

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MACLEAN GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

**HELD AT MACLEAN GOLF CLUB SUNDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

The meeting was opened by President Paul O'Halloran at 0905 hrs.

**Present :** Forty eight members attended the meeting as written on the attendance sheet

**Apologies :** Eleven apologies received

**Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting :**

The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting, along with the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held directly after the AGM, were read out by Secretary Kim Moore. It was moved by Sheree Forsythe and seconded by Richard Ross that the minutes are a true and accurate recording of the meeting. Carried.

**Matters Arising from the above mentioned minutes :**

No matters arising.

**Presidents Report :**

A written report by President Paul O'Halloran was included within the Financial Report sent to members for their perusal. Paul wished to add the following. He thanked all of the club's members for their patronage of the course and club and for their support. Paul also thanked all of the directors, both Mark Hemmy and Kim Moore within his written report, and also Richard Ross for his work on the course, organising the OH&S requirements, and his support as Paul's 'sounding board'. Judy Parkes for her organising of volunteers in the Pro Shop and, along with husband John, for the many many hours they contribute to the gardens and grounds of the course. Mick Rogers for organising the advertising on the tee signs, for the new Lawrence Road sign and the many maintenance jobs he has attended to over the past year. Bill McCurtayne for the hours put into ensuring the club carts are serviced, repaired and maintained. Geoff Grayson for the countless hours he gives to the club as both director and as club captain. Bob Battin for his contribution on house matters, the organising of the holiday golf special advertising and the formation of the '100 club'.

Paul pointed out that the club has almost doubled the amount of money spent on the course over this past year. It was unanimously decided by the directors early in the year, that the course is our most important asset. We believe that in this we speak for all members. The positive comments regarding the course from visiting golfers also confirm our decision.

Paul reports that he, Paul King and Mark Hemmy recently attended a function at the Bonville Golf Course. Speaking with directors from other courses, Paul was surprised to find that the majority of courses are battling for members and are financially stretched. Many courses have been taken over by RSL clubs and the majority do not own their land. Paul points out that the fact that we are self governed and own our land gives Maclean Golf Club a decided advantage.

It was moved by Helen McFarlane and seconded by Judy Parkes that the Presidents Report be accepted. Carried.

## **Treasurers Report :**

Mark Hemmy reports that Maclean Golf Club has had a financially strong year. This will be offset by some upcoming expenditure and provision for these costs will have to be taken into account over the next twelve months. The club is expanding the golf cart shedding to accommodate more carts – this will pay for itself in a reasonably short time. There is also some course equipment that will need to be purchased over the next year.

Mark reports that we are \$65,000.00 better off this year and all bills are paid on time but stresses that there is still more work to do to ensure our financial security.

Mark asked the members present if there were any questions on the Financial Report that was supplied to all members prior to the AGM. There were no questions.

Peter Hamilton congratulated Mark on the handling of the finances over the past year.

Mark, on behalf of the board and members of Maclean Golf Club, thanked Darrell Brown for his role of auditor for the club and for his financial advice over the past year.

It was moved by Mark and seconded by Richard Ross that the treasurers report be accepted. Carried.

## **Election of Directors for 2017**

President Paul O'Halloran passed the chair to Tom Johnson, Returning Officer, for the election of directors.

As Treasurer Mark Hemmy was standing down from this role, and no nomination was received for treasurer, Tom asked if any of the members present would undertake the role. It was moved by Paul O'Halloran and seconded by Kay Grayson that Carmel Rogers be accepted as Treasurer. Carried.

The nominations for Directors were as follows :

- President Paul O'Halloran
- Vice President Mark Hemmy
- Secretary Kim Moore
- Captain Geoff Grayson
- Treasurer Carmel Rogers
  
- Directors Judy Parkes  
Michael Rogers  
Richard Ross  
Bill McCurtayne

As there were no further nominations, the directors and their roles are as outlined above.

## **General Business and Recommendations to the Board :**

- Auditor Darrell Brown made comment on the attendance at the Annual General Meeting noting the reduced number of members present. He pointed out that attendance is important in the good times as well as at times of turbulence. He warns against apathy.

- Darrell Brown pointed out that the club is still approx.. four years behind where they should be despite the excellent work by the 2016 board and stresses that the members need to continue to support the board and the club. He predicts that it will take another two to three years to be truly financial stable.
- Darrell Brown asked members to attend the Friday Dinner and Raffle Nights to help support both the club and the bistro.
- Mark Hemmy reiterated in the 2013, 2014 and 2015 years the club was \$118,000.00 worse off and the club was really in financial strife
- Helen McFarlane brought up at the last AGM the need to have the club presentation night in the golf programme book to both inform members and encourage participation. She points out that this is an important night and needs to address all members – men, women and vets.
- Geoff Greenwood raised meeting the needs of travelling golfers and providing a membership that allows them to retain their handicap.  
Kim Moore informed Geoff and the members present that the board have been discussing this matter in the past six months and hope to be able to provide three, six, nine and twelve month memberships. Kim pointed out that the club needs to be more flexible in relation to membership to both retain and attract playing members. The board is looking into the logistics of this at present with both Slice and our constitution.
- Geoff Greenwood congratulated the board on the past years' achievements and made the statement to all members "in the words of John F. Kennedy – don't ask what the club can do for you but what you can do for the club".
- Helen McFarlane added to the membership matter pointing out that many of our older men and women are no longer able to play 18 hole competition and that maybe a 9 hole membership could be considered so that we may retain some of these members.
- Phil Killian (aka Killer) reiterated what Geoff brought up regarding the Grey Nomads and reports that many visit courses because of special deals that are advertised on Golfink. The board has looked into this over the past year and the advertising cost is more than we were willing to pay at the time. However, this matter will be discussed again next board meeting.
- Phil Killian congratulated the club on the course, the facilities and the welcoming nature of the club. He praised the food on Friday nights. Phil has travelled extensively as a golfer and a caddy and he feels that this course is exceptional.
- Geoff Grayson brought up what has been a contentious issue over the past few years regarding play on Wednesday. He suggests that all can play on Wednesday, as we can on Thursdays and Saturdays, which will hopefully attract players from Yamba, Grafton and Iluka. He acknowledges that it may interfere with the Skins but will investigate.

As there were no further recommendations or matters for discussion, the meeting was closed by President Paul O'Halloran at 0945 hours.

An open forum commenced, with an independent facilitator, to raise suggestions for a strategic plan for Maclean Golf Club over the next years. All members present were asked to participate. Information will be collected and presented to the members in 2017 for further discussion.