGA being unable to attend. Fields were only slightly affected in some areas and a bit stronger in others, with our social play being somewhat increased.

We were probably more fortunate than some of our neighbouring clubs who weren't able to operate at all. Unfortunately Covid is probably going to be a fact of life that we will have to learn to live with into the future and learn to play and operate around.

Power upgrade plans are in place and moving along, albeit more slowly than we would like, but we are in the hands of the local authority and the contractor. Thanks to James Olivieri who has his finger on the pulse of the upgrade and is in constant communication with the contractors and reports back to each board meeting on the progress.

The Club's major event of the year, The One Agency Real Estate XXXX Gold Classic, was again a huge success, and with the introduction of the Junior Classic on the Friday and Ambrose Event on the Saturday made it a very enjoyable and successful weekend. 140 players turned out on the Sunday and the prizes were well spread across the region and the club.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Trevor and Sharen Manwarring of One Agency Real Estate who have sponsored our Annual Classic Event since 2018. With their support the Classic has grown into an event that is talked about and attracts players from right across the Northern Region, the Northern Tablelands and South East Queensland. Without the support of One Agency this event could not possibly have grown to what it is.

Plans are well underway for the 2022 event which will take on a new format and will be sponsored by the Evans Head Bowlo and Roger Hong. More information will be circulated when plans are completed, but look forward to a 2-day event in 2022.

As promised last year we now have a very impressive barbecue area with all mod-cons at your fingertips when hosting a barbecue. We will be able to offer golf days followed by barbecues to social clubs in the area and everything will be on hand. A huge thank you to Dave Ferrier, who led the construction team and to those volunteers who worked tirelessly alongside him. Also, a big thank you to those who donated a large amount of materials to make the entire exercise possible.

The Veteran's Club have recently donated the paint for the painting of the clubhouse, which you can see is in full swing. A big thank you to the Veteran's Club and to those who are doing a great job applying the paint. Your support and work is greatly appreciated.

I mustn't forget the Ladies Club who donated the finance for the purchase of a new desktop computer and screen which were so badly needed. A big thank you.

Five additional carts were purchased (and one cart was donated) early in the year and they have paid for themselves multiple times. The caretaker, Steve, who operates the club each Sunday reports that often the carts will go out three times over a day. Figures show they have more than paid for themselves. A big thank you to those members who have willingly loaned their carts when we have simply had all our carts hired and out on the course. More and more golfers are wishing to travel in carts to play their golf.

I now earnestly look forward to the year following and hope we can manage to keep things ticking over just as we have this past 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.

To all members, good golfing for 2021/22.

On the motion of P. O'Connor, seconded C. Youngberry the President's Report was adopted. The motion was a carried.

FINANCE REPORT: The report was presented by the Club's Auditor, Simon Thomas on behalf of MH Partners. He apologised on behalf of Mark Charters for his inability to attend the meeting. Simon advised that the club commenced the year with \$193,000 in hand and closed the year with \$216,000 in hand. He advised that in real terms we completed the 2020 year with \$141,000 in hand and the 2021 year with \$139,000 in hand. It is considered that the club is in a healthy financial position.

There has been a slight impact on the club from the Covid 19 pandemic but has generally held its own through being able to remain open and trade.

Treasurer, James Olivieri advised the meeting that Job Keeper and Job Saver grants were applied for and were granted.

President Peter thanked Simon Thomas and MF Partner for their attendance and comments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Outgoing President Peter O'Connor declared all positions vacant and vacated the chair and the Election of Officers was conducted as follows:

PRESIDENT: Peter O'Connor – Nominated by J. O'Donnell seconded I. Delves
VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Perkins – Nominated by W. Kessell seconded E. Mackney
TREASURER: James Olivieri – Nominated by S. Powell seconded J. Perkins
CAPTAIN: John Robinson Jnr – Nominated by J. Perkins seconded W. Kessell
DIRECTORS:

David Ferrier - Nominated by A. Youngberry seconded C. Youngberry
Carrol Youngberry - Nominated by A. Youngberry seconded M. Hardy
William Kessell - Nominated by G. Bishop seconded J. Robinson Jnr.
Robert Turner - Nominated by J. Robinson Snr., seconded D. Ferrier
Gail Edser - Nominated by J. Olivieri seconded C. Youngberry

(Gail Edser advised that she is happy to carry on as Admin. Officer until they relocate to Brisbane later in the year. It was agreed it would be ideal for a new Admin Officer to be in place prior to Gail's departure.)

Gloria Bishop offered thanks to the retiring Directors, especially Jo Hennessy on her House Director duties over many years.

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

HONORARIUMS:

President: Peter O'Connor - \$500
Treasurer: James Olivieri - \$500
Captain: John Robinson Jnr - \$500
All Directors will be paid \$20 per meeting attended.

The three directors who receive honorariums excused themselves from the meeting while the values of each honorarium were discussed.

On the motion of B. Kessell, seconded J. Perkins it was moved that the Treasurer's Honorarium be raised to \$500 in line with the other two honorariums paid.

Treasurer James Olivieri thanked the Board for the increase in the Treasurer's Honorarium and advised that as a matter of course he would be paying it back into the club.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Suggestions to be taken to the first Board meeting:

Jim Perkins asked if the Annual Membership Fee could be paid in two halves of \$450.

Gloria Bishop asked if the tree roots on the path between the cart shed and the clubhouse be removed as they are a pedestrian hazard.

Gloria Bishop also asked when the cart paths will be commenced.

Michael Hardy inquired about sponsoring a Saturday Event. He was directed to the club captain John Robinson Jnr. who will explain the sponsorship arrangements.

Carrol Youngberry advised that she has two new sponsors for next year. Carrol also thanked retiring Director Jo Hennessy for her tireless efforts as House Director over many years. She also thanked Gail Edser for her efforts as Secretary of the Ladies Club and Administration Officer over many years. Carroll also thanked James Olivieri for his efforts as Treasurer of the Club.

Peter O'Connor thanked Mick Jarrett and Jim Perkins for their voluntary efforts on the course.

Keith Richardson advised that he would no longer be able to collect the beer for sale at the club and removing the empties to the bottle dumps. He suggested that the club offer the position to another member and offer them a 50/50 split on the refunds. President Peter thanked Keith for his efforts over a number of years.

Peter O'Connor gave the meeting an overview of the plans for 2022 Classic Event.

The event will be sponsored by the Evans Head Bowling Club and will be known as WEH Bowlo XXXX Gold Classic. They have offered \$3,300 per year for three years when it will be reviewed. The 2022 Event will be a two-day event with an 18 hole comp on Friday.

It will be held on Friday, 28th January, Saturday, 29th January and Sunday, 30th January. Friday will be an 18 hole "stand alone" event with a \$15 comp fee and \$1,200 prizemoney. Saturday and Sunday will be individual events with an Overall Gross Event over those two days. There will be a presentation at the Evans Head Bowlo on Saturday Night of the Friday and Saturday Events and all members will be invited to attend to help give something back to the Sponsors.

The Main Event will be a Men's Event in four grades, a Ladies Event in 2 grades and a Junior Event for Juniors with a maximum handicap of 18.

The 2022 Classic Event will be well advertised throughout the neighbouring golfing communities and to all those players who have supported the event in previous years.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 1pm

Gail Edser
Honorary Administration Officer

Peter O'Connor
President