



CATALINA CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 2024

SEASIDE ROOM – Catalina Club

MEETING DETAILS

DATE OF MEETING:	Monday 28 October 2024
CHAIRPERSON:	<p>Catalina Country Club Ltd President, C. Flynn (259), declared the Annual General Meeting open at 7:03pm after confirming the quorum requirement, and thanked all for their attendance.</p> <p>The President welcomed the Board and introduced to the members.</p> <p>The President also acknowledged our two Life members – Don & Kay Wallace, both of whom are apologies this evening.</p> <p>The President then welcomed any new members in attendance.</p> <p>The President also acknowledged C. Vallabh – Audit Director of Daley Audit and our Independent Auditor.</p>
WELCOME TO COUNTRY:	“The Catalina Club proudly recognises the people of the Yuin Nation , the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work, play and reside. We pay our respects to the elders both past, present, and future.”
IN ATTENDANCE:	<p>C. Flynn (President); G. Chapman (General Manager); C. Vallabh (Daley Audit)</p> <p>Golfing Members: 58</p> <p>Social Members: 4</p>
APOLOGIES:	<p>D. Wallace (254)</p> <p>K. Wallace (1415)</p> <p>P. Spence (1517)</p> <p>G. Skelton (589)</p> <p>T. Middleton (2113)</p> <p>G. Shattles (674)</p> <p>J. Shattles (692)</p> <p>M. Edmonds (1742)</p> <p>P. Edmonds (1755)</p> <p>J. Black (1881)</p> <p>P. Higgs (1880)</p>

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Chair called for a minute’s silence in remembrance of members who had passed away during the year.

MINUTES OF THE AGM GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2023

Moved: R. Sinclair (1256)
Seconded: R. Baguley (2545)

“That minutes of the Catalina Club Annual General Meeting held Monday 30 October 2023, be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

Action Item from previous meeting - Questions on Notice

- Question 3. Has there been any consideration given to the programme of golf greens refurbishments/rebuilds at Catalina?

Update - The Board and Management called for Expressions of Interest for a Course Architect. **Clayton, DeVries & Pont & KruseGolf** were appointed earlier this year as consulting golf course architects.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

The President advised that this year the President and General Manager would provide a joint Executive report and referred to their printed report and asked that it be taken as read. The GM noted from the report the following achievements during the very successful financial year.

- Club Grants Category 1 & 2 Donations
 - Category 1 \$65,762.50
 - Category 2 \$83,827.01
- Awards for the past year
 - Winner 2023 Junior Club of the Year
 - Finalist 2023 Club Professional of the Year
 - Finalist 2023 Club of the Year – Country
 - Finalist Sydney Design Awards 2023
 - Winner Perfect Plate Award 2024
 - Winner Men’s Pennant – Division 1
 - Winner Men’s Pennant – Seniors

As per the audited Financial Statements, the sources of income for the 2023/24 and compared to 2022/23 were:

	2023/24	2022/23
Golf	10%	9%
Bar & Catering	31%	28%
Gaming	47%	49%
Abnormal/Other Income	5%	8%
Membership	5%	4%
Commissions	2%	2%

Major projects, renovations, and achievements in 2023/24 were:

- Club re-branding to Catalina Club
- Outdoor Kids Play area including lighthouse + Alfresco dining area
- Restrooms – both central and foyer restrooms
- New courtesy bus and course utility vehicle
- IT and hardware – Clubhouse and Greenkeepers Shed
- Greenkeepers Amenities upgraded to include staff room, lockers, changerooms and restroom + office space

- Golf Course bridge replacement, Holes 24 and 27
- Pathway replacement – Hole 17
- Bridge handrail replacement – Hole 18
- Rough mower, top dresser and TORO grand master utility
- Shipping Container for compliance and safe chemical storage
- Course furniture
- Golf Membership reached 1,071 during the year, with total membership over 11,000.
- 174,626 member visitations and 93,967 non-member visitations to the Club throughout the year, totaling over 268,000 in total clubhouse patronage.
- 73,338 rounds of golf
- WIN, WIN, WIN a share of \$20,000 Major Promotion, where one lucky winner walked away with \$10,000 for first prize.
- Net Profit of \$1,395,518 (22/23 \$2,348,567)
- EBITDA of \$ 3.2m OR 19.83%
- Operating Cashflow of \$3.2k
- Net Assets \$21.7m (6.9% increase on LY)
- Golf Membership over 1,071 during the year
- Total Members over 11,000
- 174,510 member visitations to the Club

