

**RIVERINA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT MEETING**

Held **10am on SUNDAY February 27 2022**

At Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club

MINUTES

Welcome: President Trish Gray declared the meeting open at 10am and welcomed delegates.

ATTENDANCE:

Trish Gray,(Pres). Judy Kroek, (Sec, WWCC). Jan McGilvray, Sameera Bashir, Narrandera. Marg Hogan, Janelle Doust, T Quinn, Wagga City. Julie Colman, Thurgoona. Carol McGrath, The Rock. Jane Yates, Henty. Christine Harrison, Leeton. Chris Cunial, Griffith. Carolyn Martin, Margaret Naseby, Coleambally. Virginia Ebert, Jindera. Margaret Playford, Corowa.

APOLOGIES:

Karen Grant,(Treasurer). Heather Lowe, Culcairn, Sandra Mellen Wagga City, Sandy Newton, Henty. Ann Webber, Ganmain. Chris Spokes, Holbrook. Jan Bye, Comm Albury. Teresa Waters, Walwa. Gail O'Halloran, Life Member. Karen Hilton, Coolamon. Helen Foster, Howlong. Julie Sleight, Kathleen Williams, Jerilderie. Alison Jardine, Hillston. Sharon Pyle, Finley. Ilma Clarke, Corryong.

It was moved by Chris Cunial, Seconded Carol McGrath that the Apologies be accepted.

CONFIRM MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING held on 31/10/2021

The minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record. Moved by Janelle Doust and seconded by Carolyn Martin

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Margaret Naseby, Coleambally confirmed that the Sandgreens Championships are to be held on Thursday 26th May 2022, not 27th as mentioned in the December Minutes.
- The Open Championships at Leeton in 2023 are to go ahead. Plans for the Clubhouse have been drawn up, hope to have it built by the end of this year. Will be held in September, second or third week. The Leeton Committee and the Greenkeeper have been notified.
- State of Play for RWGA and WRDGA was summarised by President Trish
 - Western Clubs are still a part of RWGA until the end of June as they have paid their affiliation fees. To affiliate with RWGA after they leave it will be \$500 per club (maximum) or \$5 per player if paying individually.
 - Western Region clubs can still play the Sandgreen Championship but the Foursomes and the Open will be after the cutoff date.
 - WRDGA AGM is being held today. After that we should have certainty about the future of RWGA.
 - Zones options are unclear. Now that we only have two zones, Central and East, we need to decide whether it is worth having zones? It might be better to combine for Championship events as we have done with Pennant.
 - RWGA is to stay united.
 - The impact of travel for Championships has lessened without the West zone.
 - More discussion of RWGA structure at the next meeting.

Correspondence Inward Nov 2021 – Feb 2022

- Invoice from LogicBox for website hosting and upgrade \$1760
- Numerous member club Pennant/contact/tournament replies

- Survey results
- Letter of thanks from Elizabeth Graham, Griffith
- Golf NSW, numerous, Covid related issues
- Resignation from RWGA letters from Deniliquin, Finley, Berrigan and Hay
- Email from Jerilderie re affiliation with WRDGA and dual affiliation with RWGA
- Replies from Hillston, Goolgowi, Griffith confirming affiliation with RWGA
- RWGA resignation from Liz Plunkett, Holbrook
- Various website update request emails
- Email from Linda Terry NEDGA Women's Golf Operations Co-ordinator re Pennant

Correspondence Outward Nov 2021 – Feb 2022.

- Letter to Cade Web re Working Party delegates for Western Zone negotiations
- Letter to NEDGA Victoria – Jackie Surman Secretary
- Letter to Coleambally Golf Club re sandgreens and grant application
- Email to Albury, Thurgoona and Howlong clubs with summary of conversation with Linda Terry NEDGA
- Letter to Bendigo Bank re bank signature/access changes
- Letters to Clubs re Affiliation with RWGA
- Forward various Golf NSW emails to club secretaries.

The letter from NEDGA was read out. It is a good result that NEDGA will be holding their Pennant on a Friday from next year.

It was moved by Sameera Bashir and seconded by Christine Harrison that the Correspondence be accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trish presented the report as Karen is an apology.

Balance of cheque account is: \$11,783.72

Two Term Deposits of \$10,000 each.

