

**APPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012**  
**at Canberra International Pitch and Putt Club**

**Meeting commenced at 1:33.m.**

**1. Present:** Phil Shaw-Dennis, Brendon Underwood, Phil O'Rourke, Tim Terrell, Charlie Hutchison, Marie Hutchison, Tom Rickett and June Drury.

**2. Absent:**

Peter O'Dare and Val Buckle

**3. Chaired by:**

Charlie Hutchison

**4. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting.**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 were read and it was moved by Phil Shaw-Dennis and seconded by Brendon that they be accepted. They were so accepted.

**5. Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

**6. Presentation of Statutory Statements :**

a. **Audited Statement of Association's Accounts for 2011-2012.** The Audited Statements were presented. The Accounts were in order. Phil O'Rourke pointed out that a further requirement has been added to the accounts – the Office of Regulatory Services now requires a Statement of Assets and Liabilities. This has been attended to.

b. **Report on Board Membership and Association Activities for 2011-2012.** This is covered in the President's Report though Charlie also made reference to the proposed course at Milton of which nothing further has been heard.

**7. Executive Committee Reports:**

a. **President:**

Charlie tabled his report (see attachment) and apologized for not mentioning the Australian World Cup Team in that report. He also raised the issue of shot-gun starts being used for Championships but nothing was decided on that issue.

It was moved by Brendon and seconded by Tim that this report be accepted. It was so accepted.

b. **Treasurer:**

Marie tabled her report which showed that a steady bank balance had been maintained over the ensuing year, commencing with a bank balance of \$3098.70 and a closing balance of \$3209.36. The largest incomes and expenditure had been caused by the Irish Banks not accepting the Bank Transfers sent for FIPPA fees and charges. Returned cheques were deposited and euros were drawn and taken to Ireland by June Drury. Possible solutions to this were discussed but nothing has yet been resolved.

The matter of the Auditor for the next year would be attended to by Marie.

It was moved by Phil Shaw-Dennis and seconded by Brendon that this report be accepted. It was so accepted.

## **8. Election of Office Bearers.**

Tim stated this was a Board matter not an Annual General Meeting matter and it was unanimously agreed to postpone this for the Board Meeting.

## **9. Registered Members Comments:**

Charlie invited comments from members about any matters of concern. June commented that information is hard to obtain and changes to procedures do not always get back to members particularly that of the Ranking System. There is some difficulty with the website and Charlie mentioned that, as a non-computer person he does not attempt to access said site and that might be the situation with others. Tom will assist Phil O'Rourke with some insight into the running of the website and look at possible changes.

Marie mentioned that there had been an embargo on the dissemination of information from the Board and this had only altered in the last year. Also, information re the Board's activities had been placed on the notice boards at each of the A.C.T. clubs and included in their newsletters but does not seem to be universally read.

The proposed Club Championships were discussed. Points raised being:-

Format of Medal Matchplay being groups of four playing Nett winner receiving four points, second three points, etc.; APPA handicaps to be used (ACH); would gross be fairer; clubs to have same number of players; could players who are members of two clubs nominate to play for either club?; could one club nominate two teams?; minimum number of women to be decided for each club; event to count for alteration to ACH but not for Rankings; if successful to be added to APPA Calendar; APPA to provide prizes. This will be finalized at February Board Meeting.

The Ranking System was also discussed with it being decided to keep the points as they are now being 20 points for the winner of State Championships and thirty points for the winner of the Australian International Open and other players receiving points in descending order. It was pointed out that the previous system greatly favoured a few championships such as the A.C.T. and Victorian whilst smaller ones (e.g. Valley View) were less well attended. Obtaining the same number of points for each championship has addressed this imbalance somewhat. Tim mentioned that the changes had not altered greatly the people who were on top of the Rankings ladder but had altered each player's position in some cases. It was mentioned that the Rankings favoured wealthier players who could afford the time and money to travel to the various venues but it was pointed out that many of the players who travel do so because of their commitment to the game.

## **10. Closing:**

**There being no further business, Charlie thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2:50 p.m.**

*C P Hutchison*

President

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