

CERBERUS GOLF CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 3rd August, 2019

Opening:

The Annual General Meeting of Cerberus Golf Club was opened by the President Mr Steve Wright at 9:30 AM Saturday 3 August 2019. The meeting was held at the CGC clubhouse.

The President welcomed all members present and reminded them of normal meeting protocols: mobile telephones to be turned to silent/off; one person speaking at a time (recognised by the Chairman); and that only those fully paid up 6 & 7 day members may vote on any issue raised.

Attendance by the Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus. The President introduced the Club Patron, Commanding Officer of HMAS Cerberus, Captain Mike Oborn. Captain Oborn spoke briefly about the golf club and the wider HMAS Cerberus community. He also spoke of the ongoing works onboard the base. The CO remained present for the entire AGM.

Presentation of the 2019 Patron's Pot. The President provided the background to the award and then requested Captain Oborn to make the presentation of the 2019 Award to Peter Kelly. Peter being recognised for his generosity and contribution to the overall camaraderie of the club.

Present:

See Attached List

Apologies:

John Dietrich, Geoff Smith, Anne Joyce, Kevin Anderson, Peter MacDonald, Sean Crozier, Bruce Thompson, Peter McCoy, Bruce Klimeck, Doug Richardson, Doug Rollands, Shaun Rollands, Ken Clarke, Jacquie Thompson, Neil Uren and Murray Sells.

Acceptance of the 2018 AGM Minutes

Proposed: R. Hogan-Keogh **Seconded:** S. Drummond **Accepted**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

REPORTS

President's Report:

It gives me great pleasure to present my President's Report for 2019. Following 2018 where playing numbers were below expectations at times, mainly due to poor weather and member illness, I am pleased to report that this year has seen good participation in all golf events across the calendar – men's and ladies - and this is reflected in the club's balance sheet for 2018/19.

Following consecutive years where the club allocated funding to the construction of new sheds for the storage of machinery and golf carts, the committee has this year allocated funds to the enhancement of the club, the course and our machinery outfit.

The upgrade to internal lighting within the clubhouse undertaken by Joe Smedile has greatly enhanced the environment. The replacement of roofing over the patio and the repainting has also given the clubhouse a much needed face lift. Work carried out by Scott Drummond, Nick Sigge, Steve Wilkins and Ron Crosbie (Norm Viccum).

New honour boards have been provided within the club house. The larger board above the bar entry replaces the earliest record of office bearers and champions that had become hard to read. The new ladies board and the leaning bar on the patio have been provided through the labour of Neil Uren.

The past year has seen a number of important machinery purchases: the new greens roller (18K), new rough cutter to replace the Scagg which had serviced the club well (30k), a more modern cup hole cutter – which unfortunately is no larger than the previous; and a used coring machine to provide spare parts for the longevity of our main corer.

Apart from additional drainage works particularly around some of the greens, the recent renovation and extension of pathways across the course has added to the playing experience for members and green fees players alike.

Committee fully considered the Club's financial position when raising membership fees by \$10.00 again this year. Increases to bar and golf shop items will continue to be dictated by supply cost increases, with increases limited to ensure value for money for members and our patrons.

It has once again been a privilege to work alongside such a pro-active and hard working committee this year. Everyone is a volunteer and they have been generous with their time. Please join me in thanking all of them for their effort over the year.

I want to direct considerable praise on Rohan Jennings who is stepping aside after three years as our Club Captain. A more motivated and team oriented leader you will not find. Always prepared to listen to others and put in place new ideas. His presence and vigour in general serves to increase the existing camaraderie within the club. Another tremendous effort this year.

To Kevin Coles I thank him on your behalf for carrying the load as Treasurer over the past two years. To Tracey Sigge who retired from Secretary after three years in the seat. To Rod Hogan-Keogh who has been on our own committee along with that of Golf Peninsula Victoria for the past three or so years, including as Junior Coordinator. I would like to congratulate him on jobs well done. (We are still looking for a junior Coord)

To all our volunteers on and off the course I thank you all for your unselfish efforts through the year. This month's Volunteer of the Month, and not for the first time, is Murray Sells.

Apart from our volunteers, where would we be without our small core of staff? Now in his 20th year with the Club, Pat Foy continues to be one of our greatest assets. Highly reliable, a premium level of professional knowledge, the strongest work ethic you will see. Please value his service to the club and take every opportunity to personally let him know that he is highly valued.

Our Club Manager Danny Shine now in his fifth year is a dedicated and highly astute business man. His personable nature and willingness to satisfy the needs of all members and customers is commendable. Danny has continued to work closely with committee this year to ensure the club continues to prosper into the future.

Committee took action in April to employ a casual on the course in support of Pat – who like the rest of us is not getting any younger. Dave Hackney has impressed us since arrival with his work ethic, his knowledge in course maintenance, and use of machinery.

