

**MELVILLE GLADES GOLF CLUB (Inc.)**  
**MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS ON THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2011**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOMING ADDRESS**

The President and Chairman, Mr David Pringle declared the meeting open at 7.40pm and called upon the General Manager to read the notice convening the meeting and report the attendance for the meeting as recorded in the attendance register. It was noted that there would be reference notes and visuals displayed on the large screens adjacent to the Board Members table during the meeting.

1.1.1 The President acknowledged the presence of Life Member Dawn Johnston.

**1.2 ATTENDANCE**

The General Manager reported that in accordance with the Notice of Meeting circulated to Members with the 2010 Annual Accounts, The Annual Report handed out tonight and the accompanying notes, all procedures and protocols observed in this meeting are in accordance with the Constitution of Melville Glades Golf Club. The attendance register provided the following numbers of members by category.

Ordinary Members	166
Life members	1
Non-Voting members	3
Apologies	2
<b>TOTAL VOTING</b>	<b>167</b>

In accordance with section 5.6 of the Constitution, which requires 65 members present who are entitled to vote, it was established that there was a quorum. The scrutineer for the evening's ballots was announced to be Bill Heron, Colin Harburn and Tony Italiano, and will be assisted by Jan Pass, Rebecca Smith and Michael Brunswick

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010**

2.1 The following statement was read to the Members and as those present have a copy of the Special Resolution that was presented to the 2010 AGM, it was agreed that the consequential changes to the Constitution were included and the Resolution was approved in its entirety;

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION No. 3** – was presented to the members for the introduction of a Lady Director and included further changes to the constitution if it was adopted. There has been some confusion as to the intent of the Resolution and the Chairman of the Meeting has confirmed that those changes are included in their entirety as follows;

Page 13 Clause 3.1

Delete present Clause and replace with

President – shall be official head of the club and chairman of the Board, presiding at all meetings and functions of the Club Vice President

Finance Director

Captain and Director of Golf

Vice Captain

Course Director

House and Social Director

Director of Lady Members

Passing of this resolution will necessitate the following consequential changes to the Constitution.

Clause 3.3

Last line after Committees delete “and a” and add “including the Lady Members Committee”.

Page 14 Clause 3.4

Add new number 3.4.7 Lady Members Committee represented by Director of Lady Members.

Clause 3.6

4th line after (2) add “consecutive”

Page 15 Clause 3.9

On 2nd last line after “shall be” add “submitted by the Director of Lady Members”

Clause 3.9.1

On the 3rd line after Board add “through the Director of Lady Members”

Clause 3.10.1

Delete present clause and replace with a new rewrite:

“All sub-committees shall conduct their business in accordance with this Constitution and directions of the Board and conform to any By-laws that may be prescribed by the Board”.

Clause 3.12

3rd line after (4) add “consecutive”

Page 17 Clause 3.17

3rd line after (4) add “consecutive”

Clause 3.22

4th line change four (4) to five as Board is now 8

Page 21 New Clause 3.38 and New Heading

Responsibilities of Director of Lady Members

The Director of Lady Members as a member of the Board shall participate in the overall management of the Club.

New Clause 3.39.1

The Director shall be ex officio of the Ladies Members Committee and official representative to the Board in all matters in relation to the Ladies Member Committee and for such other functions as may be conferred upon her by the Board or are as prescribed in the By-laws from time to time or both.

(Re-number all Section Four Clauses and Sub Clauses accordingly e.g. Clause 3.39 becomes 3.40 etc)

That the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting as amended be endorsed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting;

**Moved:** Bill Heron      **Seconded:** Helen Worth      **Carried**

## **2.1 BUSINESS ARISING: Nil**

### **3. RECEIPT OF FINAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

The Chairman asked if there were any questions of the Finance Director and there was the following;

- 3.1** Mark Bonser – his thoughts of the club trading for the year, including the mention of a reduction in Nett Cash, a small profit returned and significant savings made, a reduction in Ordinary Member numbers resulting in less Membership Income, an indication that bar prices needed to, and did increase above CPI. He asked the Board of Management if they would address these issues and how they would overcome them.

