

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT MACLEAN GOLF CLUB**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

The meeting was opened by President Paul O'Halloran at 0910 hours

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

**Apologies :** Ten apologies received

It was moved by Paul O'Halloran and seconded by Marlene Roberts that the Presidents Report in the Annual Report be accepted. Carried.

It was moved by Carmel and seconded by Bill McCurtayne that the Treasurers Report in the Annual Report be accepted. Carried.

It was moved by Geoff Grayson and seconded by Val George that the Auditors Report in the Annual Report be accepted. Carried.

**Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting :**

The minutes of the 2016 annual general meeting were read out by Secretary Kim Moore. It was moved by Kim Moore and seconded by Sheree Forsythe that the minutes are a true and accurate recording of the 2016 annual general meeting. Carried.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes :**

Nil

**Auditors Report :**

Auditor Darrell Brown congratulated Paul O'Halloran and the board on the excellent financial result achieved in the past year. He points out that the positive financial position the club now enjoys is a result of excellent financial management and discipline and asks that the 2018 board employ the same discipline. Darrell continued by advising that the new board set a budget and stick to it to ensure the continued financial health of the club. He points out that the club is almost back to 'square one', something he did not think possible three years ago.

Darrell points out that through the tight management and control, the club has enjoyed increased turn over and decreased expenditure. He reminds members that the 2017 board devised a strategic plan after input from club members and advises the new board utilize this plan.

Member Jeff Miller asked a question regarding the deferred liabilities – these only appeared in this financial report and asks what they represent. Darrell advised that they represent the liability acquisition of the greens mower and toro mower – instead of renting them, we bought them on an extremely low mortgage interest rate.

Member Jeff Miller asked Darrell Brown about the \$20,005 profit shown for the pro shop and asks if that is after wages. Darrell advises that this is gross income. Jeff asks if it is possible for the wages for Paul King and Rod Smith to be deducted from the pro shop income to clarify it's true turnover. Mark Hemmy states that all wages go under 'house' and that it was

deemed best to have all wages in one area. The pro shop is often run by volunteers which decreases the running costs. Paul O'Halloran points out that the pro shop has been a boon for the club and the turn over doesn't truly demonstrate the income to the club it provides – the club is always manned and social play with carts available every day along with alcohol sales and coffee sales.

Darrell also pointed out that there has been a reduction in wages which has helped the club. John Hunter stated that the volunteers need to be commended.

It was moved by Carmel Rogers and seconded by Kay Grayson that the Auditors report be accepted. Carried.

### **Presidents Report :**

A written report as President Paul O'Halloran was included within the Annual Report supplied to all members prior the annual general meeting for their perusal. Paul wished to add the following to this report.

Thank you to Dianne Moore who has now retired after working for the club for the past fifteen years.

Paul also thanked the directors for the past two years adding a further thank you to Michael Rogers, Judy Parkes and Geoff Grayson for remaining on the board to provide continuity. Paul thanked Kim Moore for continuing looking after the Slice membership input. Paul thanked Mark Hemmy who is taking a well deserved break from the board.

Paul pointed out that while the poker machine profit was less than previous years, this was partly due to government required adjustments and one player who had a very lucky streak – this is the way of poker machines. He strongly advises that future boards continue with the poker machines as once the licence is surrendered, it is close to impossible to obtain again. All in all, the poker machines pay for themselves and provide a service to members and visitors alike.

Paul reminded the members present that prior to the 2016 board, the club was paying \$7,000 - \$8,000 per year for waste disposal. We now have a compost heap and council red and yellow bins – the cost for waste disposal in 2017 was \$521.00.

Paul points out that course maintenance costs doubled again – it was the decision of the 2016 and 2017 board that this is where the money must be spent. The club is too far out of town to push the clubhouse as a social venue – people come here to play golf.

Regarding the cart shed rental – there was a small glitch in the accounting and some shed fees were put into the wrong pigeon hole – this problem has been rectified. The cart shed rentals provide a steady income for the club.

Paul apologised to Helen McFarlane for neglecting to ensure that the presentation night was included in the 2017 program book. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December the club is hosting a mixed event and the presentation will be held after this.

Paul recognised and thanked Phil McGuire for his accurate, and often humorous, scribing of the men's golf.

Paul advised that the strategic plan for the club is available on the club's website and encourages members to read it.

## **Election of Directors for 2018**

The chair was passed to Tom Johnson, returning officer, for the election of directors.

As Paul O'Halloran and Kim Moore were standing down, and no nominations for President and Secretary received for either role, Tom Johnson asked for nominations from the floor.

Paul O'Halloran nominated Geoff Grayson for the role of club president and was seconded by Judy Parkes. Carried.

Geoff Grayson nominated John Hunter as club secretary and was seconded by Doug Hudson. Carried.

Geoff Grayson nominated Doug Hudson for club captain and was seconded by Peter Hamilton. Carried.