Question from Christine Harrison about Her Sport Her Way money as listed in the report. \$200 for Leeton paid to Jason Mimmo. Christine to find out when the program was held as the ladies did not know anything about it.

It was moved by Julie Colman and seconded by Margaret Naseby that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

EXECUTIVE AND MATCH COMMITTEE: Trish Gray

- Update on Re-zoning of RWGA: Management Structure/Delegates for Zones- Election Process/Constitution rewrite, etc
- The Beryl Kennedy and Rudd Allen Competitions have been updated on website
- The NSW Golf District Medal Play off will be held at Wagga City on Monday 10 October 2022
- SWLGA v RWGA to be held at Young on Monday 6 June. Same DivisionS for 2022 but very interested in exploring further RWGA suggestion of widening the handicap range. SWLGA suggest 1 Division Scratch, 2 Divisions Handicap up to 30. 6 players in each – Discuss more in Young.
- **Championships: Sandgreens** at Coleambally, Thursday, 26 May. **Foursomes** at Narrandera, Friday, 8 July. **Open Amateur** at Corowa, 22, 23, 24 August and will include a 54 hole Competition for Divisions 6 and 7. The two Division will be combined for this prize. Division 6 will be or playing handicaps on the host course of 30 plus.
- Fixtures Cycle – yet to be finalised. In the process of confirming 2023 events.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

SWLGA and RWGA – changes suggested for 2023 to be discussed at Young on Monday June 6.

Affiliation Fees to be paid by July 31st. That will allow two weeks to chase up late payers before the Championships at Corowa on August 22, 23, 24.

Fees for RWGA will be \$3 per player. All members. No provision for those to do not play away.

Affiliation from out of District players will be \$5 each or \$500 maximum per Club. All due at July 31st. Add affiliation information to Foursomes and Championships forms. Match Committee to look at wording on Forms. Eg. Tick Box? Paid By? When all settled in Western Zone, send a letter to Clubs who have left with information on affiliation and what they will need to do to play in RWGA Championship events.

Vets Age Groups

Much discussion held re Vets Golf and whether we need/want to align with NSW ages. Check regulations. Should we change back to 50 and 65 to match State and Australian Vets and Senior Vets? RWGA is currently 55 years and 70 years.

Motion: That RWGA bring Veterans age groups in line with NSW VWGA which is 50 years for Vets and 65 years for Senior Vets. Moved by Carolyn Martin, seconded by Virginia Ebert. Motion carried.

Pennant 2022

Marg Hogan reported that Pennant documents are on the Website. Lunch information is clear in Procedures document. Secretary to send list of Pennant Contacts to everyone. First hosting club gives info to teams regarding lunch and cart hire.

Survey Results

Survey results were sent to all clubs. Leeton will liaise with council to retain the current charge of \$14 Green Fees per day per player for Championships in 2023. Thurgoona was a no to a three day event, though it might be possible in the future. Welcomes one day events.

RWGA Trophies

These will be stored at Secretary, Judy Kroek's, house for the foreseeable future.

Champion of Champions

A question was asked regarding the Champion of Champions event for 2020 and 2021 RWGA Championships. As the Club Champions for these years have not had the opportunity to play for the Champion of Champions prize for the past two years because of Covid-19 cancellations it was requested that those champions be able to be included in the event for 2022. There was a large amount of discussion, both for and against, and then a motion was put forward.

Motion: That we **do not** include past Club Champions in the Champion of Champions Trophy at the 2022 Riverina Championships. Only the current Club Champion is able to play.

Moved by Julie Colman, seconded by Marg Hogan.

Motion Carried

The Captain of each Club is responsible for confirming who is the Club Champion from each Club.

Sandgreens

Sandgreens will aim for an 8am start. A maximum field of 60 players.

Match Committee suggested that the Draw be modified.

i.e. normally a seeded draw but depending on numbers/handicap ranges Draw may need to combine A's with top B's and C's with lower B's to help the field move more quickly.

Need to work on this when number and handicaps are known. A 30 minute delay at half time was also suggested .

Play in groups of four to allow 2 players to move off when required.

Marg and Trish to look at Sandgreen nomination form and other information.

Next Meeting

The next Delegates Meeting will be May 15 at 10am at Lockhart.

The Meeting closed at 12.15pm