Many thanks to our other casual staff responsible for cleaning, catering and the bar: Kevin Anderson, Annie Joyce, Kath Dowd, Margot Smith, Pam Brown, Amy and Deb. Thanks for your individual effort this year. Particular thanks to Margot Smith who has stood in as Manager during the majority of Danny's absences on leave. Committee has the absolute confidence in Margot's abilities, and in those others who normally stand in, to look after the club's interests.

The ladies of this club are an important part, and this year they have been well led through the efforts of Lady President Vicki Rynaard, and Captain Kath Dowd. Vicki has worked to recruit new lady members including through a GA program called Swing Fit; and with the support of a grant from VicHealth. Conducting Swing Fit and My Golf sessions is a further area where Danny has provided an essential service to the club.

Membership numbers for the year ended reached close to 240 in total. We currently have around 200 members across all categories and we will once again increase that number as the new year unfolds. The past year has again seen the anticipated departure of some Defence personnel, along with other members who are travelling, getting older, suffering illness, or simply taking a break from golf. Look around the room and you may see one or two newer faces that have joined us through the year. We should be grateful for our core long-time members and also value those members who join this great club.

I am pleased to say that the club staged a number of very successful golfing events through the year. The annual Gala Day, Melbourne Cup Day and The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday golf day among them. Given your normal generosity the club again raised \$1,400 for the RCH Appeal to the benefit of the children.

Over the past two years Vicki Rynaard has coordinated an Oakes Day for the enjoyment of the ladies. In 2018 we had a very successful pre-Christmas function and also a Trivia night earlier this year that was well supported. Both coordinated by Michelle Thornell. I ask all members to consider supporting these and other events as they occur through the coming months.

Finally, many thanks to the members who not only play in the weekly competitions, but also reach into their pockets to support the club through the meat raffles, lotto, the lucky disc draws and Trinny's wheel. Not to forget the inaugural Movember activity coordinated by Joe last year. Though relatively small contributions are made – the activities themselves contribute greatly to our shared enjoyment and camaraderie.

I look forward to serving you as President for another term. I wish you all the very best for the year ahead and I look forward to your support of your committee.

Proposed: B. Brown

Seconded: C. Dowd

Carried

Captain's report:

Good morning members. Three years ago I assumed the role as captain with a goal to make our club a place where people would want to play golf more often and come to enjoy themselves. I believe this goal has been achieved. The captain is responsible for the state of the course, the playing conditions and the integrity of competitions and events. Whilst we are often at the mercy of elements, the tireless efforts of Pat and the many club members who volunteer their time and effort each week has ensured the course has been and continues to be presented in the best possible condition. On behalf of the members and the green fee players I thank you all.

Due to the terrific state of the course and the fantastic customer focus provided by Danny as the face of our club, social players and mid-week competition numbers have steadily increased over the year. This has also been mirrored on the weekend where we have seen in excess of 80 players each Saturday test themselves on a regular basis.

One of my disappointments however has been the recovery of the course in the areas where the new pipework bisected the 9th and 18th holes as well as the right hand side of the 8th and 17th fairway. These areas have taken longer to recover than anticipated and will require additional work before the playing restrictions can be lifted.

In March of this year, Golf Australia released their guidelines for the promotion of women in golf. Whilst not all members agree with the changes that have been implemented over the last few years, I am proud to say we as a club already meet a number of Golf Australia's recommendations and are well ahead of most other golf clubs in the equalisation effort. The relationship the match committee has with the ladies committee continues to grow and further sustained effort will be required to consolidate our achievements thus far.

The Cerberus Golf Club has maintained a good rapport with our governing body - Golf Peninsula Victoria. Whilst we had limited success in the men's and masters pennant sides this year, our members continue to perform well in district events and I encourage all members to represent our club in the GPV events where you can.

The match committee have always listened to the complaints and suggestions from the members. We have made some changes to the playing conditions and tried some new ideas that have been well accepted by

some but not liked by others. Playing the club championships in a championship format and returning the foursomes championships to a 27 hole event were well supported and I often feel justified in the decisions the match committee makes when members, particularly the higher handicapped players thank me for making them feel like a valued member of our club.

On behalf of the players, thanks to all of the committee members who have devoted their time and effort especially on Saturday afternoons to make sure the competition is run as smoothly as possible for the benefit of the playing members. I would especially like to thank the match committee whom I lean on heavily throughout the year when deciding on important matters. To Geoff (and in some instances Jan), your efforts to ensure the events were accurately recorded in a timely manner which is a painstaking process that is not generally appreciated by members. To Scott, I could not have undertaken this role over the last three years without your help, support and guidance. Thanks for everything that you do for the club as a player, as a leader of the club's pennant team and as the vice-captain, your support and friendship has been unwavering.