The nominations for the directors of the 2018 board are as follows :

- President Geoff Grayson
- Vice President Judy Parkes
- Secretary John Hunter
- Treasurer Graham Howard
- Captain Doug Hudson
  
- Directors Terry Adcock Michael Rogers Geoff Willis Jeff Miller

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

2018 President Geoff Grayson thanked the 2017 board stating that it was a cohesive working board.

He welcomed the 2018 board and asked each director to stand and introduce themselves and to tell the attending club members a little about themselves.

John Hunter – Long time golfer only recently returned to the game after injury (and just lost some 11 shots from his handicap) – he has a passion for the game and the club he and his wife, Liama, have joined. He thanked the board of the last two years.

Terry Adcock - Long history with golf in the role of golf professional with an interest in course maintenance and design and feels that we have a impressive golf course.

Graham Howard - Passion for the sport of golf – recent member (previously Iluka) – has been a business owner in the past.

Doug Hudson - New member past 2-3 years. Passion for the sport of golf – history of club captain at previous home course.

Geoff Willis - Was a member in 1975 then moved away and has returned to the area and the club. He is impressed by the atmosphere within the club.

Jeff Miller - Member for past 4 years (previously Yamba) and states that he believes that this club has a better 'mateship' and presents an exciting golfing challenge. He praises the level of volunteer participation and the 'vibe' of the club.

Michael Rogers - Congratulations to the board of the past 2 years and the pro activeness of all board members. Agrees with Jeff that there is a great vibe within the club.

Judy Parkes - Enjoyed the past 2 years and states that it is important to have a woman on the board. She thanked her husband, John, for his support and the countless hours he gives to the golf course.

Geoff Grayson - thanked the green staff for their hard work.

Geoff Grayson then invited Greenkeeper John Causley to speak to the members.

John Causley thanked the members and directors for their support over the past year. He reports that Tyler Ferguson has been recognised for his achievements in his apprenticeship by the educational body. He introduced the members to Mitch Munroe our new green staff member (part time).

John recognised the many volunteers who assist with the course management and maintenance with special thanks to Paul O'Halloran, John and Judy Parkes, Mark Hemmy, Geoff Grayson, Richard Ross, Andrew Cowling, Killer, Mick Rogers and Don Grumley.

Over the past 6 years, John has been working closely with the Yamba greenkeeper Andrew Smith in reducing thatch, decreasing chemical use and employing the use of organic material more often.

Geoff Grayson reports that he attended Bonville Golf Course around 6 weeks ago and the Golf NSW president Stuart Frazer was present – Stuart spoke of the many clubs that have suffered financial loss due to wet weather, their courses being unplayable and having to be closed. We, at Maclean, have only had to close a few fairways for a short period of time but drainage on the course is an issue that must be addressed.

The 2017 board put aside \$8,000 for course works – primarily for the improvement of drainage on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway (work will commence mid-January), the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> fairways. Money has been allocated for the rebuild of the 8<sup>th</sup> tee and for the men's back 2<sup>nd</sup> tee.

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

- Tom Johnson asks if it possible to purchase a rotary hoe to loosen the sand in the bunkers. John Causley advises that we do have one in the greens shed that can be used but more volunteers would be required to truly address this issue
- Geoff Grayson reminds members that we only have a small green staff and calls for more volunteers to help
- Mark Hemmy suggests to the new board obtain a copy of the clubs constitution – there is a copy of it on club computer
- Geoff Willis asks if it is possible to have a training session for the new directors
- Jeff Dickinson spoke regarding formwork and concreting – he asks if it possible to have formwork in place so that we don't have to refuse any. Phil Killeen advises that to his knowledge only one load was refused and it had 'gone off' and to lay it would

have required many hands. Geoff Grayson advises that what comes from the roads is 60mpa which is hard and will always be 'off' to a degree by the time it reaches us – sometimes it will be too hard (a professional would be required to lay). Geoff also reminds members that it is volunteers who build the formwork and lay the concrete and they cannot always be available – he asks for more volunteers

- Judy Parkes asks for more volunteers for the pro shop
- Sheree Forsythe asks that the 2018 captain ensure that the club presentation appear in the program book
- Kay Grayson offered Doug Hudson assistance in the 2018 program book as it's template is on her computer
- Mike McGowan applauds the 2017 directors, personnel and volunteers and believes that the increase in membership reflects the attitude of the club. He also thanked the 2018 directors, some of whom are only new members
- Mike McGowan asked if there could be a timesheet made available for Thursday comp as it is for Saturday – it is too disorganised on Thursdays
- Marlene Roberts congratulated Geoff Grayson on his election as President and asked if the members present would give a standing ovation to the 2017 board

As there was no further recommendations raised or business to discuss, the meeting was closed by President Geoff Grayson at 1020 hours.