



Annual General Meeting – 30 September 2020

Minutes

Conduct of the Meeting

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

The meeting was scheduled for 26 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 by 30 September to allow some form of physical meeting to be held, but that was not allowed.

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 Constitution.

58 Members logged into the meeting and 10 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'.

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 sufficient Members to form a quorum.

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

The President officially declared the meeting open at 7.32pm.

2. Minutes from the previous year's Annual General Meeting held on 21 August 2019.

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

Moved: P. Hoskin, **Seconded:** A. Lindrea 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 was an apology due to urgent family business. Ms Minnis briefed former Treasurer Peter Andrew, who delivered the following address:

The Finance team completed a lot of work to streamline the Club accounts; this had proven successful.

The Club ended up having a 'reasonable year' despite effectively being closed down for three months due to Covid-19 restrictions. The year was 'worse than planned, but better than expected' mainly due to 'willing volunteers' and \$38,000 in Federal and State government emergency payments. The Profit & Loss showed income on par with the previous year, but only because of the \$38,000 and an injection of \$25,000 from new Platinum Sponsor Fosterville Gold.

Club profit was \$34,900 or \$25,000 less than projected. Membership fees were up by \$8000 with an increase of 29 Members over 2019. Green fees were flat even though the course was closed for nearly two months. Collection had been improved through Members voluntarily manning the clubhouse in busy periods. The Club plans to continue this. Competition fees increased by \$8000, largely because of the enthusiastic response to extra competitions run following lockdown.

Grants reduced by \$10,000 despite the \$38,000 Government injection. This was in large part because last year's figures included almost \$50,000 won for the Golfing Pathways project.

Sub-committees all struggled because of lockdown. The Bar contributed \$38,000 (down \$10,000); the Women's Committee \$6000 (down \$3000) and the Social Club \$17,000 (down \$8000).

The balance sheet was healthy with net assets of \$614,000 including asphalt paths, the new scoring system, a new heater and course equipment. Cash at bank was down \$25,000 on last year.

Mr Andrew said uncertainty made future planning difficult. Covid seemed to have sparked a new Member influx, including many juniors, but it remained to be seen how many would be retained once normality resumed. Sponsorship income might also reduce with many businesses facing difficulty. The Club is anticipating income reducing and needs to manage expenses carefully.

There were no questions.

Moved: G. Harrop, **Seconded:** R. McGibbon 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 2020-21.

Category	AGC 2019/20 Fees	Proposed AGC 2020/21 Fees	% increase from 2019/20
Full	500	520	4.0%
Country	250	260	4.0%
Intermediate	270	280	4.0%
6 Months			
Sporting	310	322	4.0%
Seniors (> 75 years)	310	322	4.0%
Junior < 18	50	50	0.0%
Social	20	20	0.0%

The President noted fees had not increased for two years, yet the Club had been able to continue investing in course and amenity improvements, aided by the winning of grants and the addition of Fosterville Gold as Platinum Sponsor.

The Committee would only recommend fee increases when the extra income could be invested in discernible improvements in the golf course and Member amenities. The course renovation program had already begun. The Committee had benchmarked membership fees against like clubs and believed Axedale offered excellent value for the proposed fees.

Mark Kesper believed the fees offered 'excellent value' but pondered whether the Committee might consider a 'one-off contribution' of \$200 per Member given the exceptional circumstances. The President said the Committee would consider such a move 'if needed, but we are not at that stage'.

Moved: P. Andrew, **Seconded:** A. Lindrea that the proposed fee schedule be adopted for season 2020-21. **CARRIED**

5. President's address & Committee reports

5.1 President Allan Andrews

Mr Andrews noted his report had been distributed with the Annual Report and did not propose to repeat his remarks. In an 'extraordinary year', he had been proud of the Committee support for him, the Members' support of the Committee, and the efforts of staff. 'This is a strong, proud Club.'

5.2 Committee reports

Written reports from each Sub-Committee were included in the 2020 Annual Report emailed to Members:

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

Mr Andrews asked for questions but received none.