**3.1.1** Chairman David Pringle responded and advised that he would be providing an overview of the Strategic Plan later in the meeting and these issues would be addressed at that time

**That the Final Audited Accounts for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 be accepted**

**Moved:** Karyn Mears      **Seconded:** Tony Italiano      **Carried**

### **4. RECEIPT OF PRESIDENT’S AND BOARD MEMBER’S REPORTS**

#### **4.1 VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Mr John Yeudall**

Presented in the 2010 Annual Report

**4.2 CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Mr Peter Doherty**

Presented in the 2010 Annual Report

**4.3 VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Mr Bruce White**

Presented in the 2010 Annual Report

**4.4 DIRECTOR FINANCE REPORT - Mr Kevin Russell**

Presented in the 2010 Annual Report

**4.5 DIRECTOR COURSE REPORT - Mr Rob Smith**

Presented in the 2010 Annual Report

**4.6 DIRECTOR HOUSE REPORT - Mrs Trish Ditz**

Presented in the 2010 Annual Report

**4.7 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr Michael Brunswick**

Presented in the 2010 Annual Report, a question was raised as follows;

**4.7.1** Kevin Hills – what was being done in relation to the Clubhouse Air-Conditioning?

**4.7.1.1** The General Manager responded that the Capital Expenditure for the evaporative air conditioners for the Ladies Locker Room and Kitchen had been approved and installation is due in the next week or two. In relation to the Refrigerated Air-Conditioning in the clubhouse a consulting engineer has been requested to provide a full review of refrigeration and air-conditioning in the club, however no funds have been committed in this year's budget.

**4.7.1.2** The President advised that Capital would be provided to rectify the situation this year.

**4.8 PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr David Pringle**

**4.8.1** The Chairman advised the meeting that during 2010 the club had conducted a Strategic Review and areas such as;

- Course Vision and Strategy
- Membership Strategies
- A Review of the Board Structure
- Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Melville

Were given consideration by the attendees and will be followed up. Further information on some of these will be provided later in the meeting.

The advised that all Directors have provided their reports in the Annual Report and have nothing further to add. The Chairman requested that the reports of the Board of Management be accepted:

**Moved:** Ray Hince

**Seconded:** Nick Jovanou

**Carried**

**5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

**5.1** The Chairman confirmed that the following Board positions had only one nominee and as a result the following members were elected for two years:

**5.1.1 Finance Director – Mr Kevin Russell**

**Proposed** – David Pringle

**Seconded** – Tony Italiano

Elected Unopposed

**5.1.2 Course Director – Mr John Walker**

**Proposed** – Rob Smith

**Seconded** – Peter Doherty

Elected Unopposed

5.1.2.1 The Chairman thanked the outgoing Director, Rob Smith, for his efforts

5.2 As there are two nominations for the position of Director of Lady Members, there will be a ballot to decide who will be elected to this position for a period of two years.

5.2.1 Cheryl Haines

**Proposed** – Valerie Moore                      **Seconded** – Lynda Holmes  
Cheryl spoke to her Nomination

5.2.2 Karyn Mears

**Proposed** – Pam Webber                      **Seconded** – Bill Bagby  
Karyn spoke to her Nomination

5.2.3 The Chairman asked those present to mark their ballots and hold them until the intermission when all votes would be counted.

5.3 In accordance with Clause 3.16.2 of the Constitution, and as there has been no nomination for Director of House and Social, the Board may fill the vacancy at it's next meeting.

5.3.1 The Chairman thanked the outgoing Director, Trish Ditz, for her efforts.

5.4 The Chairman advised that the roles of President, Vice President, Captain and Vice Captain have one more year to run on their terms in office.

## 6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

6.1 The Elected Member for Match had only one Nomination and therefore **John Symonds** was elected for One Year.

6.2 The Elected Member for Finance had only one Nomination and therefore **Bob Thomas** was elected for One Year.

6.3 The Elected Member for the Lady Members Committee had only one Nomination and therefore **Maree Hills** was elected for One Year.

