



MINUTES OF DELEGATE MEETING

Monday 16th November 2020, Nudgee Golf Club – 9:30 am

MEETING OPENED

President Meryl McKenzie declared the meeting open at 9:30 am and welcomed Luke Bates, Golf Australia, Queensland State Manager, Judy Logan and Michele Stanley, Board Members, Golf Australia Queensland, Delegates and Visitors.

1. ATTENDANCE

(a) Management Committee:

Lila Carson, Edith de Groot, Laraine Sutton, Deborah Marsland, Meryl McKenzie, Sue Strong, Renai Ridley, Colleen Miles, Gabriel Holmes, Margaret Bennett.

(b) Delegates:

Margaret Marshall (Ashgrove), Helen Caris (Brisbane), Margaret Dury (Gailies), Sue-Ellen Hopkins (Indooroopilly), Jan Stapleton (Keperra), Mary Anne Vos (McLeod), Leigh Christensen (Nudgee), Pat Walton (Oxley), Helena Healey (Pacific), Karen Nash (Redcliffe), Trish Bougourd (Redland Bay), Denise Morris (Sandgate), Gail Gablonski (Virginia).

(c) Visitors:

Helen Chittock (Redcliffe), Mary Piechowski (Redcliffe), Janet Nathanson (Brisbane), Judy Logan (Golf Aust - Qld), Sharyn Squire (Oxley), Michele Stanley (Golf Aust – Qld), Daphne Hine (Wynnum), Jo-Anne Fritz (Wynnum), Cheryl Hong Choy (Wantima), Judith Ure (Indooroopilly), Sue Bargh (Mt. Warren Park), Jenny Lang (Ashgrove), Ann Hardie (Ashgrove).

2. APOLOGIES

Delegates/Visitors: Barbara Panzram (Laidley), Peta Dwyer (Lowood), Carrol Russell (Mt. Warren Park), Leone Sands (Wantima), Judith Marschke (Toogoolawah).

3. GUEST SPEAKER – Luke Bates – Golf Australia – Queensland State Manager

Meryl introduced Luke.

Luke gave a Power-Point presentation on current and new initiatives that Golf Aust has introduced. Items mentioned were the increasing competition numbers across all golf clubs, and the growth of females' competition has increased. Get into Golf Program, My Golf, Outback Masters (which won the tourism award for Best new Event), Engaging with the Government, Qld. Golf Facilities Plan, Women's Handbook, Covid 19 Rules.

Luke took questions from the floor.

Meryl thanked Luke for his presentation.

4. CLUB PRESENTATION – Wantima Golf Club

Meryl advised that this presentation will be deferred.

5. BDLGA Junior Coordinator – Sue Strong

Sue gave a short presentation about Sarah Jane and her background also the history of the Sarah Jane Kenyon Challenge. (Please see attached)

6. BDLGA Pennant Coordinator – Deborah Marsland

Deborah commenced by reviewing the Covid Stableford Team Event that the BDLGA organised in lieu of our Pennants competition (which was cancelled early in the year due to Covid-19.)



She asked that the winning Clubs represented by the Delegates, accept the Certificates for winners and runners-up for a group photo.

Deborah handed out copies of the proposed 2021 Pennant draws to the group. Asked if there were any changes to let her know her and she will update the draws.

Deborah also mentioned the Kooralbyn fun golf weekend held recently. Enjoyed by all and hopefully will be run again in 2021.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DELEGATE MEETING

Minutes of previous Delegates Meeting held at Redland Bay Golf Club on Friday 13th March 2020 were circulated (via email links to BDLGA website). Noted as true and correct by a majority show of hands.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

9. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Meryl McKenzie, BDLGA President

As stated earlier, welcome to the first and the last delegate's meeting for 2020. Well there is very little to report given the incredible situation the world found itself in over the year and sadly for many countries the cases and deaths from Covid-19 remain a concern.

With the uncertainty and constant changing and modifications to the various health directives, the Management Committee made the decision to cancel all tournaments except for the Sarah Jane Kenyon Challenge held on 1 November. Even though playing golf was recognised as safe during the pandemic, the number of players allowed, the closed clubhouses and subsequently the reduced number of patrons allowed in Clubs made gatherings of any kind prohibitive.

Tomorrow the restrictions will be further relaxed so hopefully some semblance of normality will return to our sport, whatever "normal" will look like into the future.

During this time, Deb Marsland our pennant co-ordinator initiated a COVID-pennant competition and she will talk through this with her pennant presentation.

But thank heavens for technology and emails. We managed to communicate frequently and have managed to hold 3 meetings.

During this time the management committee seized on the opportunity to upgrade our constitution which is now complete and includes all the changes required by the Associations Incorporations ACT which was highlighted to all Clubs by Golf Australia. We will now move forward on the by-laws and strategic plan which I will expand on later.

Judy Shelton tendered her resignation and we thank her for her years of service and dedication. Renai Ridley has stepped into the role of tournament coordinator and is already making changes to streamline processes and procedures for both tournaments and sponsorships. You will shortly receive the dates and venues for the 2021 tournaments.

As mentioned by Sue Strong our junior coordinator, the Sarah Jayne Kenyon challenge was held at Wantima on 1 November. Our sincere thanks to Wantima for their assistance. According to Sue, the girls showed exceptional skill and sportsmanship and in Sue's words "the future of women's golf is in good hands". Reassuring.

