

**MINUTES OF THE WEST AVIAT GOLF CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
12th APRIL 2023**

Meeting opened: 5.45pm

Present: Greg St Jack (President), Trevor Baker (Vice President), Leonie Cole (Secretary), Peter Kilgour (Treasurer), Roger Simm (Club Captain), Chris Lewis & Mike Brook

Apologies: Terry Cooke, Wayne Eberhard, Peter Bowditch & Colin Cook (late)

Acceptance of February 2023 minutes:

Moved: Chris Lewis

Seconded: Peter Kilgour

Acceptance of minutes – Unanimous.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

Secretary's report:

Membership – as at 12th April 2023 membership is 166. Member composition: 136 Males, 13 Females & 17 Foreign Registered.

Treasurer's Report:

1st January 2023 to 4th April 2023:

Income:	\$1,353.50	Expenditure:	\$ 836.95
Income 1/01/23 to 4/04/23:	\$9,653.62	Expenditure 1/01/23 to 4/04/23	\$10,132.54

Moved: Chris Lewis

Seconded: Roger Simm

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – Unanimous.

Peter Kilgour discussed the longer term financial viability of the club as expenses are increasing and income down due to lower club membership and lower interest rate for the term deposit. Costs need to be monitored.

Leonie Cole suggested that from 2024 all club members pay membership fees except Life members. This would include the committee and Day captains. To be discussed before the end of the year.

The term deposit of \$55,000 is due to mature in May. It was discussed whether some of the funds should be transferred to the working account to cover contingencies. Leonie Cole moved:

“On maturity date of the term deposit \$5,000 be transferred to the Cheque Account to cover contingencies and the remaining \$50,000 be reinvested into the term deposit.”

Seconded: Peter Kilgour

Acceptance of Motion – Unanimous.

Captain's Report – Roger Simm:

The Heritage 9 is recovering well from the recent coring and sanding. Another nine will be done in the coming days and the remaining 9 done shortly after that. There will be differing conditions on each nine that we play during this period but this process of green maintenance is unavoidable.

Slow play continues to be reported to me as an ongoing issue. The committee have a responsibility to consider this issue and decide any action we should take to address this problem. A report I received on Tuesday was that a group took 5 hours to play 18 holes.

Hillview management have asked that our players avoid having 2 players in the same group using single carts, when a double cart could be shared. The single carts are very popular and should be used by players who are unable to share. Our members are encouraged to accommodate this request where possible.

Welfare Report:

1. Robert Hay – will be out of action for 2 weeks at least, due to a skin cancer being removed from under his eye. He may not return to playing golf until the end of the month. Depends on Doctor's orders;
2. Kevin Elliott – Chris received a Thank You card re: sympathy card sent to Kevin when his wife passed away.

General Business:

Summer Cup - 12th March 2023:

The Summer Cup was very successful with 17 teams participating. Summer Cup Acquittal - \$412 nett profit raised from the raffles. This will go towards the 50th Anniversary celebrations towards the end of the year.

West Aviat Golf Club 50th Anniversary:

Leonie updated the committee on preparations for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

1. Fundraising so far - \$612; Will continue with Lucky Numbers and raffles at the Winter Cup;
2. Sponsorship/donations – a) City of Kalamunda – have applied for a donation – awaiting outcome; (b) Airport Community Boost Program – applied for a grant towards celebrations; (c) Bendigo Bank – still awaiting relevant paperwork; (d) local businesses – letter prepared for distribution.
3. 50th anniversary club shirts – order finalised and payments being received. Leonie to submit final order to manufacturer on Tuesday, 17th April.
4. Photo book – Ria Baker has nearly finished compiling the photo book which looks amazing. West Aviat will purchase two copies.
5. Special 50th Anniversary Day – the first day of the Championships (Sunday, 12th November) will be the main day of celebrations. Begin with Champagne breakfast (invite old/ex-members/family), followed by the 50th Anniversary Cup (stableford golf – in conjunction with the first day of Championships) finishing with presentations, prizes, raffles, memorabilia, finger food and cake.

6. Wind-up Function: Venue: Kalamunda not available for Saturday, 25th November but the 2nd December. Now charge a venue hire fee of \$150 and cost \$42/head for food. Hillview has offered the two function rooms for the 25th November with no hire fee and cost per head less than \$42/head. All the committee agreed that the function be held at Hillview.

After discussion of all of the above re: 50th Anniversary celebrations the committee was fully supportive of all proposals.

Membership Exit - Survey:

It has been suggested that we survey exiting members. Leonie informed the committee that when members do not renew their membership or leave she generally asks the question as to why. For 2023 the main reasons were age and health (including partner).

Items Pending: None

Next meeting: 17th May 2023

Meeting Closed: 6.20pm

President: Greg St Jack

Secretary: Leonie Cole