6.4 The Elected Member for Course had only one Nomination and therefore **Alan Taylor** was elected for One Year.

6.5 No Nominations were received for the Elected Member positions in Membership and House and therefore they are declared vacant.

## 7. APPOINTMENTS

7.1 **AUDITORS:** The Chairman stated that it was the decision of the Board to recommend the re-appointment of Shrigley and Associates as the Club's auditors for the year 2011:

**Moved:** Kevin Russell                      **Seconded:** Joe Boros                      **Carried**

7.2 **CLUB PATRON:** The Chairman announced that the Board had recommended that the Mayor of the City of Melville, Mr Russell Aubrey to be Patron of the Club for the ensuing year.

**Moved:** Ken Jones                      **Seconded:** Ray Hince                      **Carried**

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with the Constitution the following Notices of Special Resolution were posted on the noticeboard at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Voting for the Special Resolution will be conducted by means of a Ballot, of which 75% of the votes must be in favour, for the resolutions to be passed. The President asked voting members to retain all ballots for collection at the end of the Special Resolutions.

## **8.1 RESOLUTION No. 1**

The Board proposes that the Constitution be amended to enable those who have attained the age of 18 years to apply for Nine (9) Hole Membership, which would entitle them to course access after 3.30pm Monday to Friday, or at other times on these days as approved by the Match Committee.

### ***Part Two of the Constitution - Membership***

#### ***9 Hole Member – Clause 2.5***

***Introduce new Clause 2.5 and re-number all existing clauses and sub-clauses;***

#### ***New Clause 2.5***

***9 Hole Membership Any Person who has reached the age of 18 years of age may apply for 9 Hole Membership***

***Re-number clauses and sub-clauses so that the current 2.5 becomes 2.5.1 and 2.5.1 becomes 2.5.2 etc.***

### ***Part Four of the Constitution – Fees and Finance***

***Change the percentage of the basic charge as follows;***

#### ***Clause 4.3.5***

***9 Hole Member Forty Five per cent (45%) of the basic charge.***

**8.1.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the proposed 9 Hole Membership.

**8.1.2** The Chairman asked for those to speak For or Against the Special Resolution;

**8.1.2.1** Ray Hince advised that we are not a Social Club and have financial needs like any business, he saw this type of membership as a new concept and that we should use this opportunity to raise revenue. He felt there would be minimal impact to Ordinary Members

**8.1.2.2** Tom Ditz queried the rationale behind the percentage of the Basic Charge and was advised that their course access was limited from Monday to Friday

**8.1.2.3** Mark Bonser asked if the By-Laws would be changed to manage the course access and this was confirmed. Additionally he asked if the same restrictions applied to Senior Members, he was advised that the Senior Members would be able to play casually after 3.30pm, however the Senior 9 Hole Membership category is a separate Resolution to be considered later in the meeting. Managing the number of 9 Hole Members through the By-Laws means that the Board of Management can change them on demand and convey these changes to the members through the notice board.

**8.1.2.3.1** The Chairman advised that this would be monitored closely to ensure the focus remains on sourcing new members instead of a shift in existing members.

**8.1.2.4** The Chairman asked those present to mark their ballot and retain for collection.

## **8.2 RESOLUTION No. 2**

The Board proposes that the Constitution be amended to enable those who have achieved Senior Status with the club who are no longer able to play the full 18 holes, be granted more 9 hole access to the course than is currently available, and that they pay a greater fee for the privilege.

### ***Part Four of the Constitution – Membership - New Clause 4.3.6***

***Introduce new Clause 4.3.6 with the percentage of the basic charge as follows;***

#### ***Clause 4.3.6***

***Senior 9 Hole Member Forty per cent (40%) of the basic charge.***

***Re-Number all sub-clauses so that the current 4.3.6 becomes 4.3.7 etc.***

**8.2.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the proposed Senior 9 Hole Membership.

**8.2.2** The Chairman asked for those to speak For or Against the Special Resolution;

**8.2.2.1** Simon Hird suggested the fees seem very high

**8.2.2.1.1** The General Manager advised that feedback from the attendees of a forum on the subject, suggested that those interested in the category would be willing to pay this if they received the requested access to the course.

