



Annual General Meeting – 8 September 2021

Minutes

Conduct of the Meeting

The meeting was held against a background of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on public movement within regional Victoria.

The meeting was scheduled for 25 August but was postponed because at that stage people could not leave home to travel to, or gather at, a meeting. It was hoped this restriction might be eased in time to allow some form of physical meeting to be held, but with a virulent Delta strain of the virus rampant in Melbourne, Committee considered that highly unlikely.

The meeting was therefore conducted online through the Zoom meeting application, accessible by all Members. Zoom enables 'live' voting to be undertaken, as required in the Club's Rules of Association.

60 Members logged into the meeting and nine apologised. A list is appended to these Minutes.

1. Welcome

1.1 The President, Allan Andrews, welcomed attendees to a 'unique' meeting held in 'extraordinary times'. Postponed from 25 August in hope could hold face-to-face but this was not possible.

Voting procedure was outlined. Voting by exception – those wishing to vote against motion texted NO to the chat line; otherwise President assumed a yes vote.

1.2 Apologies – see Appendix.

1.3 Register of meeting attendees and online attendees eligible to vote. The Secretary confirmed the Register was complete and that there were 60 members present, sufficient to form a quorum.

1.4 Proxies – the President confirmed six Members had appointed Proxies (see Appendix).

The President officially declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

2. Minutes from the previous year's Annual General Meeting held on 30 September 2020.

The President noted the Minutes had been distributed to Members ahead of the meeting and asked for questions. There were none. The President invited questions online. None were received.

Moved: B. Fry, **Seconded:** I. Kerr that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. **CARRIED**

3. Business arising from the previous minutes.

Nil.

4. Annual Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report.

4.1 Treasurer Andrea Minnis made the following comments:

\$100,000 more in bank account than previous years. Total \$221,000 in bank.

Most made up from sponsorship, Government Job Keeper payments, State Government business grants and green fees when golf was the only sport available. Without those funds, our bank balance would have been \$31,000.

Funds have been allocated to course renovations, irrigation upgrades, clubhouse improvements (including cart shed, viewing deck).

Moved: I. Martin, **Seconded:** S. Spofforth that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **CARRIED**

4.2 Membership fees

The Committee endorsed the Treasurer's recommendation of the following fee structure for season 2021-22.

Category	AGC 2020/21 Fees	Proposed AGC 2021/22 Fees	% increase from 2020/21
Full	520	540	3.85%
Country	260	280	7.70%
Intermediate	280	300	7.14%
6 Months			
Sporting	322	342	6.21%
Seniors (> 75 years)	322	342	6.21%
Junior < 18	50	50	0.0%
Social	20	20	0.0%

The President noted that without Government aid we would be in a very different financial situation and the Club had a list of projects to fund as outlined by the Treasurer.

Moved: A. Minnis, **Seconded:** J. White that the proposed fee schedule be adopted for season 2021-22. **CARRIED**

Question from online: 'Can we possibly make some of that money work for us?'

J. Walklate: If you mean can we invest for better return, it's not a good time for that type of move because of low interest rates. We intend to invest in the golf course.

5. President's address & Committee reports

5.1 President Allan Andrews

Difficult couple of years, but we have achieved:

- Started the course renovation including the 19th green being built
- New Captain's Office and scoring system completed
- Financially strong still even after the impact of COVID with solid increase in membership with assistance from both State and Federal Governments.
- At this point I would like to acknowledge Fosterville Gold Mine sponsorship and note we are picking up a nice trickle of new members among Fosterville staff.
- We have more ladies and juniors participating than we have ever had before (thank Fred and Trish)
- Have hired our first apprentice
- Starting to upgrade our course equipment from petrol to electric
- Starting the upgrade of pump controller and pumps with \$31K approved to be spent in the next month and a further \$40K to be spent over the next twelve months to water proof the course.
- Deck and BBQ area to be completed at the end of Sept 2021 COVID dependant
- Vendi merchandise and carts installed to make it easier on our members and provide additional revenue stream for the club into the future. It is worth noting where we have put the Vendi carts and merchandise is not our preferred place but given the uncertainty surrounding the tennis court development it was the best we can do for the moment.
- Cleaned up area near maintenance shed in readiness for nursery as part of the course renovations.
- Discussion re clubhouse and cart extension concept plans has started and will continue under the new committee
- The large costs to upgrade the member and course facilities (eg course renovations and pumps) that we face have been able to met while still building a healthy bank balance for investment in member facilities. We do not intend to borrow but are focussed on building a bank balance that enables us to improve the course and member facilities (cart storage is crucial) as we have about a dozen members who require cart storage that we are unable to satisfy.
- These works all require large injections of capital. We are in sound financial position ironically built on the public and government response to the pandemic - people have flocked to golf everywhere and governments threw unprecedented funding at organisations to keep them afloat. This is not likely to be sustained or repeated and in part why we are increasing our membership fees and holding more funds than we normally do as nothing is certain in these times..
- We have more life members
- More important than any of those I have mentioned, no one has had COVID for which I am truly grateful for and hope this continues.
- It has been an honor to be the President of this club and I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me and the committee during this time.

Finally, I would like to wish the new committee all the best for next year.

5.2 Committee reports

Written reports from each Sub-Committee were included in the 2021 Annual Report emailed to Members:

Captain	Rod Threlfall
Women's President	Rosemary Griffin
Women's Captain	Jan Walklate
Sponsorship & Social	Peter Hoskin
Golf Development	Owen Davies
Bar	Tony Lindrea
Course	Lex Johnstone

Take written reports in Annual Report as read. Mr Andrews asked for questions but received none.

