

**MINUTES OF THE WEST AVIAT GOLF CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
17^h JANUARY 2024**

Meeting opened: 5pm

Present: Greg St Jack (President), Trevor Baker (Vice President), Leonie Cole (Secretary), Peter Kilgour (Treasurer), Roger Simm (Captain), Wayne Eberhard, Peter Bowditch, Terry Cooke, Mike Brook & Colin Cook

Apologies: Chris Lewis

Acceptance of December 2023 minutes:

Moved: Wayne Eberhard

Seconded: Peter Bowditch

Acceptance of minutes – Unanimous.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

Secretary's report:

Membership – as at 17th January 2024 membership is 173: 143 Males, 14 Females & 16 Foreign Registered – two new members and one renewing membership plus 9 not renewing membership for 2024 (mostly Foreign Registered).

Treasurer's Report:

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023:

Opening Balance as at 1/1/23: \$60,478.03

Income 1/01/23 to 31/12/23: \$29,746.47 Expenditure 1/01/23 to 31/12/23 \$30,421.04

Total Funds on Hand as at 31/12/23: \$59,803.46

Moved: Colin Cook

Seconded: Peter Bodwitch

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – Unanimous.

The loss for 2023 was \$675 compared to \$7,028 for 2022. Fees for GolfWA, Golf Australia and Golfink are due before the 1st March 2024. The cost will be approximately \$9,500.00

Captain's Report – Roger Simm:

The increase in the cost of green fees and the changes to the Patrons Card conditions have had quite an impact on the numbers in our weekend competitions. To my knowledge there has been no update on any potential changes to the new pricing structure.

It was recently brought to my attention that a player sought relief from tyre tracks during a competition. The Hillview card does show a local number 4 that states "All vehicle tracks, garden beds, paths and cart pathways are to be treated as GUR. Lift and drop no nearer the hole. No penalty." In the context of the wording of this local rule, "vehicle track" should be read to be an existing track that is used by vehicles eg. Greenkeepers' vehicles. Such as the vehicle track that runs from the 13th tee to the greenkeepers shed. The interpretation of this rule should not be broadened to include random tyre marks in other parts of the course. If a players' ball comes to rest in a tyre mark off the fairway, then the ball must be played as it lies. I have read a number of discussions on line where this question is asked and all arrive at the same conclusion.

The Summer Cup is coming up in March and members are encouraged to get their teams together and to complete the entry form that is on the notice board. This is a big event and participants are guaranteed a great day.

Members are reminded that water hazards at Hillview are “no play zones”. Players must take a drop at the point of entry for a one stroke penalty. A ball may not be played from a water hazard. This includes the concrete drain that runs between the 18th on the lakeside and the 9th green on the Heritage.

Welfare Report: Report emailed to Leonie from Chris Lewis

1. Sent Get Well card to Kris Gorman after recent hernia operation;
2. Contacted Roger Simm to check how he was after recent hand surgery. All went well and should be back playing shortly;
3. Jim Peters, rang Jim as we hadn't seen for some time. He's ok but Benita is having real problems with her back and Jim is doing a lot of caring. Says he's been practising a new chipping technique, so watch out when he returns. Beware Bill Birkbeck!!
4. Contacted Will Griffiths as we hadn't seen him or Loretta for some time. Loretta is in India & back on 26/1 and been too hot for Will but they both hope to be back shortly.

General Business:

Summer & Winter Cups – Composition of Teams – Non-Members:

Discussion was held as to whether the Summer & Winter Cups should be open to non-members. Peter Bowditch moved:

“For the Summer and Winter Cups only one non-member per team can participate. The participating non-member must have an official Golfink handicap”.

Seconded: Trevor Baker

Motion carried – 9 to 1. All members to be notified.

Summer Cup:

Only one team registered so far (as at 17/1/24). Day Captains to encourage members to participate.

AGM – 2024:

Leonie advised the committee that the notification letter is ready to send to all members on Saturday, 27th January. Nomination forms are also ready and Leonie distributed to those members who are interested in re-nominating. Forms will be available from the West Aviat office and Leonie from 27th January 2024.

Loyalty Card/Rewards Program:

Greg St Jack emailed Todd with suggestions re: weekend compitions and fees. Had verbal response but nothing in writing.

Monthly Medals:

Although weekend numbers are down the committee agreed that Monthly Medals should continue. Leonie to order.

Items Pending: None

Next meeting: 21st February 2024

Meeting Closed: 5.45pm

President: Greg St Jack

Secretary: Leonie Cole