**8.2.2.2** The Chairman asked those present to mark their ballot and retain for collection.

### **8.3 RESOLUTION No. 3**

The Board of Management proposes changes to the Constitution that will increase course access for Summer Members, which will be compensated by an increase to subscriptions. The category is currently allowed playing rights from the 1st of November of one year, until the 28th of February in the subsequent year for payment of subscriptions equal to 35% of the Basic Charge. The amendment will allow Summer Members to have playing rights from the 1st of October of one year, until the 28th of February in the subsequent year for payment of subscriptions equal to 45% of the Basic Charge.

#### ***Part Four Fees & Finance - Clause 4.3 - Annual Subscriptions***

##### ***Amend Clause to read***

#### ***4.3.4 Summer Member Forty-Five per cent (45%) of the basic charge***

**8.3.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the proposed Summer Membership.

**8.3.2** The Chairman asked for those to Speak for or Against the Special Resolution;

There were none, so the Chairman asked those present to mark their ballot and retain for collection.

### **8.4 RESOLUTION No. 4**

The Board of Management proposes changes to the Constitution that will allow better timing for notification of Annual General Meetings, and the information that is provided to Members in advance of these meetings. Currently members are required to receive the notice of meeting 21 days prior to every Annual General Meeting and the Board does not propose to change this. Information relevant to business conducted at the Annual General Meeting such as Election of Office Bearers and Special Resolutions etc, are also to be provided by 5pm, 21 Days prior to the Annual General Meeting, which means that they cannot all be included in the mailing. The changes sought, are to provide sufficient time to copy and collate information that it is felt all members should receive in their notification.

#### ***Part One - Clause 1.6 Definitions and Interpretation***

##### ***“Special Resolution in the Act”***

***Change to;***

***“at least Twenty Eight (28) Days prior to the date of the General Meeting”***

#### ***Part One - Clause 1.11.1 Amendments to the Constitution***

***Change to;***

***“at least Twenty Eight (28) Days prior to the date of the General Meeting”***

#### ***Part Three - Management Section Two - Election & Nomination for Members of the Board***

***Clause 3.16 – Change to;***

***3.16 Nominations for members of the Board shall be in writing and signed by two ordinary members eligible to vote and the nominee, and must be in the***

**hands of the General Manager at least twenty eight (28) days prior to the Annual General Meeting**

**3.16.1 A list of members nominated for election for office, arranged in alphabetical order and indicating the retiring members, shall be displayed by being affixed to the notice-board for a period of not less than Twenty One (21) days immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.**

**Part Three; Management – Section Three - Responsibilities and Powers of the Board**

**Clause 3.23 – Change to;**

**Annual Budget**

**3.23 The Board shall cause to be prepared a budget of projected income and expenditure in advance of each financial year. An explanatory summary of the budget and any subsequent variations thereto shall be placed on the notice-board for the information of the General Body of members at least twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.**

**Part Four - Section One (Fees & Subscriptions)**

**Clause 4.18.2 – Change to;**

**4.18.2 The notice proposing such a levy shall be prominently displayed on the notice board for at least twenty one (21) days before the scheduled meeting and shall clearly state the reason for making it, including a resume of the current financial status of the Club.**

**8.4.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the proposed changes to the Constitution.

**8.4.2** The Chairman asked for those to Speak for or Against the Special Resolution;

**8.4.2.1** Mark Bonser indicated that Clause 3.22 that was renumbered from 3.23 in the Special Resolution was presumptive and should remain as Clause 3.23.

**8.4.2.1.1** The Chairman asked for a show of hands from those present to amend the Special Resolution.

**That the Special Resolution be re-worded and mention clause 3.23 instead of 3.22**

**Moved;** Mark Bonser

**Seconded:** Kevin Russell

**Carried**

**8.4.2.2** Kevin Hills – Question why the Directors Reports are not mailed to Members

**8.4.2.2.1** General Manager – Answered that costs and printer delays can cause problems, however 2012 notices will include a Newsletter containing all Director reports.

