

**LANE COVE COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED**  
**MINUTES OF THE 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**  
**HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON**  
**MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020**

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

**In Attendance**

30 Golfing & Social Members signed the Attendance Register being a quorum as follows:

Doug Cameron	Mike Guthrie	Alan Moss	Michael Smith
Neil Cooper	Frank Hurford	Barbara Oliver	Greg Stephenson
Andrew Corish	Rosemary Hurford	Anthony Powter	Margaret Tanner
Monica Cowper	Ron Jeffrey	Helen Prentice	Barry Watkin
Brian Doherty	Janet Lean	Susan Ridd	Graham Webster
Suzique Doughty	Paul Kelly	Jan Sadler	Joan Weine
Dermot Duncan	Stuart McDonald	Ralph Sadler	
Maureen Dunn	Marianne Mitchell	Robyn Seale	

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from 12 members as follows:

Richard Biggs	Robyn Glover	Jackie Sun
Carolyn Biggs	Ben Pearson	Steve Tan
Lucinda Brown	Angela Pearson	Nicky Thorpe
Peter Doherty	Norman Sarajensky	Nic Walsler

**Welcome**

The President, Dermot Duncan, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending including Garry Day, our auditor. He also expressed a special welcome to Life Members, Ron Jeffrey, Helen Prentice, Ralph Sadler and Barry Watkin.

He enquired whether all attendees had signed in for the meeting and asked if there were any further apologies other than those listed on the sheet at the entrance to the auditorium.

**Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28 October 2019**

The Minutes of the 2019 Annual General meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read. Moved by Helen Prentice seconded by Monica Cowper. The Minutes were signed by Dermot Duncan as a true copy.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arising.

**To receive and consider Accounts, Balance Sheet and Report of Directors and Auditors**

As these had been previously circulated to Members - moved Jan Sadler and seconded Andrew Corish the accounts be approved. **Vote carried.**

## **President's Report**

Dermot Duncan thanked Alan Moss, our previous President, who generously stepped aside due to a conflict of interest, so the Club could have the support of all Councilors.

Also, in reiterating the points made in his report regarding the proposed development, and the various actions the Board has taken, he added that the Board will be meeting next week to ensure we keep our message to Council clear as to our many objections.

Anthony Powter made a few points as follows:

- Suggested it be made clear to Council the activities and increase in junior golf in the Club working with Kasey Dive.
- He expressed concern at the inaccuracies of the golfing statistics used by Council in their video.
- He also mentioned the increase in participation in 9 hole golf competitions.

Helen Prentice pointed out that with the development of the Clubhouse, the proposed redevelopment will take part of the first hole (considered our signature hole). In response Dermot Duncan stated the Club has made it abundantly clear to Council that this is one of our objections.

## **Election of Officers**

The President vacated the chair which Ralph Sadler took during the election. He advised the following nominations had been received:

Dermot Duncan, President  
Stuart McDonald, Treasurer  
Robyn Seale, Hon. Secretary/Director  
Maureen Dunn, Barbara Oliver, Barry Watkin and Lucinda Brown Directors

All nominees were then declared elected.

## **Patron of the Club**

In confirming the appointment of the Mayor as Patron of the Club, Anthony Powter questioned whether Pam Palmer is the right person as our Patron, having regard to all the issues surrounding the development. He stated the Patron should be separate to any involvement in the development.

The President Dermot Duncan responded that it would be too antagonistic at the present time and, as a Board, we wish to stay with the tradition of having the Mayor as our Patron.

Ron Jeffrey stated for the last 40 to 50 years the Mayor has been our Patron and usually they attend various events at the Club and if we failed to elect her it could possibly do more harm.

Alan Moss supported the Board's position regarding continuing Pam Palmer as Patron.

## **First Hole**

With respect to the 1<sup>st</sup> hole Alan Moss stated that Council had given an undertaking on many occasions, including at a meeting of the Golf Precinct Committee, that nothing would happen to the footprint of the course.

Graham Webster added that at one of the Council meetings he attended on behalf of the Board, it was stated by Council that nothing would be done to jeopardise the par rating of the course.

Anthony Powter suggested waiting until the DA goes through. He added we need to be proactive in our protection of the course not only for now, but for future generations.

Michael Guthrie commented regarding the shape of the new clubhouse that the Club needs to become more involved with the design and replacement.

Alan Moss stated that when he and Barry Watkin were part of the Lane Cove Precinct Committee, part of their role was to set the guidelines for maintaining the 64 par green space and the length of the course, and that this was included in the EOI.

Joan Weine queried whether any more meetings were to be held – the response being that as these were organized by Council we don't know. She also asked whether Council could be asked to share feedback from the submissions received by Council. Dermot Duncan advised the submissions are being analysed by an external company.

### **Auditors**

Graham Webster moved that the existing auditors, Harley Russell & Day, be reappointed for the following year. Seconded Helen Prentice and passed unanimously.

### **Directors' Expenses**

It was moved Rosemary Hurford, seconded Janet Lean, that Directors' Expenses be approved, the amount of which were not to exceed \$2000. It was stated that no claims for Directors' Expenses had been made in the last 16 years. Passed unanimously.

### **General Business**

Dermot Duncan called for questions from the floor.

- Noel Cooper asked when Friday night jazz with Bill Burton would return. Barbara Oliver explained there are a few reasons such as Covid restrictions and no dancing, we need sufficient numbers to cover the cost of the band and then there is catering. We are in touch with Bill Burton and he could be interested in returning but we are not sure if this would be weekly or monthly. Our weekly newsletter will keep members updated. Barbara also mentioned the increased interest in Thursday night music and how the Club is becoming a bit of local music scene.
- Stuart McDonald updated the meeting on JobKeeper advising it is no longer available to the Club due to the change in our financial position and therefore the Club no longer qualifies. However it has been extremely valuable to the Club during the early months of Covid as we had up to 4 bar staff on JobKeeper.
- Andrew Corish commented on the Junior Development in the Club and the need for Juniors to be joining adult competitions. Dermot Duncan advised that Kasey Dive has provided guidelines as to when Juniors have acquired a handicap and are ready to join in competitions.
- Anthony Powter suggested we approach Council to provide some extra lines for the Junior Development programme.
- Ralph Sadler offered a vote of thanks and congratulations to the Board who have steered us through this difficult year, not only in fighting the Council proposal/concept for redevelopment, but also the Board's handling of the situation during the Covid 19 restrictions. He additionally offered congratulations to Kent for his part in managing matters on the financial side of things during Covid.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm with the President inviting those present to enjoy refreshments provided by the Board.

Signed as a correct record

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President

Date .....