Master Builders of Australia and Exchange Golf Club

Minutes of Captains Meeting held at Novotel, St Kilda on Sunday 11th October

Present:
Richard Lees, Geoff Hay (Vic)
Gary Gibson, Graeme Degnan (NSW)
Brett Mooney (Qld)
Peter DiPrinzio, Gary Sheppard, Jon Heppell (N'cle)
George Christopoulos, Peter Ewen (SA)
Russ Trim, Paul Pritchard (Gold Coast)
Neil Faulks, Roger Stokes (Tas)

Apologies:
Andrew Mitchell (Vic), Ron Fraser (Qld)

Business

1. Minutes from previous Captain's Meeting at Royal Melbourne Golf Club on Friday 27th February were read and accepted.

2. Report was made on upcoming 57th Master Builders Golf Tournament in Melbourne .
   Golf courses are now Southern, Woodlands and Sanctuary Lakes. Numbers are 108 players.
   The change from Metropolitan to Southern was caused by Metropolitan have only 8 motorised carts available. It was noted that all players at Sanctuary Lakes will be in carts.
   A morning Shot Gun start is planned for each game with buses leaving the Hotel at about 7.15am.
   Golf Clubs will travel with the buses. Lunch will be served after golf.
   The Wednesday Lay Day will feature a tram trip to the Shrine of Remembrance Museum followed by a lunch at the Little Blue Restaurant at the end of the St Kilda Pier.
   It was announced that the custom of presenting each Team Captain with a trophy has been discontinued.

3. The transportation of the Hornibrook Trophy was discussed. Due to its size and weight, the cost of transportation is expensive. It was suggested that the trophy have a permanent home and not travel to each Tournament. This was not supported. Russ Trim stated that the trophy should be given to the host of the following Tournament to take and hold in storage until the next event.

4. Jon Heppell referred to the letter tabled at the previous meeting from a retired sports law jurist that affirmed that delegates remain jointly and severally personally exposed under the current set up. The advice is that the Master Builders Australia golf movement should incorporate.
   Jon Heppell proposed that The Master Builders of Australia Golf Clubs seek to become incorporated in line with the Victorian Corporations Law and that a document or presentation be prepared for future submission by the delegates to their parent clubs. George Christopoulos and Neil Faulks agreed to assist.

5. 58th National Master Builders Golf Tournament.
   Gary Sheppard reported that the 2016 Tournament will be played in the Hunter Valley.
   A comprehensive tender process has been completed with the event to be played at Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley Resort, The Vintage and Cypress Lakes. Accommodation will be at
   Crowne Plaza – Pokolbin. The dates are 9th to 13th October 2016.
   Wednesday Lay Day activities to be confirmed.
   Bus transport to the Vintage and Cypress Lakes will take about 10 minutes. We will play the Crowne Plaza Course on the Thursday where we can walk from our accommodation to the golf course. Accommodation will predominantly be villa style where 3 to 4 people can share two and three bedroom villas. Motel room accommodation is also available.

Meeting closed at 3.40pm *Richard Lees*