Proposed major projects and renovations for 2024/25 were:

- Façade, Reception – Foyer, Giftshop, Gaming Restrooms, Staff and Board Room, Administration
- General Clubhouse refurbishment with furniture, carpet, décor & features
- Member and Employee 26 bay carpark – close to members cart shed
- Course Design Concepts and Golf Amenity considerations
- Continue planning for Southern Carpark Bridge

Moved: C. Flynn(259)
 Seconded: C. Lyttle (5788)

“That the Executive Report be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

CAPTAINS REPORT

M. Lowe thanked the Board and the Management team for their continued support for the Golfing Membership, he then advised there will be another presentation in early November this year. The Captain also congratulated the Pennant teams for their performance; Marg Dickinson and the Cadets and Junior Masters for their hard work with the Juniors; the Course Superintendent for the presentation of the course which just keeps getting better; and he also thanked the Golf Shop team for their hard work.

Moved: M. Lowe (1295)
 Seconded: F. Cross (118)

“That the Captain’s Report be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

VETERANS REPORT

The Veteran's President Welcome the members to the AGM and recognised his report as read and noted the following highlights.

- Veterans Section has enjoyed continuing growth over the past year.
- Membership at the 30 June 24 totalled 374, made up of 63 women and 311 men. In addition, the number of veterans playing golf in the Thursday competitions rose to 6,277 an increase of 24% over the previous year.
- Weekly raffles continue to be successful, raising a total of \$22,829 with \$7,031 returned in raffle prizes. The raffles also allow donations to various groups totalling \$2,750, free member BBQ's, free competition days, subsidised Christmas lunch function.
- Balance of funds at 30 June 24 were \$33,990.
- Interclub team has performed well, however reclaiming any trophies this year will not be possible.
- The Mollycat trophy was won by Catalina by just 1 point. Good to have the golden cat back on the trophy shelf.
- The President's team in the annual President v Captain event was successful for first time since 2018. Commiserations to our Captain.
- Thanks to the Volunteers for table operation, BBQ etc
- Thanks to our sponsor East Coast Carts for their continued support.
- Thanks to Pro Shop for assistance with comp fees, Darcy and the green staff for course preparation and Club Management for their support.

Moved: R. Gercken (1212)

Seconded: K. Dykes (2359)

"That the Veterans President's Report be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

LADY GOLFERS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Moved: J. Neal (358)

Seconded: A. Hall (403)

"That the Lady Golfers President's Report be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

JUNIOR GOLF REPORT

Director of Golf, Rodney Booth noted the following highlights:

- Membership reached 100 Cadets / Juniors at the end of 2023 / 2024 Membership year
- Junior Pennant Team made the State Final, unfortunately didn't come away with the title
- All programs continue to grow in numbers and popularity, skills and performance level also increase
- Club achievements from Juniors this year
 - Men's Club Champion – Bill Eppelstun
 - Ladies Club Champion – Bronte Eppelstun
 - Ladies Matchplay Champion – Bronte Eppelstun
 - Men's Foursomes Champions – Bill Eppelstun & Keith Tompsett
 - Mixed Foursomes Champions – Bill & Sophie Eppelstun
 - Ladies Par 3 Champion – Bronte Eppelstun
 - Men's 4Ball Match Play Champion – Jackson Melton (with Derek Melton)
 - Ladies 4Ball Matchplay Champions – Bronte Eppelstun & Emma Peard
 - Bill & Sophie Eppelstun both won South Coast Junior Masters @ Catalina
 - Sophie Eppelstun represented NSW at Junior and Open Australian Interstate Series
 - Sophie was invited to America to play in the Adam Scott Invitational

