



**Riversdale Beach
GOLF CLUB**

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Riversdale Beach Golf Club Incorporated

To be held in the Clubhouse, Pinedale Crescent, Riversdale Beach

on Sunday 13th December 2020 at 10.00am.

The meeting opened 10:03am

AGENDA:

1. Apologies – Simon Johnston, Ben Johnston, Dawn Goode, Jill Brewer, Cindy Giles, Gail Kelly
Moved Geoff Summers **Seconded** John Barbour
2. Obituaries: Geoff Brewer, John Bunny, Mike O’Sullivan, Steve Reynish
The President requested the meeting stand for a minutes silence in memory.
Moved Karen Barbour **Seconded** John Stahl
3. Minutes of 2019 AGM taken as true and correct
Moved Roger Tweedy **Seconded** Norm Kelly
Matters Arising – Karen Barbour clarified that the life member numbers are correct and all are accounted for on the honours board, with the exception of Denise Northcott as she is a Non Playing Life Member.
4. Club Captain’s Report – this was included in the AGM handbook previously distributed to all members. Vicki Molenaar commended Karen Barbour on a detailed and full report.
Moved Vicki Molenaar **Seconded** Roger Tweedy
5. Consideration of Financial Statements – John Strahl spoke to the financial statements and brought attention to the fact that, despite an extraordinary year, the Club still managed to turn a profit of \$30,000.

Major variances to the original trading budget were due to interruption of trading from Covid, resulting in lower than expected bar trading and raffle income. The investment share dividends realised \$7,000 profit that was not budgeted for and donations were up due to generator grant and bowling club funds becoming available for the acoustics improvements. The Government wage subsidy also helped to cover staff wages during lockdown. No questions from the floor.

Reflecting on the current financial year to date, two of the three remaining sections have been sold for full asking price and result in approximately \$180,000 profit per section after cost of sale bills have been taken out.

A capital budget of \$250,000 has been set aside for Clubhouse improvements over the next year with some of this already being spent on replacement furniture to increase seating to 100. \$20,000 for number two green improvements. Other potential uses for the funds include an automatic card reader for handicapping purposes, but this will be discussed at Committee level in the New Year along with a Clubhouse redesign/extension. Member input will be sought on this.

The trading budget has been completed, resulting in a surplus of \$25,000 if all goes well. The share investments are performing well and profit from section sales have been reinvested in term deposits and additional shares.

The Club still owns three fully subdivided sections and these have removed these from the market. John Strahl mentioned the ongoing Eastleigh proposal and consultation for extra sections on the Southern, Middle and Northern Terraces. The Club has no official position on the Middle and Southern Terraces plans, but the Northern terraces subdivision directly affects us and the Club will likely not support the proposal for these or the detention dam without further consultation.

Karen Barbour commended John Strahl on his work on behalf of the Club and thanked him.

Question from floor – whether the club would consider purchasing the Southern to increase the size of the course. John replied that there has already been discussion with Eastleigh about this, a meeting with club members realised the appetite for this was not strong enough to proceed.

A round of applause for John and his work on behalf of the club, the president thanked him and acknowledged the wide variety of skills on the committee.

Moved John Barbour **Seconded** Norm Johnston

6. Change to Constitution – Geoff Summers moved that the proposed changes to the Constitution be adopted as below;

It is proposed that the constitution of the club be varied to delete clauses 9.3, 9.5, and 9.6, and that the words in clause 9 "the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and be held by one person."

The references to the Vice-President, Vice Captain and Secretary in clause 10.1 shall also be deleted.

EXPLANATION: The positions for secretary, vice president and vice captain are now redundant and serve no useful purpose so the intention of this change is to remove these positions from our rules.

Julie Hepburn spoke to the motion and raised a query whether the constitution on the website was correct. Clarified that it is correct and the new version will be available once it is approved.

The motion was seconded by Roger Tweedy. All in favour, passed.

7. Election of Officers and the Committee – The proposal is that the officers appointed all the names read out will be accepted as the Committee for the New Year. No objections from the floor, accepted per form.

Moved John Strahl **Seconded** Roger Tweedy

8. Nomination of Auditor – the Rules require that the annual accounts are subject to an audit review. John Stahl recommended that Southey Sayer continue as the Club Auditor.

Moved John Strahl **Seconded** Karen Barour

9. Nomination of Honorary Solicitor – John Barbour recommended that John Strahl be nominated as the Club’s honorary solicitor.

Moved John Barbour **Seconded** Penny Stonyer

10. Ratification of Patron – Karen Barbour spoke to the new Patron Nomination process and provided a short history of Shirley’s 42 year involvement in the Club and moved that Shirley Simpson be accepted for the position of Patron.

Moved Karen Barbour **Seconded** Penny Stonyer

11. General Business

Cec Blithe passed a message from Jenny Booth wishing Club and new Patron well for the coming year.

Julie Hepburn acknowledged and expressed her appreciation of the committee’s work on the Patron policy and appointment.

Karen Barbour made note that it is the Club’s 60th anniversary in 2021 and this will be celebrated with a Canadian Mixed Foursomes tournament in March 2021. Happy to take input from members around this celebration.

Davey Moore requested better communication from the Committee regarding upcoming events, course improvements, tournament draws etc. Suggested a weekly report or newsletter. Karen Barbour mentioned the quarterly newsletter and that the committee will look at more regular updates (not just Facebook). John Strahl clarified plans for #2 green improvements that are underway.

Ron Gall lent his support to Davey Moore’s comments (above).

Carolyn Springer requested clarification on the extraction fan solution regarding the fire smoking in winter, hopefully any clubhouse improvements will rectify.

Julie Hepburn made mention of the healthy membership numbers, wondered whether seating for 100 was enough with the growing population of Riversdale Beach. She hopes that any planning going forward will take this into account. Karen Barbour replied and made reference to the trend of increasing membership with other clubs as well. Norm Johnston spoke to the seating capacity, mentioned that fire rating for the Clubhouse is over 200 but comfort and bar capacity has been a factor when purchasing the new furniture.

Cec Blithe suggested that the extension to the golf club should take precedence before other improvements, with Gus Blithe recommending that the \$250,000 budget be doubled. John Strahl replied and mentioned that the committee will be talking through ideas for any improvements and using consultants as necessary, and budget will be increased accordingly.

Marcus Percy queried why the bar has reduced the summer hours and will not be open daily through to Anniversary Weekend. Karen Barbour clarified that without a function last year, the bar would have run at a loss during this time and that both staff welfare and profitability were major factors in the hours reverting back to standard Tuesday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday weekly from 11 January 2021. If there was a strong appetite and a need to remain open daily this would be discussed and a decision made at the time by the committee and management.

Davey Moore queried the lack of housing and why a staff (greenkeeper) housing solution is not

included in the Strategic Plan, possible location on #7. John Strahl spoke to this, and outlined the discussion and reasons the committee have not proceeded with this plan. It is not an immediate need at this point so the land will be 'banked' and revisited if/when necessary.

Meeting closed 10.58am.