Moved: P. Hoskin, **Seconded:** J. Walklate that the Reports be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. Announcement of election results for Committee of Management positions.

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	Peter Hoskin	Owen Davies	Greg Hamilton
Vice Pres.	John White	Rod Threlfall	Rod Jacobs
Secretary	Owen Davies	Lex Johnstone	Rod Threlfall
Treasurer	Jan Walklate	Andrea Minnis	Rosemary Griffin
Captain	Rod Threlfall	Allan Andrews	Owen Davies
Women's President	Rosemary Griffin	Lesley Elvey	Annette Purdy
Women's Captain	Joy Kennedy	Jan Walklate	Lesley Elvey
Course Chair	Lex Johnstone	Denis Jeffrey	Steve Lee

The President congratulated all and wished them all the best for 2022.

7. Resolutions to be considered by the meeting.

Nil.

8. Life Member nominations

Under Club Rules, an Honorary Life Member must be recommended by the Committee and must receive two-thirds of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting.

8.1 Denis Jeffrey

Moved by Lex Johnstone, seconded by Tony Lindrea. Mr Johnstone said: He has put in 40-plus years of dedicated service as President, Course Chair and a number of other roles. Denis was a driving force of several milestones – the course moving from nine to 18 holes, irrigation 1989 and grass greens 1996. His contribution has gone a long way towards our current enjoyment of the course. All projects required time and persistence – looking at photos from that time, the dry, brown paddocks hit home what an achievement it was. On behalf of Club, thank you Denis and congratulations on your nomination.

Denis Jeffrey responded: I'd like to thank Lex/Tony for nomination. I've had a lot of enjoyment at the Club. Thanks everyone for your help and fellowship.

The President formally put the motion. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.2 Ian Kerr

Ballot for Honorary Life Membership of the Club. Ian Kerr was nominated by Sid Spofforth and seconded by Len Rodda. Mr Spofforth outlined Mr Kerr's record as contained in the Notice of Meeting and Annual Report.

Mr Spofforth said Ian had enjoyed fellowship of a lot of members 'and he deserves it'.

Ian Kerr: Thanked Sid and Len. Been a real pleasure to be involved in the club. Loved doing what I'm doing. After a tough time in employment with Telstra, it has been a pleasure to be involved.

The President formally put the nomination and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

While the votes were being tallied, the President addressed the meeting:

The President said it was a great pleasure to welcome Life Members number 10 and 11.

Viewing deck base has turned up at the Club.

Rod Threlfall: Victorian regional restrictions have been eased. Golf resumes on 10/9, members to be given tee time priority. Tee time bookings to be set up.

The Secretary noted the impersonal nature of an online meeting, particularly in years 2020 and 2021 when two Life Members were elected at AGMs. The Club planned a presentation night for all 11 Life Members as soon as restrictions allowed.

9. Meeting Close.

Mr Andrews: Thanks to all who prepared/attended the meeting. Wish new committee well. Officially close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

APPENDIX

Attendance - Axedale Golf Club Annual General Meeting 8 September 2021

Name	Member No.	In person	Online
Brian Retallick	323		
Owen Davies	1150		
Len Rodda	264		
Garry Harrop	56		
Robin Minne	96		
David Ivey	90		
Sue O'Connor	325		
Helen Lindrea	195		
Tony Lindrea	75		
David Lubke	82		
Rosemary Griffin	163		
Phil Brooks	655		
Maureen Connelly	337		
Mandy Hamilton	1172		
Greg Hamilton	1152		
Ian Martin	89		
Helen Martin	203		
Anne Telford	1022		
Rod Threlfall	345		
Hayden Nielsen	245		
Emma O'Connor	1391		
Mark Kesper	1185		
Debbie Kesper	1162		
Trish Shanahan	403		
Peter Hoskin	274		
Rod Jacobs	779		
Sean O'Connor	1049		
Peter Andrew	882		
John White	638		
Russell McGibbon	984		
Peter Warcarba	947		
Rod Connelly	1216		
Anne Robinson	1447		
Stephen Jeffrey	472		
Denis Jeffrey	64		
Jan Walklate	301		
Loretta Prowse	214		
Carmel Jacobs	780		
Stu McGibbon	343		
Allan Andrews	332		
Lex Johnstone	344		
Annette Purdy	215		
David Purdy	1038		
Denis Jeffrey	64		

Peter Elvey	658		
Lesley Elvey	823		
Pam Davies	1151		
Sid Spofforth	401		
Joyce Spoffoth	402		
Joy Kennedy	1137		
Sue Minne	1175		
Ian Kerr	271		
Margaret Kerr	170		
Brian Fry	42		
Jan Fry	168		
Phillip Lethbridge	1430		
Daniel Nancarrow	1018		
John Randles	32		
Megan McPherson	1347		
Garry Day	1312		
Trish Shanahan	403		
David Baillie	1008		
Mark Filan	419		
Peter Warcaba	947		
Glenn Morrison	1240		
Brian Edwards	576		
Stuart Chesher			
Margaret Chesher			
Terry McManus	1107		

PROXIES

Name **Member No** **Proxy** **Member No.**

David Baillie	1008	President	332
Graham Nielsen	102	President	332
Wendy Nielsen	211	President	332
Andrew Watson	513	President	332
Craig Lee	955	Lex Johnstone	344
Peter Thomas	135	President	332

APOLOGIES

Graham Nielsen	102		
Wendy Nielsen	211		
Andrew Watson	513		
Craig Lee	955		
Joel Shrimpton	13		
Andrew Watson	513		
Graeme Rooke	126		
Geoff Robinson	1426		
John Dunn			