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Delegates General Meeting
 Date: 26th March 2023
 Venue: The Benson Hotel Cairns
 Time:

MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

1. *Opening of meeting*

Jake Cockle (*President/Publicity*) opened the meeting at 9:16am

Present

Colin Harding (*Vice President*)

Tom McEwan (*Junior Chairman*)

Hayden Harding (*Secretary*)

CLUB	DELEGATE	OBSERVER
EL ARISH	GAVIN CAMILLERI (Cardwell x2)	
ATHERTON	DARREN MOREY	
ATHERTON	DAVE HAZLETT	
MOSSMAN	GEOFF GOODWIN	
MOSSMAN	WAYNE CHRISTIANSEN	
INNISFAIL		CINDY COCKLE
INNISFAIL	LUKE PETERS	
EL ARISH	TROY KOPP	
HALF MOON BAY	TIM MACKRILL	
CAIRNS	MATT BOLTON	
MILLA MILLA		STEWY WORTH (PROXY)

2. *Apologies*

Sam Bush (Cairns GC) & Ray Greig (Cairns GC)

3. *Minutes of previous delegates meeting*

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated by email (1/3/2023) with printed copies available at the meeting.

Minutes accepted as a true and correct record of the 2022 meeting.

Moved: Tim Mackrill

Seconded: Matt Bolton

Passed.

4. *Business Arising*

No Business arising from previous meeting.

5. *Presentation of Pennants, GoTY prizes and Junior Scholarships*

Presentation was done by Jake Cockle

Peter Culley Golfer of The Year 2022 as follows:

A Grade – Tom Whittle (Cairns)

B Grade – Gavin Camilleri (El Arish)

C Grade – Stewy Worth (El Arish)

The Pennants Competition was held at Mossman Golf Club in 2022

Pennants Flags

4-1

A Grade Winner – Cairns

A Grade Runner Up – Half Moon Bay

3-2

B Grade Winner – Mareeba

B Grade Runner Up – Gordonvale

3-2

C Grade Winner – Cairns

C Grade Runner Up – Atherton

Boys Junior Scholarship Winner – Caine Cockle

Girls Junior Scholarship Winner – Angel Pizzichemi

6. *Presentation from Golf Australia Queensland*

Presentation from Golf Queensland was conducted by Peter Reeves. Chairman of Golf Queensland.

Peter spoke about 2022-2025 strategy to get more people into golf. Peter mentioned whether it is the driving range, playing social, mini putt, xgolf (golf simulators) “all golf is golf” and we encourage everyone to get into the game of golf. Social Media & Electronic focus around golf to promote and the power it has. 9yr old online was able to post a video of a hole in one and it got 3million views in a short time. Any golf footage is encouraged to be posted/shared online as it is good for the game of golf. Golf QLD Junior Scholarship nominations have grown a lot in the last 2 years, 2021 266 nominations 2022 600 nominations. There has been a big increase in MyGolf junior programs. Cameron Smith AUS PGA coverage on Kayo was great to promote golf. New golf design to encourage people with not a lot of spare time. 3 holes, 6 holes, 9 holes all designed to finish back at clubhouse for faster play. Peter spoke of the AUS Golf centre across from Royal Melbourne with a driving range down the bottom for amateur and social driving range people and then top level facility for Professional and up and coming golfers with Cameras and Trackman to track shots and help their game. QLD Open will be played in Late October and will also be streamed on Kayo. Golf QLD can assist clubs who would like to get some advice or gain access to government grants and blue card info etc. Peter thanked everyone for coming to AGM and thanked everyone who plays the game and encouraged people to always have fun and enjoy themselves and encourage others to play the game even if it's the driving range and reminded everyone that all golf is golf. Peter provided handout to people at AGM with Golf QLD vision for next few years and Australia Golf Balanced Scorecard FY23.

7. *Pennants Competition Outlook*

Pennants Survey sent out with feedback provided from clubs below

Top 3 results were the following

1. Conduct match meeting and decide
2. North/South Format
3. Divisions based on previous years results (across all grades)

Stewy advised potential of Southern Districts & Mirage entering competition to bring total to 10 Teams. Discussion were had from floor to decide if there should be a tie after 18 holes or continue until there is a results. The majority voted that the match would continue until there is a result. Clubs also mentioned length of season and the travel is hard for players to commit to full season.
15min break.

Pennants discussions continued and it was voted from the floor that the format would be divisional. The 2 pools would consist of the following;

Pool 1 – 1/3/5/7/9

Pool 2 – 2/4/6/8/10

Results would be decided from average of clubs results in all grades. FNQ Committee to combine results and complete results.

Southern Districts would be Team 9 and Mirage Team 10. (Pending confirmation)

Gavin Camilleri mentioned possibility of having a shield for “Champion Team” of who had the best results over the year in all grades. Possibility of naming the shield “Craig Harnett Pennants Champion Club”

Play to be in groups of 4 rather than 6 to speed up pace of play.

4 rounds plus finals weekend. Draw to be decided later in the year and added to FNQGA Calendar.

Moved: Stewy Worth

Seconded: Luke Peters

Passed.

8. Future Financial Direction for FNQGA

Stewy mentioned FNQGA success over the past few years has allowed the Junior Scholarship brought in for the first time in 2023, 2023 FNQ Seniors Open and Thanked Golf World for their matched Sponsorship of \$5000 in FNQ Open. FNQGA currently in a great financial decision but need to spend more money and asked for any ideas to be brought forward.

9. Other Business

Mossman brought up about Junior numbers falling and what we can do to encourage Junior golfers. Parents unable to walk with Kids once they reach 18 holes and was asked why. Was advised that they can walk 18 with Kids but from a distance if they want to caddy they have to advise and nominate as a caddy. Tom advised at Juniors Committee meeting in April that it can be discussed further. Stewy Mentioned that he has confirmed that Gavin Camilleri has decided he will fill the Match Chairman position.

Jake Cockle closed off by thanking committee and everyone involved with FNQ Golf for a great 2022 and looks forward to the 2023 year and competition.

10. Close of meeting

With no further business Jake Cockle declared the meeting closed at 11:15am

Hayden Harding
Secretary
27/3/2023



Jake Cockle
President
27/3/2023

