

## Minutes of Committee Meeting - Commonwealth Bank Sydney Golf Club

**Date:** Thursday 14/4/16

**Location:** Level 5, 201 Sussex St Building 1

**Teleconference Details - Phone**1800 692 255, Access code 5295895

**Meeting Commenced @ 6.00pm**

Name	Position	Attended
Michael Parker	President	Yes
Richard Mair	Vice President	Yes
Steven Chan	Captain	Yes
Dave McCann	Secretary	Yes
George Emerson	Treasurer	Yes (Phone)
Stephen McCammond	Handicapper	Yes (Phone)
Simon Soo	Booking Officer	Yes
Scott Driver	Publicity Officer	Yes
Simon Cooper	Committee	Apology
Rudi Minbatiwala	Committee	Apology
Rowena Rees-Poole	Committee	Yes (Phone)
Lloyd Rodger	Committee	Yes
Graham Flanagan	Committee	Yes (Phone)
Craig Horley	Committee	Apology

### Apologies

S Cooper

R Minbatiwala

C Horley

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Accepted:** Steve Chan

**Seconded:** Richard Mair

### Business arising from Minutes

Nil

### Treasurer's Report

**Balance of Accounts as at 14/4/16 = \$ 18,611.93**

**Issues:**

- Balance of accounts is after Elliott costs (approx. \$2,400).
- Stock of new shirts held est value \$1,040.
- Still approx. 15 old shirts held.

**Accepted:** Steve Chan

**Seconded:** Scott Driver

## **General Business**

### **1) 2016 Elliott wrap and 2017 arrangements**

- Steve Chan reported very successful tournament with great job being done by the VIC organizing team.
- Monday event was Managing Directors Trophy won by NSW.
- Tuesday event was Elliott in which NSW and SA drew. Steve Chan mentioned that to the letter of the Elliott rules, NSW would have won by countback (lowest stroke score dropped) however announced as a tie.
- Brisbane Salver won by SA.
- Melbourne Cup won by Lloyd Rodger.
- Gateway Cup won by Astley Jennings.
- Elliott "after tour" considered successful and George Emerson thanked Steve Chan on behalf of all participants for his hard work in organizing the "Tiger Tour" attached to the Elliott.
- 2017 event to be hosted by TAS. Accommodation will be at Wrest Point with courses being Royal Hobart and Tasmania golf clubs.

### **2) Proposed changes to Elliott**

- Steve Chan advised that discussion was held at this year's event around possible changes to event structure.
- Potential changes may be to
  - a) Make Managing Directors Trophy 7 best Stableford scores
  - b) Make Elliott 5 best net stroke scores
  - c) Make Brisbane Salver average of 10 Stableford scores.
  - d) Retire Managing Directors Trophy on the basis that the bank no longer supports the event and make the Brisbane salver the Monday event.
- Thinking is that NSW holds a distinct advantage over other states in regard to numbers of low markers and that by using net stroke for Elliott all team members can potentially contribute to result.
- 2017 event will likely stay as is and changes likely to be implemented for 2018.
- Michael Parker suggested discuss further at committee meetings closer to 2017 event. Michael also expressed opinion that names of trophies and attachment to the days of the tournament be maintained given history involved. Steve Chan agreed with this view.
- Steve Chan and George Emerson both expressed support for proposed change to Managing Directors Trophy scoring.
- Michael Parker raised issue of use social handicaps and consensus is that only AGU handicaps be utilized in future scoring.
- Stephen McCammond questioned level of social handicap players in the event this year and Steve Chan thought somewhere in the 10-20% ballpark.
- George Emerson suggested that we try to accelerate any changes so that they are in place for 2017 event and that NSW should drive changes to the extent possible. Stephen McCammond questioned whether it was necessary to get agreement from all states and it was agreed that consensus from all states is required.

### **Action Item**

- **Michael Parker** to provide other states with views of our committee in regard to general agreement to changes being proposed.

### **3) 2016 InterBank and 2017 arrangements**

- Consensus was that event was well conducted and ran smoothly overall at a very enjoyable venue in StoneCutters Ridge.
- Westpac won Team Scratch, CBA won Team Handicap, Individual events won by Richard Mair and John Witherby (Westpac).
- RBA to host 2017 event StoneCutters Ridge and Macquarie Links as potential venues.
- Only negative as raised by Michael Parker was the lack of prize support by Thailand Golf Tours.
- Stephen McCammond asked whether general club membership was asked to participate in InterBank ahead of Elliott team members. Steve Chan confirmed that this was the case and that numbers of members willing to play InterBank was down a little this year overall. It was agreed that where Elliott and InterBank do not clash (as was the case this year) priority for InterBank team be given to members not picked for Elliott.