Moved: A Hall (403)
 Seconded: P. Criss (232)

“That the Junior Golf Report be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS, BALANCE SHEET, DIRECTOR’S STATUTORY REPORT & STATEMENT AND AUDITOR’S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 30 JUNE 2024

CURRENT ASSETS	2023/24	2022/23
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	3,603,162	3,567,430
Total Current Assets	4,607,752	4,293,208
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant & Equipment	18,518,417	16,997,279
Total Non-Current Assets	19,497,158	18,359,740
Total Assets	24,104,910	22,652,948
LIABILITIES		
Total Current Liabilities	2,329,915	2,205,550
Total Non-Current Liabilities	96,100	164,021
Total Liabilities	2,426,015	2,369,571
NET ASSETS/EQUITY	21,678,895	20,283,377
CHANGES IN EQUITY	\$	
Balance at 1 July 2023	20,283,377	
Result for the year (23/24)	1,395,518	
Balance at 30 June 2024	21,678,895	
Balance at 1 July 2022	17,934,810	
Result for the year (22/23)	2,348,567	
Balance at 30 June 2023	20,283,377	
Increase/Improvement	1,395,518	

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cashflows from operating activities		
Net Cash provided by operating cashflows	3,228,218	3,871,171
Cashflows from investing activities		
Net Cash used by investing activities	(2,944,559)	(4,393.673)
Cash & Cash Equivalents beginning of year	3,567,430	4,349,267
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of year	3,603,162	3,567,430

BANKING FACILITIES AND BORROWING

	24	23	22	21	20
Fixed Rate Bank Bill Facility	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-\$965k
Capped Bank Bill Facility	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	- \$100k

2024 Lease liabilities (Golf Carts and Course Equipment) as @ 30/6/24 \$127,230
2023 Lease liabilities (Golf Carts and Course Equipment) as @ 30/6/23 \$378,641

Directors Declaration

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“In the Directors opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable”

Independent Audit Report Page 40-41

C. Vallabh (Daley Audit) confirmed that the accounts are true and fair, in accordance with Australian Accounting standards, and in the Directors opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable. C. Vallabh also congratulated the Club and Management for the successful Audit and the work done to get the Financial processes to where they are.

Moved: M. Lowe (1295)
Seconded: P. Criss (232)

“That the Accounts, Statement of Financial position, Directors’ Declaration and Statement, and Auditors Report be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION 1

(i) That the Honorariums for the financial year 2024/2025 be \$24,000 and be distributed as follows: -

\$8,000 President
\$6,000 Captain
\$2,000 Director

ii) That the maximum allowance for Directors Expenses for the financial year 2024/2025 be set at \$10,000.

(iii) That a monogrammed Club attire be provided to all Directors for the representing of the Club at official functions.

Moved: B. Dickinson (1139)
Seconded: J. Knorpp (1765)

“That Ordinary Resolution 1 be accepted.”

CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION 2

- (i) That the maximum allowance for Members representing the Club for the financial year 2024/2025 be set at \$20,000 which shall include:
- Contribution towards the annual Presentation Dinner.
 - Contribution towards Purchase of Pennant Uniforms and Travelling Expenses.
 - Subsidies for the Development of Junior Golf.
- (ii) That Directors names be permitted on booking timesheets prior to opening for Club-run competitions, and similarly the names of elected Section Committee members for those competitions allocated to that Section.

Moved: M. Wallace (1674)
Seconded: R. Sinclair (1256)

“That Ordinary Resolution 2 be accepted.”

CARRIED

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Procedural Matters

The Special Resolutions propose a series of amendments to the Club’s Constitution to bring it into line with best practice and the requirements of the Corporation Act, Liquor Act and Registered Clubs Act (RCA).

The Special Resolution is to be read in conjunction with the notes to members set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting. The Board recommends the Special Resolutions to members.

The resolutions have explanatory notes to members after the text of the resolution – these notes are not part of the resolution.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1

[The Special Resolution is to be read in conjunction with the notes to members set out below.]