**8.4.3** The Chairman asked those present to mark their ballot for the Special Resolution with the amendment and retain for collection.

## **8.5 RESOLUTION No. 5**

### **CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A DIRECTOR OF LADY MEMBERS**

The Board proposes that the Constitution be amended to allow for the introduction of a Director of Lady Members.

**Part Three; Management - Section One; Structure Clause 3.3**

**Remove reference to –**

**“including the Lady Members Committee”**

**Clause 3.4.7 – Amend to read**

**3.4.7 The Lady Members Committee chaired by the Director of Lady Members.**

**Part Three; Management - Clause 3.5**

**Amend to read**

**3.5 The other members of these Committees (Except the Lady Members Committee) may be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the relevant Committee chairman from other Club members who, in the opinion of the Management Committee, can give special services or knowledge.**

**Part Three; Management - Clause 3.9 - Amend to read**

**3.9 Other than the election of the Director of Lady Members, the financial Lady members shall have the power to elect their own Committee and arrange all affairs relating to the management and administration of golf activities for female members of the Club but only in accordance with this Constitution and as prescribed in the By-Laws from time to time. Any rules adopted by the Lady Members Committee in the exercise of such powers shall be submitted by the Director of Lady Members to the Board for approval.**

**Part Three; Management - Clause 3.39 - Amend to read**

**3.39 The Director of Lady Members shall chair the Lady Members Committee and participate in the overall management of the club.**

**3.39.1 The Director of the Lady Member's Committee shall be the official representative to the Board in all matters in relation to the Lady Members Committee and for such other functions as may be conferred upon her by the Board or are as prescribed in the By-laws from time to time or both.**

**8.5.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the proposed changes to the Constitution.

**8.5.2** The Chairman asked for those to Speak for or Against the Special Resolution;

**8.5.2.1** Mark Bonser indicated that changes to Clause 3.52 should read 3.5, and 3.38 that was renumbered from 3.39 in the Special Resolution was presumptive and should remain as Clause 3.39.

**8.5.2.1.1** The Chairman asked for a show of hands from those present to amend the Special Resolution.

**That the Special Resolution be re-worded and mention clause 3.5 not 3.5.2, and 3.39 instead of 3.38 and numbering amended as required.**

**Moved;** Mark Bonser

**Seconded:** Simon Hird

**Carried**

**8.5.3** The Chairman asked for those to Speak for or Against the Special Resolution;

**8.5.3.1** Jess Spencer advised that in her dealings with the Department of Commerce she has been advised that there is minimal focus on the numbering, rather on the content of the Special Resolutions.

**8.5.3.2** Ray Hince spoke to the inclusion of a Director of Lady Members and felt that it was a great step forward for the club.

**8.5.4** The Chairman asked those present to mark their ballot for the Special Resolution with the amendment and retain for collection.

## **8.6 RESOLUTION No. 6 - General Housekeeping**

The Board proposes that the Constitution be amended to update minor discrepancies and remove duplicate information.

**Part Three; Management - Section Two Clause 3.14**

**Delete entire clause and replace with new clause;**

**3.14 The Term of Office for all Directors, shall be for two years, when existing Directors are eligible to re-nominate**

**Part Three; Management - Section Two - Clause 3.17**

**Duplicated**

**3.17 Remove entire clause – duplicate of clause 3.12**  
**Renumber all clauses between the current 3.18 to 3.41 to reflect the removal of clause 3.17**

**Management Committee's Clause 3.4.3**

**Clause 3.4.3 – Amend to read**

**3.4.3 The Match Committee chaired by the Captain and Director of Golf**

**Clause 3.4.5 – Amend to read**

**3.4.5 The House Committee chaired by the Director House and Social**

**8.6.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the proposed changes to the Constitution.

**8.6.2** The Chairman asked for those to Speak for or Against the Special Resolution;

There were none, so the Chairman asked those present to mark their ballot and retain for collection.

**8.7 RESOLUTION No. 7 - Sub Junior Membership – to reflect current practices**

The Board proposes that the Constitution be amended to allow for Sub-Juniors to be members in their own right.

