

Meeting Date 9th July 2018 – 6.30pm

Meeting Members:

Initials	Name	Present / Apologies
AF	Alex Franklin (Captain and Chair)	P
IC	Ian Crews (General Manager)	P
MF	Mark Findlay (Superintendent)	P
SS	Shaun Smith (Vice Captain)	P
SK	Stephen Kennedy	P
GB	Garreth Bohanes	P
TH	Trevor Hillier	P
JM	Jan McCormack	P
DR	Dale Roseburgh	P

Agenda:

Agenda Item	Details	Outcome / Action	Owner	Priority	Date Due
1. Review Previous Meetings Minutes	Accept and table	Accepted – post on website	SS		Completed
2. Course Report	Course report outlining work completed in the previous month, and upcoming priorities for the month ahead to be discussed and agreed with M&G.	<p>Key discussion points from the Course Report:</p> <p>Work carried out by Green Staff continuing to cut the rough. Clippings will be left but will continued to be cut and will act as mulch and will break down over time. Tests on green's soil have shown non-existent magnesium and calcium levels, which was concerning. Calcium is critical to assist the greens cope with sodium.</p> <p>Lomandra removal, and cleaning up hazards like recent work on 18th green is continuing.</p>	MF	M	Ongoing

		<p>Fixing chipping green ongoing. Members will see that the green has been completely dug up in preparation for growing season. The green was built with only sand and not the correct mix of sand, gravel and soil. This has impacted on the ability to absorb water and nutrients. Practise bunker will also be renovated to make it playable and provide more variety of shots.</p> <p>Greens have responded well to the Poa growth retardant and this will be repeated every 8 weeks. This stops the 'broccoli' style seed heads on the poa developing and has been responsible for the faster and smoother putting surfaces. Retardant results in greens only requiring rolling during the dormant winter months.</p> <p>Sprinkler heads audit underway in preparation for upcoming growing season and better efficient use of water.</p> <p>Course/green renovations scheduled for September 3 and 4.</p> <p>Areas of focus in the next few weeks will be to conduct comprehensive spraying for poa and cakeweed around fairways and surrounds. Conditions need to be still to contain chemicals to fairways, or else they will kill fescue grasses in rough if wind blows.</p> <p>M&G noted that there has been nothing but praise from a large number of Members for the work that Mark and Team are doing on the course.</p>			
3. Golf Operations Report	Operations report for the previous month, marshalling report, and outline upcoming priorities	Dan Cromie has accepted the position of Golf Operations Manager, starting in August. Members wanting to find out more about Dan are encouraged to go to his LinkedIn profile.			

		Review of competition fees – IC requested information from all Golf West Clubs regarding their competition fees. We received responses Sunshine, Koorngal, Eynesbury, Medway and Melton Valley. The information we received indicated that we are the cheapest at \$5 per competition. There has also been plenty of feedback about increasing the winning prizes distributed to the top 3 across grades. With that in mind the M&G were unanimous in recommending an increase from \$5 to \$8 for all competitions to the SL Board. The \$2 Pro Pin will remain and will continue to be optional and funds used to help with Pennant and other initiatives across the club.	IC/AF	M	Next Board Meeting
4. Club Championships	Preparation for 2018 Club Championships	Ricky Stewart has provided plenty of constructive suggestions to improve this year's event, and has been asked to go onto the Club Championships sub-committee, to help provide a more representative cross section of membership views.	AF	H	11 July Completed
5. Event Calendar	Next 2 months' events and upcoming Board or significant events	Dates for Foursomes to be revised to take into account new dates for course/renovations in early September. Date will be agreed at next meeting and most likely in mid-to-late October. Conditions of play will also be finalised.	AF/SK	H	Next Meeting
		Holden Scramble confirmed for Feb 10.	IC	H	11 July
6. Member Correspondence	Review recent member correspondence and agree response	Various correspondence discussed: Painting holes white so that they are easier to see was raised by a member. Decision was made to not do this for a number of reasons, namely – resource intensive for Mark's team, they will ruin the recently purchased new cups, and an easier solution is just to ask your playing partners to tend the flag.	AF/GB		
		We continue to get a few members complaining about slow play on Sat/Sun/Wed. In order to better address slow play a decision has been made to create a 'Slow Play Working Group' that will continually and consistently	DR/SK	H	Next Meeting

		<p>assess pace of play and look for trends in the round times data. Working Group will be made up of Daniel Popa, Dale Roseburgh and Stephen Kennedy, with Dan Cromie to provide recommendations when he begins.</p> <p>Suggestion to improve Club Championships will be looked into as part of the Club Championship sub-committee.</p>			
7. Pennant Team	Pennant Dinner	Agreed that there will be no Pennant Dinner this year. A uniform presentation dinner was considered a success and will be continued in 2019.	All		
8. Women's Golf	Update on minutes from most recent Ladies Advisory Committee meeting	Women's Pennants starting and co-ordinated by LAC.	JM	H	Ongoing
9. Committee updates	Update on other committees ie: House & Social, Junior, Membership etc.	<p>Hollywood Night planned for September.</p> <p>Junior Committee – Proposal to encourage Juniors to remain at SL will be discussed at Board Level.</p>	IC	M	Next Board Meeting
10. Other items	Variable tee competitions	Not discussed – awaiting new Golf Operations Manager			
	Pro Pin Audit	<p>Outstanding Action</p> <p>Discussion on best way to communicate how Club is financing Pennant activities.</p> <p>Communicate a summary of income and outgoings through Newsletter or Around the Greens Comms</p>	IC	M	30 June
	Pro Pin - What to fund	Not discussed			
	Local Rules	<p>Local rule for GUR following Lomandra removal to be implemented.</p> <p>Local Rule for washed-out Bunkers and animal prints also communicated.</p> <p>These local rules to remain in place until further notice.</p>	AF/SS	H	Completed
	Syllabus	Check Syllabus for inconsistencies	DR	M	Ongoing
	MiClub Booking Protocols	The M&G have been made aware of a number of members who are being booked each week but are waiting until the morning of the competition to withdraw.			

		<p>This practice is blocking other members from booking in a game at popular times such as Saturday and Sunday mornings.</p> <p>The M&G have begun to compile a report of members who are being booked and do not end up playing, and do so regularly. These members will be asked to explain why (to the M&G) they are being booked in multiple weeks and are withdrawing at the last minute. MiClub booking privileges of offending members will be suspended if this continues to occur and they will no longer be able to book unless they call the shop (for a period of time).</p> <p>We are seeing a trend that this is a particular issue for morning fields on the weekends.</p> <p>M&G ask Members only book for others when they are sure that the other person is able to play, and if plans change always withdraw as soon as possible and not use that member's name to block out that time from other members.</p> <p>Action: DR and SK to check who is block booking and who is continually pulling out at the last moment to see if members are consistently abusing the privilege of being able to Group book. The M&G are disappointed to see that some members in the club are adopting this practice and abusing the online booking process. All members are on notice and are being asked to always delete their booking as soon as possible in the preceding week to allow other members to book themselves in their place.</p>	DR/SK	H	Ongoing
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Next Meeting - Monday 20th August @ 6:30pm