MINUTES OF THE BALLARAT GOLF CLUB INC

123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

ON MONDAY 26th of March 2018

Present:

President John King (President and Chairman) and 43 members as per the register of attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:05PM with the President welcoming all members noting in particular the Board members present, senior management and staff, Life Members Phil Trevenen and Heather Brauman and members of the ladies committee.

Michael Phillips - General Manager - reading the notice of the meeting.

Apologies:

Maxine Berry, Lesa Gray, Cameron Bryce, Jenny Forbes, Ian Forbes, Sue Howie, Jan Livingstson, Jill Dunne and Maryanne Carr.

Moved: J Jones **Seconded:** P Murphy that apologies be accepted. **Carried.**

The President asked for the confirmation of the minutes of The Annual General Meeting held 3rd of April, 2017
Moved: R Jones **Seconded**: W Thomas. Carried.

The President asked for the confirmation of the minutes of The Special General Meeting held 4th of December 2017
Moved: L King **Seconded**: R Jones. Carried.

Adoption of Annual Report:

The President presented the Annual Report and spoke to his report as presented noting in particular the focus of the Board on the Clubs Strategic Plan, the ongoing course works in consultation with Thomson-Perrett and the plans for the Clubhouse redevelopment and the application for 6 new gaming machines that was seen as a necessary move forward to enable the Club to better fund it's proposed stage 1 clubhouse works.
He noted also the improvement in our membership position following the introduction of the new membership category structure approved by members at the last AGM and the increased numbers of ladies participating on Wednesdays, the open timesheets on Saturday and the hope for more ladies on the Board in the very near future.
He noted the success of the Futures and ALPG tournaments held during the year and that the BGC was the premier venue for events and meetings in Ballarat.
He closed his report thanking James Coghlan for his contribution to the Board as he was standing down at the end his three year terms and thanked all of the members for the opportunity to serve as President and

The President then asked Captain Jason Sims to present his report.

The Captain spoke to his report as published in Annual Report noting some of the highlights had been meeting and playing with new members – particularly the juniors – and congratulated all those members who had won Club Championships and the juniors who had won monthly medals. He thanked the Board and members for allowing him the privilege of serving as Captain and his pride in serving in the role.

The President then asked Paul Foley – Finance Director - to present the Finance Report.

The Finance Director referred to his full report contained in the Annual Report and encouraged all to read it in detail. He noted that there was an error in an early copy of the report in that the Balance sheet had shown an understated figure in retained earnings and asked that page numbers be included in next years finance reports for ease of reference.
He highlighted in particular that the additional gaming machines being sought would provide the Club with potential tax advantages and that within the report notable items included the $100K from TGS, the expenditure on the Thomson Perrett course improvement program and the substantial costs incurred in the repair of the main dam wall and the final result of $171K surplus.

In closing he asked for questions noting that he was more than willing to take questions at the conclusion of the meeting should members prefer. None were forthcoming.

The President asked that members Receive and Adopt the Annual Report, Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet for 2017. **Move**d: W Hines **Seconded:** P Trevenen. Carried.

He then asked Michael Phillips – General Manager – to read the items of Special business and noted that the changes were made after feedback received concentrating on junior ages, changing the category of COLT to a gender neutral name and introducing a 6 day Junior category.

Michael Dunne **moved** that al items of Special Business be consider as one. **Seconded**: R Jones and carried.

M Phillips then read all motions which were then moved by G Anders Seconded: J Sims. Speakers for and against the motions were then sought.

John Carr asked which members were eligible to vote.
M Dunne responded explaining that the members who are included in Schedule 2 under the "general body" within the Rules had voting rights while those listed as "other membership" did not.

P Trevenen stated that the Board should speak in favour of the motion given that it was it which was putting the motion to members.
G Anders responded that the Board was presenting these to members and it believed the presented greater membership opportunities and the potential to grow the Sunday competition profile and the gender neutral naming change spoke for itself given the Clubs aims in this area.
J Sims noted that he supported the proposal as they supported and enhance a more inclusive club.
J King noted that the change to the junior categories would ease the burden on parents of school aged children who wished to play golf.

J King then put the motion to members. **Moved**: M Dunne. **Seconded:** K Wagner Carried unanimously.

The President thanked the members for their support of the motions and then opened general business and called for questions from the floor.