### **4) MatchPlay Qualification (raised by David McCann)**

**David McCann proposed** – In line with reduction of matchplay field from 32 to 16 this year, competition to gain entry into field is naturally now keener. When it was 32 pretty much anybody who wanted to be in the matchplay made it into the field. Proposal is to use total PT pts across the 3 qualifying rounds as the qualifying criteria. This would better reward attendance and consistent performance across all 3 rounds as opposed to the current criteria where a member can potentially qualify by attending only 1 of the qualifying rounds and playing well on the day.

- General consensus was that Presidents Trophy already rewards attendance.
- View was that having made the matchplay, qualifiers are basically committed to attending the next 4 matches.
- Scott Driver suggested that we start marking cards at qualifying events in regard to who can commit to attending all matchplay rounds.
- Richard Mair suggested that we use average score across qualifying rounds as criteria but general consensus was that this was not appropriate.
- Steve Chan raised question as to whether qualification should be based on individual qualifying rounds or combined results over the three rounds.
- Messrs McCammond and Emerson expressed view that they are not in favour of change.
- General consensus was that matter is worthy of further consideration by committee at future meetings.
- Lloyd Rodger suggested that draw be made available and progressively updated on club website. General agreement to this suggestion.

### **5) Using non-committee members as starters (raised by Graham Flanagan)**

**In email 22/3/16 Graham wrote** - I know that I am only new and have only done one start, which I was happy to do, but it doesn't seem to make sense that when you have a club member that lives locally or indeed is a member of the course that we are playing, that they cannot be asked to be starter for that game. They can access cards etc the day before and complete with the rush on the morning of the game.

- Graham confirmed matter arose following Kooindah Waters event where local resident Mark Ward could have been asked to prepare cards to assist starter on the day.

- Steve Chan expressed his view that it is an inherent duty of committee members that they act as starters and that preference is for committee members to do the role. Notwithstanding, Steve believes that in instances where there is a person living close to an event venue we seek their assistance in preparing cards. General consensus was that this is an appropriate strategy for future events.

#### **6) Closure of surplus club websites (raised by Craig Horley)**

**In email 22/3/16 Craig wrote** - At the moment we have two/three internal club sites. Chuck and I maintain two on the LAN and we either need to decommission one or both given we have a new members site to use. Tiger is not in favour of closing both but I reckon with no CBA sponsorship we don't really need to have them in place – we will get more and more members now outside the CBA I think. **My Position** – Close the Member only site completely. I am in favour of changing the open CBA site to only include the games and contacts so people in CBA do get an opportunity to get the contacts and also have a link to our official web site. Maintenance would be once a year updating the courses and committee contacts.

- History is that Steve Iacono set up 1 internal and 1 external site.
- Chatter forum has been closed down but bank Intranet site still live.
- George Emerson expressed view that it may be wise to keep something on the Intranet site to direct potential new members to new club website.

#### **7) Excessive cost @ Mona vale (raised by Simon Soo on behalf of members who complained)**

**In email 4/4/16 Simon wrote** - A couple of players have mentioned the green fee's for Mona Vale was a bit high and maybe deciding whether we should look at another course that is more affordable.

- A total of 6 people complained about cost of Mona Vale event (\$70), 4 before the event and 2 on the day.
- Point was made that there were no drop-outs from the draw.
- Agreed that Mona Vale cost was at the higher end of preferred range for cost of normal club events.
- Agreed that Booking Officer should try and limit number of courses at that price point and not introduce any new courses at same or higher cost.
- George Emerson reminded that as a social club we are a "price taker".
- Issue of asking Mona Vale for price reduction was discussed given poorer than normal course condition. Agreed that this would not be likely to be granted given demand for courses like Mona Vale for social clubs.
- Agreed that a good idea would be to put "estimated indicative" prices on blue draw cards, in draw book and on website.
- General consensus view was that it is important to maintain quality courses in calendar.

#### **8) Resignation of Will Russell from Committee as at 5/4/16**

- Will's resignation noted and agreed that no need at this time to seek replacement on General Committee.

**9) CBA Collections charity golf day**

- Michael Parker advised that he had received a telephone call from the bank's collections area who are organizing a charity golf day in support of various medical conditions (Immune Deficiency etc).
- Event is to be held at Carnarvon GC in May at a cost of \$100 including golf, food etc of which approx. \$25 would go to charity.
- Organisers are seeking our logistical support in inviting our members.
- Michael Parker suggested that maybe we could also provide invite to our Bank Holiday participant list. Michael will liase with organisers directly.

**10) Miscellaneous Items**

- Scott Driver advised that first club newsletter for the year will issue shortly.
- Michael Parker thanked Steve Chan on behalf of all club members for his hard work and time in establishing the club's new website.

**Meeting Closed:** 7.35pm

**Next Committee Meeting:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

**David McCann**  
**Secretary**