

Minutes of APPA Board Meeting

Friday 13th November 2015 – Wiradjuri Golf Centre

Wagga Wagga

The meeting was declared open by the President at 1600hrs.

1. Present: Phil Shaw-Dennis, Charlie Hutchison, Marie Hutchison, Dawn King and Tony Heinrich.
2. Apologies: Tim Terrell
3. Minutes of previous meeting were read and noted.
4. Financial Report: Charlie (Treasurer) presented the Financial report for 2014/15 which was audited and accepted by the board. APPA has a positive balance of \$3929 as at this period. The treasurer also presented an up to date financial position showing a balance of \$4379.
5. Matters Arising: All matters arising were dealt with in the next few items and other business.
6. Programme of Events 2016: The follow was tabled:
 - Feb 20th/21st – ACT Championships (Canberra International)
 - Mar 19th/20th – Waverley Masters (Waverley Melbourne)
 - April/May?? – Inter-Club Event (Wiradjuri – Wagga)
 - July 23rd/24th – ACT masters (Canberra International)
 - Sept ? – NSW State Champs – Terry Hills* or Wiradjuri (Wagga)
(Marie Hutchison will liaise with Peter Parker to find out the status of Terry Hills and if Ok get a date or if not Wagga sets a date for the event)
 - Oct 22nd/23rd – Vic State Champs (Waverley – Melbourne)
 - Nov 19th/20th – Australian Open (Canberra International)
7. Ranking System: Following the discussions at the Annual General meeting earlier in the afternoon, it was decided that

we would proceed with the Arthur Jelly proposed (minimum 4 rounds) system while still maintaining our current ranking system.

Phil Shaw-Dennis indicated his concerns with this proposal given the history of the number of players over the last few years that have played 4 or more ranking events. The concern was that only a handful of players would complete four events and they would be the only gross and nett winners overall. However, it was put to a vote and accepted that we go with the proposed Arthur Jelly system.

This further fuelled the debate on the purpose of the ranking system and raised the points that it should be a system that represents participation rather than the best player. What was also proposed as a result was that the Board would need to consider another format to decide on the best players if they are to be chosen to represent Australia in major world events. No final decision was made but it will be discussed urgently as there is another World Cup event occurring in July 2016.

8. Other Business:

a) Web Site / Newsletter. It was agreed that there was no need for the newsletter to be a separate document but we would include it as an additional page on the web site with all entities providing any newsworthy items to Judith Henderson to include.

b) Event Structure. Phil Shaw-Dennis raised the thought of reviewing our APPA ranking events due to the dwindling numbers that seem to be participating across the country. There are many reasons why players do not travel including jobs, finance, incentives etc. To this end Phil proposed all our events are run as follows:

72 Holes – Open Championship and can be played by anyone played as 36 holes each day.

36 Holes – Open Seniors Championships (Age?) played 18 holes each day.

18 Holes – Open Juniors Championships (Under 16) played as 18 hole on final day.

The objective was to include clear categories and to encourage more juniors and indeed seniors as well.

This was also to be discussed further with detail pros and cons laid on the table for a decision to be made asap.

9. Closure: The meeting was declared closed at 16.47 hrs.