Moved: P. Hoskin, **Seconded:** H. Martin 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	Allan Andrews	Owen Davies	Greg Hamilton
Vice Pres.	Peter Hoskin	Rod Threlfall	Rod Jacobs
Secretary	Owen Davies	Allan Andrews	Peter Hoskin
Treasurer	Andrea Minnis	Allan Andrews	Peter Hoskin
Captain	Rod Threlfall	Ian Martin	Len Rodda
Women's President	Rosemary Griffin	Helen Martin	Pam Davies
Women's Captain	Jan Walklate	Sue O'Connor	Trish Shanahan
Course Chair	Lex Johnstone	Rod Connelly	Ian Kerr

The President welcomed Rosemary Griffin to the role and thanked outgoing president Helen Martin for her service.

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 Ballot for Honorary Life Membership of the Club. Loretta Prowse has been nominated (H. Martin) and seconded (A. Purdy) and has accepted nomination. The President invited Helen Martin to speak to the nomination:

Mrs Martin outlined Mrs Prowse's official record as outlined in the Agenda and noted she had attracted many Members through running golf clinics. She had also championed women in district golf. 'She loves the Club and we love her,' Mrs Martin concluded.

Mrs Prowse described nomination as 'a great honor' and thanked those who nominated her. 'I have made lifelong friends at the Club and have enjoyed it all.' She thanked Life Member Val Smith for helping start beginner clinics in the 1980s. She thanked 'the girls' who travelled with her to 'far-flung courses' to fly the Axedale flag, and her mixed partners ('They say I've had more partners than Elizabeth Taylor').

Mrs Prowse said her proudest memory was winning the 2012 Division One Pennant as a small club up against the big clubs. Finally, she thanked her family before paraphrasing US President John F. Kennedy: 'Ask not what your Club can do for you, but what you can do for your Club'.

The President put the Nomination as moved and it was carried unanimously.

8.2 Ballot for Honorary Life Membership of the Club. Tony Lindrea has been nominated (G. Harrop) and seconded (D. Lubke) and has accepted nomination. The Committee has reviewed the nomination under the criteria set out in Club Policy and recommends the Meeting elects Tony as an Honorary Life Member.

Mr Harrop said there had been 'no hesitation' in nominating Tony, who had been on General Committee for more than 25 years, had been President twice and served in many other offices.

Mr Lindrea said it was a great honor to be nominated Life Member at a club like Axedale. 'It has been a marvellous place to be involved for the past 40 years'. He paid tribute to the friendly atmosphere and said he and wife Helen had made many friends. Tony thanked those who nominated him and congratulated Loretta before thanking Helen for getting him involved in the Club.

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9. Meeting Close.

In closing, the President described 2020 as 'a proud year', noting the new Captain's Office and scoring system, the proposed viewing deck and the beginning of course renovations as the highlights. 'Next year there will be a lot of changes but we will move through them in an orderly way. I look forward to the clubhouse reopening as Covid restrictions ease.'

Mr Andrews welcomed Loretta and Tony as 'Life Members number eight and nine' and thanked them for their 'long and large contributions'.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm

APPENDIX

Attendance - Axedale Golf Club Annual General Meeting 30 September 2020

Name	Member No.	In person	Online
Brian Retallick	323		
Owen Davies	1150		
Len Rodda	264		
Garry Harrop	56		
Robin Minne	96		
David Yum	145		
Ros Yum	695		
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		
Raye Fleay	147		
Daryl Fleay	329		
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		
Steven Lee	508		
Sean O'Connor	1049		
Peter Andrew	882		
John White	638		
Russell McGibbon	984		
Irene Murdoch	561		
Peter Warcarba	947		
Rod Connelly	1216		
Anne Robinson	1447		
Stephen Jeffrey	472		
Denis Jeffrey	64		
Jan Walklate	301		
Loretta Prowse	214		
Rob Smith	1258		
Carmel Jacobs	780		
Stu McGibbon	343		
Allan Andrews	332		
Lex Johnstone	344		
David Stephens	344		
Robyn Weeks	916		
Ian Logan	1074		
Malcolm Bain	1101		
Don Leversha	72		
Annette Purdy	215		
David Purdy	1038		
Denis Jeffrey	64		
Peter Elvey	658		
Lesley Elvey	823		