**Part Two – Membership – Clause 2.9 Sub-Juniors**

**Delete entire clause and replace with new clause;**

**2.9 Any person who is over the age of 9 years and under the age of 12 years may apply to be admitted as a sub junior member.**

**8.7.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the proposed changes to the Constitution.

**8.7.2** The Chairman asked for those to Speak for or Against the Special Resolution;

There were none, so the Chairman asked those present to mark their ballot and retain for collection.

**9. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

Members were notified that Notices of Motion may be decided by a show of hands unless 10 Voting Members Present wish for a poll to be conducted.

**9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION No. 1 - Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Melville**

The property adjacent to the club that encompasses the old tip site, parklands and sports playing fields, has been earmarked to be considered for development, so the Board proposes that the Melville Glades Golf Club enter a non-binding agreement to establish the needs of it's members during the consultation process that the City of Melville will be undertaking with local residents and other sporting bodies. As the major tenant, it is deemed imperative that during all facets of the information gathering process and potential development, the best interest of members of the club are considered. This will be accomplished by agreeing in principle to investigate options.

**That the Melville Glades Golf Club Board of Management enter a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Melville, to act on behalf of the Members during the consultation process that will occur when considering options for the land that adjoins the golf course.**

**9.1.1** The General Manager read the Board statement and provided information on the in principle agreement with the City of Melville.

**9.1.2** The Chairman indicated that the club was in a unique position of being able to significantly reduce debt and achieve some potential assets, if it was to take

advantage of the City of Melville's intention to develop the surrounding land and possibly swap some of the course for a new course development on the old rubbish tip. Consideration may be given to amalgamation with other sporting facilities in the area, or developing a Country Club style of operation if it was the wishes of the members. The first step was to agree by way of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Melville to investigate the opportunities. He noted that the Board were in agreeance, however as this is a Notice of Motion, the Members will decide if it is their intention to proceed.

**9.1.3** The Chairman asked for those to Speak For or Against the Notice of Motion;

**9.1.3.1** Ray Hince – he was in agreeance with the proposal as the Club appeared to be marking time over many recent years, and this appeared to be an opportunity for it to control it's own destiny. He felt this was a great opportunity and would ensure the club's survival.

**9.1.3.2** John Scott – indicated he had nothing against the Notice of Motion, however he advised that in his experience there were many dangers of using landfill and the Club's Board of Management should ensure care was taking if it proceeded.

**9.1.3.3** Mark Bonser – considered the Strategic Direction of the club to be of importance along with the Landfill issues that were previously discussed, given the current financial status of the club, serious consideration should be given to the associated costs of development, however if this was a good long term strategy it would ensure the long term viability of the club.

**9.1.3.4** Jess Spencer – feels that the Club's Objects are to conduct a golf club and indicated the potential for a financial impost on the members that was not wanted.

**9.1.4** The Chairman advised that the Notice of Motion was to be decided on a show of hands, unless 10 members present wanted a ballot, and a show of hands was agreed upon.

**9.1.5** The Notice of Motion was;

**Moved:** David Pringle                      **Seconded:** John Yeudall                      **Carried.**

**9.2** Notice of Motion No. 2 was withdrawn prior to the meeting

## **10. GENERAL BUSINESS, OF WHICH APPROPRIATE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:**

**10.1** A question with Notice was provided to the Board of Management prior to the Meeting, however the member received an appropriate response and withdrew it from the Agenda.

**8.50pm the Chairman suspended Standing Orders and the Meeting was adjourned while votes were tallied.**

**9.20pm the Chairman re-convened the Meeting, while the voting continued.**

**10.2 General Business:** The Chairman provided Members with an Audio Visual presentation of outcomes from the Strategic Review and discussed the following;

**10.2.1** The Strategic Review suggested that consideration be given to

- Corporate and Board Governance –
  - a Review of Board positions would be undertaken and many alternatives are under consideration
- Course Vision and Strategy –
  - a Greens Replacement program has commenced after a Greens Condition Report provided data on the age and condition of a number of Melville Glades Greens that require replacement
  - Water Management is an issue that we can either be involved with, or be dictated to on, and the reticulation system is included for a major overhaul in the coming years
  - Native Flora Strategy will encompass a tree management program and assist with the introduction of native species that assist with water management and provide a localised focus on our flora

**10.2.2** The Chairman advised that the Board had endorsed the appointment of the Club's Course Designer Phil Jacob's who has provided some design drawings for the Powerpoint presentation.