That the Constitution of Catalina Country Club Ltd be amended by:

a. inserting into Rule 2 the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

“Director Identification Number” means the number that is referred to by the same words in section 1272C of the Law that a member of the club must have before that member can be elected or appointed to office as a director of the Club.

“Gaming Machines Act” means the Gaming Machines Act 2001 and any regulation made under the Gaming Machines Act 2001. Any reference to a provision of the Gaming Machines Act includes a reference to the same or similar provision in any legislation replacing, amending or modifying the Gaming Machines Act however that provision may be amended in that legislation.

“Liquor or Gaming Policy” means any determination or policy made by the Club for the purpose of implementing and/or enforcing gaming or liquor harm minimisation.”

b. inserting the following new Rule 10A:

“10A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Club has power to implement and enforce any Liquor or Gaming Policy which may include preventing anyone (including members) from entering or remaining on the premises or any part of the premises of the Club and the provisions of Rule 49 and the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice shall not apply to the exercise of such power.”

c. deleting Rule 34(b)

(i) and in its place inserting the following new Rule 34(b)

“(i) that person shall cease to be a provisional member of the Club; and”

d. **inserting** the following new heading and Rules 34(e) and (f):

“Applicants for Social membership

(e) If a person has applied for Social membership of the Club and has been granted Provisional membership, the Secretary or senior employee then on duty may:

(i) refuse a Provisional member admission to the Club’s premises; or

(ii) terminate the membership of any Provisional member;

at any time without notice and without having to provide any reason.

(f) If the Provisional membership of a person who has applied for Social membership is terminated in accordance with Rule 34(e), the Club must return any joining fee and annual subscription (if any) paid by the Provisional member when applying for membership of the Club.”

e. **deleting** Rule 39(b) and in its place inserting the following new Rule 39(b):

“(b) The application form will contain those particulars which the Board may determine from time to time. The application form will as a minimum include the full name and address of the applicant and a statement that the applicant, if admitted, will be bound by the Club’s Constitution.”

f. **deleting** from Rule 48(a) the words “the occupation”.

g. **deleting** Rule 49(c) and in its place inserting the following new Rule 49(c):

“(c) In the event that a notice of charge is issued to a member pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) the Board or the Secretary independently of the Board has power to immediately suspend that member from any or all privileges of membership until the charge is heard and determined. Notice of an immediate suspension imposed by the Board on a member must be notified in writing to that member.”

h. **deleting** Rule 51 and in its place inserting the following new Rule 51:

“51. (a) A member may at any time resign from their membership of the Club by either:

(i) giving notice in writing to the Secretary; or

(ii) returning their membership card to an officer of the Club and clearly indicating to the officer that he or she resigns from membership;

(b) A resignation pursuant to this Rule 51 shall take effect from the date on which the notice is received by the Secretary or the date on which the membership card is received by the officer of the Club.

(c) Every person who ceases to be a member of the Club (whether by resignation, expulsion, neglecting to pay the entrance fee or suspension, or for any other reason) will upon and by reason of that cessation of membership forfeit all rights as a member of the Club. However, the person will remain liable for any subscription and all arrears thereof due and unpaid at the date of cessation of membership and any other money due by that person at the date of cessation of membership or for which that person is or may become liable under this Constitution.

(d) When a person ceases to be a member of the Club, the Secretary will make a notation to that effect against the person’s name in the Register of Members.”

i. **deleting** Rule 55(d) and in its place inserting the following new Rule 55(d):

“(d) is disqualified from being a director by reason of any order or declaration made under the Act, Liquor Act, Registered Clubs Act or any other applicable legislation;”

j. **deleting** Rule 58(j) and in its place inserting the following new Rule 58(j):

“(j) If the full number of candidates for the various positions on the Board is not nominated then those candidates who are nominated shall be declared elected to the relevant positions and the unfilled positions shall be casual vacancies for the purposes of Rule 83.”

k. **inserting** into Rule 61(i) after the words “To create” the words “and/or dissolve”.

l. **inserting** at the end of Rule 83 the words “in accordance with the Triennial Rule”.

