

Committee meeting

Date:	26 April 2023
Meeting opened:	7.00pm
Place:	Kevin's home

Attendees:	Kevin James, Jim Gardner, Mark Dimond, Steve Toogood, John Soo and Neville Keeley
Apologies:	NIL
Previous minutes:	Read and received. Moved Mark Seconded Jim <i>CARRIED</i>

Item	Description
Correspondence	<p><i>In</i></p> <p>Bankstown Sports: Matthew Starr</p> <p>Child Safety Policy requirement, now published on our web site.</p> <p>Sports Network meeting, Reminder of next round of Club Grants closing date, Anzac Day Bowls Day.</p> <p>Good Sports: Good Sports Award Winners, how to kick off your season.</p> <p><i>Out</i></p> <p>None</p>
President's report	<p>Attended recent Sports Network Meeting and watched demonstration of Xero. (Xero is an accounting software used by the larger Clubs in the Network.) Provided to the meeting a report of our club activities and heard from other clubs present. No mention was made of finalisation of amalgamation with Bankstown Golf Club.</p> <p>Continues to investigate suppliers and designs for our new shirts which we hope to purchase shortly.</p> <p>Kevin also advised that our club is no longer incorporated.</p> <p>Applying for another grant in next round to cover the cost of presentation and trophies.</p>
Treasurer's report	<p>Balance currently looking healthy as there has been little activity since we received the last grant. Balance currently \$8966.</p> <p>Birdie challenge for last year yet to be finalised. Mark to clarify the winner.</p> <p>We should be extremely grateful for the support received from the Sports Club.</p>

	<p>Grants are subject to us providing to the Sports Club details of the way we spend the money.</p> <p>Good supply of golf balls now.</p>
Handicapper's report	<p>Usual complaints from the low markers. Maximum handicap of 45 has been implemented with no dramatic affect.</p>
Secretary's report	<p>Web page statistics continue to be good; people seem to be used to looking at it for club information.</p> <p>Old complaint of members not responding or responding very slowly.</p> <p>Expressed a need for the Committee to revisit the by-laws and see which are still relevant and those which are being ignored. For example, the by-laws show that ambrose partners should come from each of the two divisions, but this is not being implemented.</p>
Old mates golf report	<p>Old mates continues to attract a trickle of new members. Enthusiastic group who are enjoying their golf. The scheduled April game was washed out and was able to be played the following week.</p> <p>By-laws also need to be reviewed to consider Old Mates as the by-laws were written before Old Mates existed. Some by-laws are relevant while others may not be.</p>
Captain's report	<p>Steve reported that some members have expressed to him a need to return to the old handicapping system where a winner was penalised strokes off his handicap. After much discussion the Committee agreed to continue with the current system.</p> <p>Captain reminded members that preferred lies are not permitted in the rough unless local rules state otherwise. General reminder to members to check the local rules before each game.</p>
Members' Rep report	<p>Courses booked and to be confirmed shortly. Three accommodation venues have provided quotes and they are being considered. Hope to keep costs near to last year's.</p> <p>Bill will be collecting money nearer then time and when costs have been determined.</p>

Business arising from previous committee meeting

Trophies	<p>Much discussion about suitable trophies for Championships</p> <p>Suggestions included bringing back engraved glasses, simple medal, or plaque, having club shirt embroidered for each winner. Kevin to investigate further possibilities.</p> <p>Motion: That the Committee and Members' representative sound out the members about what they would prefer to use as trophies.</p> <p>Moved Steve, Seconded Mark <i>CARRIED</i></p>
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General Business

New club shirts	<p>Kevin would like to purchase these sooner rather than later and he has contacted suppliers.</p> <p>Motion: That the shirts be bought in the corporate colours of the Sports Club, that is blue and orange.</p> <p>Moved Mark, Seconded John. <i>CARRIED</i></p> <p>(Note: Since this decision was made the Sports Club has advised that the orange is no longer being used in corporate design. Kevin and Neville to investigate club colours of other sports in the network.)</p>
Games	<p>Liverpool situation: Seems that Liverpool changed their procedures and Kevin was not made aware of these changes. We have been able to recover one game at Liverpool GC, but alternative courses need to be sought.</p> <p>Bookings in 2024 are not firm, pending a decision regarding the amalgamation of Kogarah GC and Liverpool GC. Kogarah is supposed to bring across 800 members and it is a concern that Liverpool GC will not have room for social clubs.</p> <p>Motion: That the traditional lunch voucher be offered again at Antill Park.</p> <p>Moved Jim, Seconded Steve <i>CARRIED</i></p>
Membership	<p>Motion: That the Committee investigate strategies to encourage new members.</p> <p>Moved Neville Seconded John <i>CARRIED</i></p>
By-laws	<p>For future discussion:</p> <p>Need to do a general review of the current by-laws and consider any that need alteration to suit reality.</p> <p>Identify by-laws that are applicable to Old Mates considering Scott Bates situation where he couldn't win because he hadn't played five games on the Sunday, but he had played that week with Old Mates.</p> <p>Do we need the five-game rule anyway????</p>

Meeting closed: 8:45pm

The Committee expressed their thanks for the hospitality he provides at these meetings.