

ALTONA LAKES GOLF CLUB INC.

Minutes of the formation meeting of the club held at St. Leo's Parish Hall, 315 Mason Street, Altona North on Monday 6th June 1994.

The meeting was opened at 7.45 pm. Mr Chris Horwood, Honorary Secretary of the Victorian Golf League Inc. assumed the chair.

IN ATTENDANCE: 19 prospective members of the Altona Lakes Golf Club.

Mr Horwood welcomed those attending the meeting and explained the purpose of the gathering and what he hoped would be the outcome. He explained to the meeting that the formation of a golf club at the Altona Lakes Golf Course would not interfere in any way with the public's use of the course. In fact, it was usually the case that the formation of a club provided a spur for increased use of the course. It should be recognised that club members had no greater claim to the facilities of the course than did members of the public and that the requirements of the course management needed to be observed. Arrangements for the club's access to the course could be negotiated with the course management, but relied on the goodwill of both parties.

Once a club was formed, it could then gain access to a wide range of golfing activities through affiliation with the Victorian Golf League Inc. and the Victorian Golf Association. The club's handicaps would be recognised throughout Australia and members would be eligible to enter amateur events at other clubs. They would also be able to take part in various development activities such as junior golf camps and rules seminars.

After questions from the floor, it was moved by Mr Bill Shaw, seconded Mr Bill Botheras, that a golf club to named the Altona Lakes Golf Club be formed to play at the Altona Lakes Public Golf Course.

CARRIED

Copies of the proposed Constitution of the golf club were circulated at the meeting for consideration by those present. Mr Horwood suggested two courses of action to the meeting. The first option was to accept the Constitution as presented with some amendments he would propose, the second was to return to another meeting to accept the constitution after further consideration. The meeting decided to consider the constitution for adoption at the meeting. The following amendments were agreed to by the meeting:

Clause 6: It was decided that the club would not make any allowance for country members;

Clause 7: It was decided that junior members would be those who were under the age of 18 years at the time of application;

Clause 13: The entrance fee of the club was set at \$10.00 and the initial annual subscription was set at \$40.00. Junior fee set at \$20.00

Clause 19: The words "in accordance with the Act" were added to the Clause concerning the convening the Annual General Meeting.

On the motion of Mr Bill Boyak, seconded Mr John Jones, the Constitution of the proposed Altona Lakes Golf Club Inc. as amended, was accepted.

CARRIED

Mr Horwood then explained the advantages of incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act. He stressed that the purpose of the Act was to provide a system of protection for officers of clubs and to provide a system to permit to clubs to own property themselves. The Act imposed some requirements but the advantages to clubs far outweigh any requirements imposed by the Act. On the motion of Mr Geoff Dunn, seconded Mr Dave McIntyre, it was decided that the Altona Lakes Golf Club should apply for incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and that Mr Robert Hobson be appointed Public Officer. CARRIED

Mr Horwood then outlined the process and advantages of affiliation with the Victorian Golf League Inc. This provided access to a wide range of promotional and support activities which could be used by the club and the support through the A.G.U. of an official Australian Handicap. However, he suggested that the club request some dispensation from immediate compliance with some of the League's requirements for affiliation. He said that the club should ask for exemption from entry in the pennant competition and compulsory entry in League events for 12 months from the date of application for affiliation. On the motion of Bill Botheras, seconded Bill Boyak, the meeting decided to apply for affiliation with the Victorian Golf League and request the exemptions suggested above. CARRIED

Mr Horwood then requested volunteers to form an interim Committee. He said that the precise offices that each person would hold need not be decided at present, but could be allocated later. The following people offered their services on the Committee: Mr Bill Shaw, Mr Harold Walker, Mr Dave McIntyre, Mr Pat Corcoran, Mr John Jones, Mr Bill Botheras and Mr Robert Hobson. Mr Horwood undertook to advise the Committee in the interim and assist in any way possible.

Mr Horwood then closed the meeting and congratulated those present on the outcome. He said that the formation of the club was a step forward for golf in the Western Suburbs and looked forward to the future, when the club would develop and participate fully in the many activities that were now available.

Prepared:

Chris Horwood
Honorary Secretary
Victorian Golf League.
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