m. **deleting** Rule 97 and in its place inserting the following new Rule 97:

“97. The Board shall:

- (a) *cause proper accounts and records to be kept with respect to the financial affairs of the Club in accordance with the Act and the Registered Clubs Act.*
- (b) *prepare, on a quarterly basis, financial statements that incorporate:*
 - (i) *the Club’s profit and loss accounts and trading accounts for the quarter; and*
 - (ii) *a balance sheet as at the end of the quarter.*
- (c) *cause the financial statements referred to in paragraph (b) of this Rule to be submitted to a meeting of the Board.*
- (d) *make the financial statements referred to in paragraph (b) of this Rule available to members of the Club within seven (7) days of the statements being adopted by the Board.*
- (e) *indicate, by displaying a notice on the Club’s premises and on the Club’s website, how the members of the Club can access the financial statements referred to in paragraph (b) of this Rule.*
- (f) *provide a copy of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (b) of this Rule available to any member on the written request of the member.”*

n. deleting Rule 107(d) and in its place inserting the following new Rules 107(d) and (e):

“(d) by notifying the member, either personally, by post, or electronically, that the notice is available and how the member can access the notice.

(e) by displaying the notice on the Club notice board and/or the Club’s website.”

o. inserting new Rules 108(d) and (e) as follows:

“(d) Where a notice is given by displaying a notice on the Club Notice Board or by displaying a notice on the Club’s website in accordance with Rule 107(e), the notice is taken to have been given on the day on which it was displayed.

(e) If a member has not made a specific election on how to receive notices, they shall be deemed to have elected to receive notices by the Club publishing a copy of the notice on the noticeboard.”

p. deleting Rule 112(b).

q. BY making such other consequential amendments necessary to give effect to this Special Resolution including ensuring that the accuracy of all Rule numbers and cross referencing of Rules and paragraphs in the Constitution.

NOTES TO MEMBERS ON SPECIAL RESOLUTION

1. The Special Resolution proposes a series of amendments to the Club’s Constitution to bring it into line with best practice and the requirements of the Corporations Act, Liquor Act and Registered Clubs Act (RCA).
2. Paragraph (a) inserts new definitions into the Constitution.
3. Paragraph (b) inserts a new Rule which provides the Club with the power to exclude persons from the premises of the Club in accordance with house policies on the responsible service of alcohol and the responsible conduct of gambling.
4. Paragraph (c) removes the 6 week time limit on a person’s application for Provisional membership.
5. Paragraph (d) provides a power for the Secretary to refuse an applicant for Social membership who has been granted Provisional membership admission to the Club and/or to terminate the person’s Provisional membership. For clarity, this Rule will only apply to persons who have applied for Social membership and will not apply to any person who has made an application for Golfing membership.
6. Paragraphs (e) and (f) adopt recent amendments to the RCA which remove the requirement to obtain the details of a new members’ occupation.
7. Paragraph (g) amends an existing provision relating to disciplinary matters to bring the Constitution into line with best practice.