Finally to Shiner: Normally the president of a club is someone who sits back and oversees club operations from a distance. However, your desire to roll your sleeves up and get involved in all aspects of the club from picking up sticks, to coring the greens, to redesigning the kitchen amongst the many other tasks you undertake displays a forthright character not fully appreciated by club members. Thank you for your support and having the faith to allow me to captain the club autonomously.

In closing I wish all the members straight hitting and hope you continue to support the new captain as much as you have supported me.

Proposed: P. Molloy

Seconded: D. Rynaard

Carried

Treasurer's report:

(Incumbent Treasurer Bruce Klimeck unavailable for the meeting due to travelling; the following report provided by the Treasurer was presented by the immediate past Treasurer Kevin Coles.)

First of all, my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting today. I would like to thank Kevin Coles for the professional manner in which he has managed the golf club funds. Also, the excellent financial position of the golf club is a great credit to the manager, Danny Shine. The funds were audited by LBW Advisory Pty Ltd in Somerville and their full report is available for perusal by any member should they so wish. A high level summary of the financial situation of the golf club is as follows:

Operating Profit of \$55,164, an increase of \$19,706 from last year.

Cash on Hand \$381,389, an increase of \$27,426 from last year. This includes \$217,500 in long term investments.

Total Members Fund \$474,046. An increase of \$55,164 from last year(Operating Profit).

Copies of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss for the year are provided. It is anticipated that next financial year we will operate at a break even profit to allow for the following major acquisitions:

1. Kitchen upgrade,
2. Replacement vehicle for course superintendent,
3. Purchase of two new golf carts and
4. Possible replacement of the current Cushman.

The club is in a very sound financial situation and I believe that this will be the case going forward.

Kevin Coles then went on to add that the operating profit of \$55, 164 was a good result for the club. That when Danny took over from the previous manager and we took over the whole business there was only \$40,000 in term deposits. Now there is over \$200,000 in term deposits and over \$350, 000 in the bank. This has been due to the good management, and the hard work of Danny and the committee over the five years since. It is especially notable that three years back we made a profit of \$100,000 for the year. Kevin also stated that Danny deserved much praise for his work and business acumen in restructuring the new business to give us those profits.

Proposed: R. Andersson

Seconded: G. McCoy

Carried

The President advised that the club assumed the total golfing business in 2014 from Col Dowd, and that since then the club has realised significant growth in capital. This has led to the current high level of funds in the bank. Given the over \$350,000 in the bank it is worth pointing out that running a golf course is an expensive business. A new tees and surrounds mower for example would cost around \$65,000 to replace. In the past when cash reserves were low the club was forced to enter into hire purchase agreements and therefore pay much higher amounts. As stated earlier we recently replaced the Scagg with a new rough mower for \$30, 000. We never know when a machine will require replacement, but we can now afford to make these type of purchases outright.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

President Steve Wright declared all committee positions vacant; he went on to introduce each of the nominees for committee positions, and their nominator and seconder. Given there was only a single nomination for each position the President asked for the concurrence of all members, that those nominations be accepted. This was accepted by the members unanimously. The following were therefore so elected as CGC committee for season 2019/20.

Club Captain	Dave Hilet	(S. Drummond/R. Jennings)
Vice-Captain	Scott Drummond	(D. Hilet/R. Jennings)
Secretary	Dirk Rynaard	(T. Sigge/S. Wright)
Treasurer	Bruce Klimeck	(R. Andersson/K. Bentley)
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant	
Handicapper	Rohan Jennings	(S. Drummond/K. Anderson)
Social Secretary	Michelle Thornell	(P. Hogan-Keogh/S. Drummond)

General Committee: **R. Andersson** (B. Klimeck/K. Bentley); **Bill Brown** (B. Thompson/S. Drummond); **B. Thompson** (S. Drummond/Bill Brown); **Rob Cook** (B. Thompson/R. Jennings) **J. Smedile** (K. Anderson/K. Walters); **K. Walters** (L. Slocombe/S. Drummond); **Col Dowd** (R. Andersson/G. Smith); **K. Dowd** (R. Andersson/G. Smith)

Bob Andersson advised the President that he had incorrectly named Col Dowd twice and omitted Kath Dowd while reading out the nominations for general committee. The President accepted the advice thanking Bob for pointing it out. The President then corrected the successful nominations by naming Kath Dowd.

General Business

Question of Compulsory Call Up – 2nd Hole. Chris Krug raised the question whether the second hole could be deemed a Compulsory Call-up Hole. Outgoing Captain Rohan Jennings reported that this issue had been considered and examined prior. That there were safety/workplace safety issues that have to be considered. Ie, the danger for players on the green. Rohan stated that this question was for the Match sub-committee and that the matter can be re-examined.

The AGM was closed by President Steve Wright at 10: 24 AM.

S.R. WRIGHT

CGC President

13 August 2019

D. RYNAARD

Secretary

13 August 2019