**10.2.2.1** The presentation gave the members a brief design overview of the 15<sup>th</sup>, along with an overhead photograph superimposed with the proposed changes to the existing hole.

**10.2.2.2** Following the 15<sup>th</sup> Hole information, the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole was also profiled with relevant changes to this hole, particularly the removal of the water hazard, outlined in detail for Member information.

**10.2.3** The Chairman introduced the Course Director, Rob Smith who also spoke to a Presentation that was outlined on the screens.

**10.2.3.1** Mr Smith spoke to a slide that outlined the Factors that attributed to the reasons that the water hazard was to be removed, namely

**10.2.3.1.1** The liner is 35 years old and the damage is extensive and the cost of replacement would be equivalent to that of a new green.

**10.2.3.1.2** Water is being pumped into the pond to retain a reasonable presentation, however this may not be an option if our water allocation is reduced.

**10.2.3.1.3** The Green is the oldest in the club and is in very poor health as evidenced by the condition it was in during the Summer months.

**10.2.3.2** The Members Survey was discussed and during the evaluation process, it became apparent that many comments were emotive and many of these were incorrect. It is not a natural wetland and the green and pond condition make it impossible to retain it in it's current form

**10.2.3.3** The Board of Management agreed that some practical considerations needed to be made regarding the hole, with water consumption being a major factor, for the 17<sup>th</sup> hole as well as the rest of the golf course. The Design provided by Phil Jacobs provides for all of the practical considerations.

**10.2.3.4** The removal of trees is required in the upgrade and Rob outlined the reasons for this, including the damage that the shade causes the turf, particularly the green. The course is covered in a ration of 70% to 30% by trees over turf area, so there remains many trees on the course which are removed only as a final resort.

**10.2.3.4.1** Rob finished on an aerial photograph of the 17<sup>th</sup> hole that showed that there was minimal opportunity for members to see the ball flight and he felt that it was extremely difficult for players to see balls land in the water, which was a rule of golf.

**9.40pm Standing Orders were again suspended, while the ballot results were read;**

## **11. RESULTS**

**11.1** The Chief Scrutineer provided the results of the ballots to the Chairman, who requested that the General Manager read those results:

<b>Agenda Item 5.2</b>	Director of Lady Members	C Haines	124 (57.4%)	<b>Elected by Majority</b>	
	Director of Lady Members	K Mears	92 (42.6%)		
<b>Agenda Item 8.1</b>	9 Hole Membership	For	166 (76.1%)	Against 52 (23.9%)	<b>Won</b>
<b>Agenda Item 8.2</b>	Senior 9 Hole Membership	For	179 (86.9%)	Against 27 (13.1%)	<b>Won</b>
<b>Agenda Item 8.3</b>	Summer Membership	For	165 (81.7%)	Against 37 (18.3%)	<b>Won</b>
<b>Agenda Item 8.4</b>	Timing of Member Notices	For	192 (95%)	Against 10 (5%)	<b>Won</b>
<b>Agenda Item 8.5</b>	Lady Member Changes	For	190 (94.1%)	Against 12 (5.9%)	<b>Won</b>
<b>Agenda Item 8.6</b>	Constitution Changes	For	200 (98.6%)	Against 3 (1.4%)	<b>Won</b>
<b>Agenda Item 8.7</b>	Sub Junior Members	For	188 (92.6%)	Against 15 (7.4%)	<b>Won</b>

**11.2** The Chairman thanked the Scrutineers for their assistance

**9.45pm The Meeting was re-convened at General Business**

**10.2.4** The Chairman thanked Rob Smith for his insightful report on the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole proposal.

