



Axedale Golf Club Inc. Annual General Meeting – 28 August 2024

Agenda

Meeting to be held at the clubrooms commencing at 7.30pm

1. Welcome

1.1 President's Welcome

President Rod welcomed those in attendance, and acknowledged all Life Members, present or not – David W Mill (Dec), Bob Gunn (Dec), Joe Holland (Dec), Denis Jeffrey, Garry Harrop, David Lubke, Ian Kerr, Loretta Prowse, Wendy Nielsen, Tony Lindrea, Val Smith.

1.2 Apologies – see Appendix

1.3 Proxies – the President confirmed 13 members had appointed Proxies (see Appendix).

The President officially declared the meeting 7.35pm.

2. Minutes from the previous year's Annual General Meeting held 23rd August 2023.

The President noted the Minutes had been distributed by email to members ahead of the meeting, and asked for any questions.

There were none.

Moved: Owen Davies

Seconded: Peter Elvey

Carried

3. Business arising from the previous minutes.

No business arising

4. Annual Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report.

4.1 Report by Treasurer Jan Walklate

The Annual Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report were distributed prior to the meeting. Treasurer Jan Walklate thanked all those present at the AGM and made particular reference to the many members who had supported her in the role of Club Treasurer.

Jan thanked the Finance Committee

- David Baillie for recording & reconciling club vouchers
- Sue O'Connor for reconciling competition & green fee deposits
- Mandy Hamilton for all membership activities
- To the many members that banked cash deposits.

This year the Axedale Golf Club moved away from a traditional Audit to a Review. The Review was undertaken by Registered Tax Agent / Public Accountant Graham Watson, King Street, Bendigo 3550.

Treasurer Jan reported the following -

At the end of the financial year the cash position is improved from \$97,811 to \$119,825 an increase of about \$22,000.

Our P&L for the year shows a loss of \$33,860, which doesn't sound good but when non-cash (depreciation) items of \$56,291 are added back we were in surplus about \$22,000.

Operating income for the year was up

- Comp fees up by \$10,800
- Green Fees up by \$20,300
- Tournament Entries up by \$9,600
- Bar Sales up by \$12,400

Unfortunately grant funding has dried up and no grants were identified that we were eligible to apply for.

The bar has again been a strong contributor to the club's funds, with nett proceeds for the year approx. \$45,700 up about \$6,000 on previous year.

Expenses for the year were up.

Considerable funds were expended on getting the irrigation system into reliable operating order, and to reduce the chance of breakdown over the irrigating system.

As per Lex's course report, extra expenditure was incurred in course maintenance, and equipment maintenance. The benefit of this is we are in an improved position going forward, with all our equipment properly maintained and less likely to break down.

Our course superintendent and the green's committee have a plan in place which enables expenses to be better budgeted for, and should see our expenditure greatly reduced next year.

Labour expenses were down by approx. \$25,000 .

We had some flood repairs needed , but nothing compared to previous year.

New asset purchases during year included

- Electrical to new cart shed

- Computer for office
- New dishwasher

No course equipment was purchased this year and we sold a bunker rake to Gisborne Golf Club.

Some new course equipment is planned early in 24/25 and this will be paid with the funds received from the sale of existing equipment.

We currently have 2 loans in place

- For the Jacobsen electric greens mower completion date April 2026.
- Toro Procorer completion date December 2026.

I see as the main financial objective of the club over the next few years is to increase our cash reserves to put us in a position to be able to purchase a new irrigation system with minimal borrowing. Considerable fundraising efforts will be needed to achieve this.

I look forward to continuing as Treasurer next year, and thank everyone in advance for their support. I am looking for a volunteer who would be interested in taking on the position in 12 months, with the objective that they take on some of the tasks this year and get a good introduction into what is involved. Please let me know if you are interested.

I would like to thank past and present committee members for the time and passion that they give to our great club. Volunteerism is the heart of our club and we are all doing our best for the benefit of the club.

Jan Walklate Treasurer

President Rod Threlfall asked if there were any questions of the Treasurer.

A range of enquiries were made, including insurance for Volunteers, estimated cost of future new watering system, fundraising ideas, best investment options for the Club for Term investment, payout last year 'where are figure shown' in financial statement – Jan advised this figure is included in staff costs – reminding all that a Confidentiality Clause was in place.

Jan advised the membership that the Review picked up a loan difference – recalculated incorrectly. This involved a General Journal entry of \$3,500.

Jan Walklate moved that the Financial Report be adopted.

Seconded: Jan Fry

Carried

4.2 Membership fees

The Committee endorsed the Treasurer's recommendation of the following fee structure for season 2024-25

| | AGC 2023/24 | Proposed AGC 2024/25 | % increase |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Category | Fees | Fees | |
| Full | 600 | 630 | 5% |
| Country | 320 | 340 | 4.68% |
| Intermediate | 340 | 350 | 2.94% |
| 6 Months: | | | |
| Sporting | 380 | 400 | 5.26% |
| Seniors (> 75 years) | 380 | 400 | 5.26% |
| Junior < 18 | 60 | 70 | 16.6 % |
| Social | 20 | 30 | 50% |

There was some discussion around increase in fees. This included - could have been a more significant price rise, incentive to entice younger membership, introduce new membership categories – this would require an amendment to current Constitution.

Conversation moved to the proposal of a rolling tee time being rejected by the General Committee, however the morning tee time for Saturday golf has been extended, and will be further extended in the warmer months.

Treasurer Jan requested that conversation move back to the proposed rise in membership fees for 2024-25.

Moved: Jan Walklate

Seconded: Owen Davies

Carried

John Geldart moved that the membership motion be observed, and all conversation that has taken place be given more time and discussion.

Carried

Prior to moving on to Reports, President Rod Threlfall spoke of the recent resignation of Club Captain Roger Heider.