Deb Marsland and her merry band of golfers went away for the annual BDLGA get together at Kooralbyn last weekend. You would have seen the photos on facebook that a great time was held by all. In the interest of remaining a friend with Deb I have to announce that she jugged an eagle while down there.

We encourage you to nominate for a Management Committee position in 2021. There will be a few vacancies and it is important to continue to refresh the knowledge and skills base for the continuity of the organisation.

There's little more to report on other than to wish you all a wonderful festive season and confidence that we will resume to some kind of normal in 2021. Thank you.



10. SURVEY

Meryl addressed this topic, please see below:

The Management committee is serious about ensuring we fulfil our charter and provide the very best service to you, our membership. However, we are also acutely aware that two-way communication is vital so in the development of our strategic plan we will be sending a short survey to you and ask for you to please consider the questions and return your responses. There are no right or wrong answers, however we need to get things right in our minds to ensure that you are getting from your association what you want need and expect. These responses will be collated and considered and from this our strategic plan will be drafted. We encourage you to take part in this as this is your opportunity to influence the direction of your association well into the future. We would also value volunteers to work with us on the drafting of this document so if you are interested, please contact Laraine.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

MEETING CLOSED at 10:30 am

Next Meeting: 5th March 2021 @ McLeod Country Golf Club

SARAH JANE KENYON REPORT

I must admit to not knowing anything about the Sarah Jane Kenyon Challenge before I came on Committee. Who is Sarah Jane Kenyon and how did this challenge come about? Still not quite sure about the why.

Sarah Jane Kenyon started playing golf when she was 12, that would have been in 1995. I believe she was a Junior at the Caloundra Golf Club.

In her 9 years as an amateur she had many successes

Sarah represented Aust 6 times in her Amateur Career 1999, 2000 - 2003 and Qld State team 2003 -04

She was victorious at 2001 Greg Norman Masters, 2002 Aust Junior Championships and Qld Championship., and at both the 2003 NSW stroke play championship and Qld stroke play championship.

She was a member of the 2004 Aust world cup team. She was the low amateur at the 2004 Aust Open finishing 10th overall.

Sarah was the top ranked junior in Aust in 2002 and top ranked amateur in 2003

She turned professional in Dec 2004 and qualified for the LPGA tour at her second attempt.

In 2018 she carded a career low 65 five times.

She has earned \$2,094,069.



So, I guess when we look at what she achieved as an amateur, that is what Caloundra Golf Club must have considered and believed to be worthwhile to honour Sarah by creating a Junior Challenge - to be held between Sunshine Coast and Brisbane District. The challenge alternates between the two Districts with Brisbane hosting in the even years and the Sunshine Coast the uneven years

The first Challenge was held in 2003 - 18 years ago

The numbers in the team have varied over the year. started with 3, then 5 then had 6 for a while now it is 8.

BDLGA have won 8 times.

SCBDWG have won 5.

5 Ties.

The only restriction to eligibility is that you can't have played in the Junior Jug Must be under 18 on the day of play.

Handicap range is from scratch to GA 33.

This year the event was held at Wantima, a couple of weeks ago. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the Management and staff along with the Ladies of Wantima, in particular Leone Sands Wantima Captain, Julie, Cheryl and Tania and my partner in crime Edith De Groot for all their help and assistance.

The teams were evenly matched with the end result being a TIE

The Brisbane team:

Amy Hodgkins	Redcliffe	daily H/C scratch	lost 2 down
Laura Ward	Pacific	daily H/C 8	won + 2up
Lily Saba	Pacific	daily H/C 8	won + 4/3
Nicole Chen	Windaroo	daily H/C 10	won + 3/2
Emily Frost	Royal Qld	Daily H/C 11	lost - 4/2
Zoe Burt	Pacific	Daily H/C 15	won + 2/1
Mia Love	Windaroo	Daily H/C 17	lost - 3/1
Gemma Oliver	Wantima	Daily H/C 20	lost - 2/1



Sunshine Coast team

Ionna Muir	4
Sammara Dryden	6
Spohie Thomsen	6
Nina Bohan	7
Ellandi Findlay	10
Eliliana Mac Rae	11
Llly Sauasen	12
Coco Moore	23

It was really good to have mixture of Clubs across Brisbane

In particular to have players from three clubs that don't field a Junior Pennant Team. That being Redcliffe, Royal Qld, and Wantima.

There are about 90 Junior girls across the district on full handicap that are members of the BDLGA. Out of that number there are only about 30 girls that regularly play in various competitions including pennants throughout the year. So that begs the question, where are the others and why are they not participating? It's thought that they are too young to play pennants and in some cases that would be correct. There is also a small number of girls that are playing across the eastern corner just about every weekend in tournaments like Greg Norman Masters qualifying rounds, District Junior Championships, Katherine Kirk to name a few. But what about the rest? Somehow, we as leaders of women's golf need to do more to encourage all our Juniors to participate in our tournaments and in particular to play pennants. Whether in a Club team or composite team.

The girls that do play pennants are mostly aged 13/15.

They are great kids, they all know each other, they are very competitive and play wonderful golf. But the pot is small and it needs to grow. The BDLGA can't do it on their own, we all have to work together to achieve a better outcome.



Because like it or not Juniors are the future and if we can develop more girls like those that played in the Sarah Jane Kenyon, from both our Districts, just imagine what would happen to women's golf in the coming years. It would be awesome.