- P Trevenen asked where the range of Young Adult membership categories appeared in the rules and as they did not was the Board therefore in a position to set rates and privileges of these memberships. Considerable discussion ensued with M Phillips noting that P Trevenen had raised the same questions last year however the motions put in relation to these changes had been approved by the members at that meeting and J King noting that this would be further examined.
- G Butcher asked when the crooked light stand in the circular driveway was to be fixed as it had been bent for some considerable time. J King said he would investigate.
- G Butcher asked why the normal Tuesday competitions could not be played due to the course being taken over twice per year by the Taxi golf day and twice per year by the veterans. Bill King noted that Taxi golf throughout Victoria was always played on Tuesdays and scheduled well in advance. M Phillips noted that these events did not close the course all day – only the mornings. J King stated that the Board would discuss with and examine the possibility of having these groups changing the days.
- R Brauman asked why Saturday team's events were reduced – from 9 in 2016, 10 n 2017 to 6 in 2018 noting that they were good events to bring visitors to the Club for. J Sims responded that the decision by match had been taken to move team events to Sunday but that this would again be examined for next year.
- R Brauman referred to the slow play on Saturdays and referenced the appropriate rule stating asking who was responsible to enforce and stating that there were occasions on some Saturdays with 3 clear holes between groups. J Sims replied that match was ultimately responsible but that he believed the flow of play and overall pace was generally acceptable. J King noted he believed Saturdays were kept moving and that he had never seen a 3 hole gap on Saturdays.
- B Widdison asked why the Powell trophy was played at the end of the year when a number of similar events were scheduled and suggested that this time of the year may be better. J Sims responded that the schedule for 2019 was being examined at present and this was one item being considered.
- Bob Widdison noted that at the previous AGM he had asked if the distribution of Board minutes to members could be arranged and that nothing had happened. J King said that this would be re-visited and M Phillips noted that all questions raised at the last AGM had been complied and responded to and all members advised via email. B Widdison then suggested that either the Board must have something to hide or the meetings were a waste of time. J King responded that this was certainly not the case.
- Ron Clark stated that the bunkers are a problem and need attention. Many lacking sand and being inconsistent. J King noted that this is being addressed but that bunkers did generally vary across and

within courses.

- Ron Clark asked about a dedicated member's area and that at times seating was limited to outdoors. J King responded that this has been under discussion / consideration for years but that there was limited ability to fund this at this point in time stating that it was a rare event that members had nowhere to sit.
- B Widdison asked why the smoking areas were as they were as this also limited the areas that members had available to them for seating. M Phillips responded noting that there was always room available in doors for members.
- B Widdison asked why these can't be changed given the small amount of smoking members. J King responded that changing the areas was difficult due to legislative requirements for separation and also in consideration of visitors including non-golfers to the Club.
- P Murphy asked how can we make the Sunday mixed comps bigger / better and suggested that they should they be more widely advertised to other Clubs. J Sims responded that Match is trying to build the Sunday competitions. J King noted that as Saturdays filled Sunday comps would become larger also.
- J Carr asked about extending the slats on the pergola area to provide greater shade. J King responded that this would be examined.
- J Carr asked if the designated areas were non-eating and if this was being policed. M Phillips designated smoking areas are non-eating but that people may choose to eat in them and the Club could only point out that it was a non-eating zone however the smoking areas must clearly be identified.
- M Bibby asked if anything was being done to improve the air conditioning as there were often times when the temperature was either too hot or too cold and he knew of a number of people who would not attend the club due to this issue. J King and M Phillips responded noting that this problem was acknowledged and that a number of changes had been made to the system and that a new business had been contracted for its maintenance and that these changes had seen some improvements and while generally the system was not ideal for the building options were limited due to cost and the system itself.
- P Trevenen noted that over the past few years a number of changes had been made to both the format and eligibility requirements to play in / win a Club Championship and asked if the rules / requirements were in place for next year to ensure that no confusion was in place with members noting further that in the past members who played predominately at other Club has played and been welcomed in the event. After some discussion including eligibility for juniors J Sims responded that the Club Championships details were in the 2018 Member Program, acknowledged that some mistakes had been made last year and that 5 rounds of play were now required to qualify and that the 5 rounds were from when a member last joined the club rather than in the preceding year and that these requirements applied to juniors also.
- J Carr stated that during the presidency of M Erbacher he had been told that curtains would be provided on the high windows at the west end of the main room. J King asked that John put this request in writing to the Board and that a response would be forthcoming.

There being no further questions the President thanked members for their questions then spoke on the election of directors. He noted that there had been 3 nominations for the 3 vacant positions and therefore no ballot was required. He congratulated Carolyn Sertori and Paul Foley on their re-appointments and Wayne Hines on his return to the Board.

Being no further business the President thanked all present for their attendance and participations and invited them to join him for a drink after the meeting, declaring the meeting closed at 8:15PM