Roger had emailed a statement he wished to be read at the Annual General Meeting, and President Rod asked Secretary Maureen Connelly to read the message.

The message read as follows:

'Hello Axedale members.

I have asked that this message be read out to you all to address my departure from the club and some rumours around it.

Firstly, I don't have any personal issues or problems at all. Thanks to all members who checked in with me, but rest assured, I'm fine.

Also, I haven't had a fight, physically or verbally with anyone.

I mostly enjoyed my time as captain, but the last few months were a strain on me. Dealing with some stern members on a regular basis, albeit part of the captains job, wore me down to a certain degree.

The things that wore me down the most though were politics and agendas within the club.

I also felt that as Captain, and part of the match committee, that our voice wasn't being heard. I grew increasingly frustrated when I saw our recommendations not be given proper consideration, and correct protocols and procedures not followed.

Lastly, I've made many good friends in my time at the club.

I truly wish the Axedale Golf Club and all members the very best and every success going forward.

Regards,

Roger Heider'

President Rod responded to the email and spoke of the timeline that had influenced his decision to reinstate the Scramble, although the Match Committee had voted unanimously to cancel the event. The General Committee had not been informed of the reinstatement.

President Rod expressed his regret for not following protocol, and not showing due respect to the Match Committee.

5. President's address & Committee reports

5.1 President Rod Threlfall

The President's full report is in the 2024 Annual Report.

President Rod commended both Secretary Maureen Connelly and Vice President Owen Davies who are leaving their respective positions on the General Committee. The President thanked them for their commitment to the Axedale Golf Club and remarked on their efforts in being available and willing to perform whatever task was required. President Rod also

thanked Tony Lindrea who is retiring as Co-Manager of the Bar. Tony has for many years been a friendly face behind the bar. Our Club feel very indebted to Tony for his longstanding good humour and work ethic. We welcome Gary Day who is taking over from Tony as Co-Manager of the bar.

5.2 Committee reports

Written reports from each Sub-Committee are included in the 2024 Annual Report, which was emailed to Members prior to the AGM:

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| Captain | Roger Heider |
| Women's President | Muriel Pitts |
| Women's Captain | Sue O'Connor |
| Course | Lex Johnstone |
| Sponsorship & Social | Owen Davies |
| Golf Development | Owen Davies |
| Bar | Ian Martin and Tony Lindrea |

President Rod asked if there were any question from the Reports.

Some discussion directed to Course Chair Lex re levelling of tees. Lex could advise that we now own a sod cutter that will be used for this purpose. Lex also advised that it takes time for tees to level up, and tee extensions are happening at the moment. There is a 5 year Course Plan in progress. Lex also gave an update on the proposed work to be done on the 1st tee, including the removal of a large tree to the front right of the tee ground. Permission is currently being sought to undertake this project.

Saturday sponsors were also mentioned. This is an area that needs attention.

6. Announcement of election results for Committee of Management positions for 2024-25

The following nominations were received. The number of nominations not exceeding the positions available, the following Members are declared duly elected:

| Office | Nominee | Proposed by ... | Seconded by ... |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| President | Rod Threlfall | Maureen Connelly | Roger Heider |
| Vice Pres. | Steven Lee | Rod Connelly | Owen Davies |
| Secretary | Peter Andrew | Raye Fleay | Rod Jacobs |
| Treasurer | Jan Walklate | Lex Johnstone | Roger Heider |
| Captain | | | |
| Women's President | Muriel Pitts | Helen Lindrea | Roz Briggs |
| Women's Captain | Sue O'Connor | Joyce Spofforth | Anne Telford |
| Course Chair | Lex Johnstone | Emma O'Connor | Tony Lindrea |

* Roger Heider withdrew his nomination prior to the AGM

Nominations were called from the floor for a Club Captain.
No nominations received.

7. Resolutions to be considered by the meeting.

Nil.

8. Life Member nominations

Nil.

9. Meeting Close. 8.45pm.

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| <p>Attendance - Axedale Golf Club Annual General Meeting 28th August 2024</p> |
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| <p>Apologies - Axedale Golf Club Annual General Meeting 28th August 2024 (GA 305010-----)</p> |
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| Name | Member Number | Name | Member Number |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Denis Chapman | 18 | Wendy Wood | 1124 |
| Loretta Prowse | 214 | Mary Carter | 1348 |
| Anne McManus | 1107 | Di Wenzlau | 1095 |
| Terry McManus | 1105 | Raye Fleay | 147 |
| Lee Hobbs | 1374 | Daryl Fleay | 329 |
| Christine McKenzie | 1274 | Bob Perkins | 1479 |
| Tony McKenzie | 1624 | Pam Davies | 1151 |
| Don Leversha | 72 | Fred Kath | 770 |
| Jayant Banerji | 1694 | Ruth Iser | 769 |
| Mary Bysouth | 1625 | David Stephens | 334 |
| Graeme Bysouth | 1668 | | |
| Dawn Creek | 159 | | |
| Catherine Hodder | 1322 | | |
| Alison Barrett | 157 | | |
| Ellen Curnow | 1677 | | |
| Sid Spofforth | 401 | | |
| Joyce Spofforth | 402 | | |
| Maureen Grogan | 172 | | |
| Rowan Galbraith | 1183 | | |
| Steve Lee | 508 | | |
| Danny Curran | 1533 | | |
| Rob Taylor | 133 | | |
| John McCullagh | 1112 | | |
| Alyson McCullagh | 1355 | | |
| Rick Manley | 1257 | | |
| Noelene Arundell | 1428 | | |
| Geoff Arundell | 727 | | |
| Sue Bice | 1402 | | |
| Glenn Morrison | 1240 | | |

Proxies - AGM 2024

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