**10.2.5** The Chairman advised those present that the concepts provided by the Course Designer and talked to previously have been unanimously supported by the existing Board of Management and will be put forward at the next Board Meeting for the incoming Board's consideration and approval.

**10.2.6** Facilities Vision – the Chairman spoke of the club's needs other than the golf course and in the Strategic Review's view, the following required consideration;

- Buggy Storage does not meet the current demand and a review of costs associated with power usage is under way to assist with a full analysis of returns from buggy storage.
- The current problems associated with the age of the clubhouse equipment highlights the need for ongoing refurbishment and a major overhaul has been included in the 20 year strategic plan in 2022, as the building life will have been reached by this time.
- The vista of the golf course needs to be enhanced from the clubhouse and this will be a consideration in this Vision

**10.2.7** Membership and Financial Strategies

- The most important issue facing the golf club is increasing and maintaining member numbers in our core categories. The 20 Year cashflow analysis includes a 3.5% increase in subscriptions each year and this will be achieved only if the membership increases by an average of 20 Ordinary 6 Day Members over the coming 5 years and this increase is maintained.
- Further to comments by a member earlier in the meeting, the President advised the meeting that he was confident that these projections could be reached and that the club is viable. The emphasis for analysing the club should be made on Membership and existing members are encouraged to bring more people to the club to ensure this viability.
- Opportunities like the discussions that will be taking place with the City of Melville are vitally important to the club and the potential to reduce existing debt, fund reticulation upgrades and improved facilities will provide the club with a better outlook for the future.

**10.2.8** The Chairman asked those present if there were questions that members would like answered prior to the meeting closure and there were the following;

**10.2.8.1** David Endicott asked if the Levy was going to continue as the initial life was to be 3 or 4 years.

**10.2.8.1.1** The Chairman advised that he could not give an answer to when it would be removed, the club needed sufficient member numbers to allow the levy to be removed.

**10.2.8.1.2** The Finance Director advised that if the levy was removed, the potential for this to become part of the subscriptions meant that it would increase by the CPI, whereas while it was a fixed fee, it would not increase.

**10.2.8.2** Jess Spencer felt that the Strategy for the Future may not be the wishes of all members, additionally the structural changes to the Board of Management may mean that the traditions developed over years may fall by the wayside and the inducting and grooming of new potential Director's for replacement may not continue. She considered the decisions on the course were not considerate of members requests, in particular the fact that the members wanted a water hole.

**10.2.8.2.1** The Chairman responded and advised that the changes to the Board would not occur unless the Members wanted them to, as this required a vote by Members, and the constitution would be abided by in the future. He also advised that the Board would continue to be open and honest about course changes, as evidenced by tonight's presentation and valuable information provided by the Course Director.

**10.2.8.3** John Gilmour was unhappy that the course had deteriorated over Summer, but during the past months it had been pampered for the

State Amateur event. He felt that the members should get priority and that other courses did not suffer as badly as Melville Glades

**10.2.8.3.1** The Chairman suggested that the age and condition of the greens was a major contributor and the Board of Management had indicated that the greens would be replaced as a priority as funds permitted.

**10.2.8.4** Kevin Hills advised that he had an application to go to Absentee for three months rejected after a knee replacement operation, and he was aware that other applications in the past had been approved.

**10.2.8.4.1** The Chairman advised that due to the number of application of this type, and the financial impact they had on the club, the current Board of Management will only consider applications that comply with the Constitution and that his did not.

**10.2.8.5** Bill Bagby asked if the prize for a Nearest the Pin could be a physical prize instead of an allocation to members wallets.

**10.2.8.5.1** The Chairman advised that the Match Committee would consider this, however members generally wished to use winnings as they wished, which was provided for in the wallet.

**10.2.8.6** Tom Ditz advised the meeting that he had been a member for over 30 years and he felt that comments by John Gilmour were incorrect, and that a comparison with another course was not appropriate as the rounds of golf played in the course in question was approximately half of those played here. He advised that he was 100% behind the Board and felt the course condition was the best it had been for a number of years.

## **12. CLOSURE**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance then declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm and invited members to join in refreshments and fellowship.

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**Mr David Pringle**  
President