

Red Cliffs Golf Club Inc.
Minutes of the Special General Meeting
Held on – Saturday 26th March 2011 @ 11.00am.

Present:

L. Briggs, E. Gray, R. Gray, P. McDonald, C. McDonald, G. Smith, N. Smith, G. Duffy, N. Walker, G. Godkin, M. Pengelly, J. Eyles, K. Underwood, I. Kneebone, D. Davis, G. Bamford, G. Frost, J. Wood, M. Payne, M. Hogan, R. Chase, R. Underwood, R. Mutton, L. Bowring, B. Furey, S. Case, A. Wood, J. Boyce, J. Gleeson, M. Rogers, K. Rogers, N. Birch, I. Doering, M. Goddieson, S. Johns, S. Jones, B. Ramsay, T. Wright, T. Shrubsole, T. Johns, M. Blagus, M. Lee, L. Nancarrow, S. Poole, D. Abbott

Apologies:

R. Cupper, F. Englefield, R. Dean, J. Dean, M. Maynard, Bob Chase, S. Johns, D. Rohde, R. Rohde, B. Pitt, J. Ryan, G. Budich, D. Hassell, S. Marwood, A. Ganz, K. Woosnam, T. Walker, P. Lynch, V. Fogg, L. Simpson, D. Metcalfe, D. Hopkins

President's opening remarks.

Welcome Ladies & Gentlemen,

Thank you for attending this Special General Meeting. We have a number of issues to cover this morning.

Andrew Wood shall let us know how the fantastic work that Simon and his band of volunteers have pulled the course and surrounds from the murky depths.

Rod Gray shall inform us of our financial situation

Bob Mutton shall outline our efforts in finding grants, government funding and funding from Golf Victoria and Golf Australia.

Course Management Committee report.

Andrew Wood, chairman of the Course Management Committee updated the members on the extent of the flood damage and the work done till date. The main points were:

- Recognised the work put in by volunteer members & course staff.
- Summarised the major works carried out on fairways & greens.
- Summarised effects of floods on the turf farm & bent grass nursery.
- Trees around the course have been lost.
- Flood mitigation works have been carried out in an attempt to minimise future damage.
- Course closure is necessary for lots of reasons, OH&S and liability issues must be considered as well as for course protection.

Treasurer's report.

Rod Gray addressed the meeting on the financial impact on the club of the floods, both actual & potential. The main points were:

- Club income is severely affected through restrictions on golf activities and lack of turf sales.
- Our bank has provided some assistance through the removal of merchant fees and delaying some loan repayments.
- The club needs all members to get behind the club and support it any way they can.
- Donations from members would be welcome to help us through the initial difficult period.
- The club will need to be careful in its spending for the next twelve months or so.

Flood relief funding.

Bob Mutton updated the meeting on the actions taken to date to secure funding from a variety of sources for flood relief. The main points were:

- Victorian Community Flood Relief program application targeting repairs to course pathways. If not successful then the club will approach the MRCC seeking permission to redirect facilities upgrade funding to pathway repairs.
- The Commonwealth Bank – Community Groups Flood Relief program application targeting repairs to the irrigation infrastructure.
- Golf Australia & Golf Victoria approached for support.
- Rural Finance – Victoria application not submitted as yet, but will target repairs to the turf farm.

In response to a question from a member the President advised that insurance claim work has been done and we will have to wait on the possible outcomes. It appears that we have quite a lot of scope to work on as far as a claim is concerned, which is positive.

Captain's report.

Rita Chase advised that the syllabus for 2011 is out and each member will get one copy there will be a charge made for additional copies. She asked members to be patient as the golf program will be restricted due to the damage on the course for some time.

Rita urged all members to get out and play to support the club.

There being no further business the meeting closed @ 11.45am.