8. Paragraph (h) amends existing provisions in the Constitution relating to resignation from membership to bring the Constitution into line with best practice.
9. Paragraph (i) amends an existing provision to clarify that a person who is disqualified from holding office under applicable legislation will not be eligible to be nominated for or be elected to the Board.
10. Paragraph (j) amends the existing Rule to provide that if there is an insufficient number of nominations for the available positions to be elected to the Board, those members who have nominated will be elected and any remaining unfilled positions will be casual vacancies. The Club will no longer be required to call for further nominations from the floor of the General Meeting as these unfilled positions will be declared casual vacancies.
11. Paragraph (k) amends an existing Rule to clarify that the Board has power to dissolve sections and committees.
12. Paragraph (l) clarifies a Rule to provide that any person who fills a casual vacancy will hold office in accordance with the triennial rule.
13. Paragraph (m) amends Rule 97 which updates the requirements of the Board to provide financial accounts and financial reporting to members to bring the Constitution into line with the Corporations Act and RCA.
14. Paragraphs (n) and (o) amends existing provisions regarding providing notices to members to bring the Constitution into line with the Corporations Act and RCA including by allowing the Club to send notice of a general meeting and documents relating to a meeting electronically.
15. Paragraph (p) deletes a redundant Rule to bring the Constitution into line with the Corporations Act.
16. Paragraph (q) permits any necessary amendments to be made to address any anomaly in rule numbering and cross referencing throughout the Constitution.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. **Amendments to the Special Resolution will not be permitted from the floor of the meeting other than for minor typographical or clerical corrections which do not change the substance or effect of the Special Resolution.**
2. **To be passed, the Special Resolution requires votes from not less than three quarters of those members who being eligible to do so, vote in person on the Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting.**
3. **Under the Club's Constitution only Life members, financial Golfing members and any eligible financial Special members are eligible to vote on the Special Resolution.**
4. **Under the Registered Clubs Act proxy voting is prohibited and members who are employees of the Club are ineligible to vote.**
5. **The Board of the Club recommends that members vote in favour of the Special Resolution as it will keep the Club's Constitution current with relevant legislation affecting clubs.**

Moved: G. Flynn (257)
Seconded: C. Lyttle (5788)

"That Special Resolutions be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 2 – LIFE MEMBERSHIP – MR PETER CRISS

That in accordance with the Club's Constitution member # 232, Peter Criss, be accepted for Life Membership for exceptional service rendered to the club over a sustained period.

Mr Criss was asked to leave the room while the President read the supporting statement.

"Peter Criss joined Catalina Club in 1993 and has maintained continuous full playing membership status over those 30+ years. His membership is praiseworthy.

In proposing Peter Criss for Life Membership, the Board of Directors have nothing but admiration for Peter's ongoing loyalty, dedication and exceptional generosity to the Club and our members. Peter has demonstrated on many many occasions that he has not only contributed to the Club at the highest levels, i.e. as a President, Vice President and Director on the Board, but also, he has shown that he is not afraid of the hard manual work out on the golf course or in the waterways undertaking various tasks.

Peter has actively supported Junior golf at the club throughout his membership, he has volunteered as a cadet master, was Junior Golf Promotions Officer during the period of 2004-2008, served many years on the Junior Golf committee and has remained an active advocate and participant of Junior golf operations and events.

Peter, as Vice President in 2007, developed and presented a proposal for a 'Dads Army' which was adopted by the Board. He was a foundation member of the Catalina Assistance Team (CATS) since its establishment in 2007 and is the sole surviving member. Peter is always assessing the golf course and looking at what he can personally undertake to help make our course the best destination golf course on the South coast. Even when he is not working as part of the CATS team, Peter can be found working, with the superintendent's permission, on his own undertaking small jobs that he has noticed to make a difference on the course.

Peter has also enthusiastically participated in the MSCVGA inter-club challenge competitions, travelling all through the mid-south coast representing the club with honor in many veteran competitions. He has also been a keen member of the Seniors Pennant Team and Captained the side to victory in 2023.

Peter has taken on many major activities on the course, including measuring our 27 holes so that the new distance markers could be correctly positioned. He utilised his attention to detail and woodwork skills to single handedly cutting, crafting and installing our 27 hole course signs. He more recently designed and crafted our unique new course direction signage.

In addition to the above, Peter's key legacy to the Club is his leadership. Peter was a director in 2004/05, Vice President 2006-2008, President 2009 and Vice President again in 2013/14. More recently, Peter was elected as President of the Club in 2016 during what many of you will remember was a very difficult time of excessive debt, zero governance and zero-member communication. He inherited a very new Board and dysfunctional club. He immediately worked hard to put appropriate governance processes in place to address the Club's shortcomings, ensuring that the Club complied with all legislation and authorities. He set up a structure within the Board and the Club's Subsections that ensures our subsections have a strong voice within the Board, and that structure is still in place today. Peter also instituted financial practices and procedures that by the end of his tenure as President, the Club had zero bank debt and the Board, subsections and management were all working as a united team.

A particular challenge that Peter took up on behalf of our members, and in fact golfing members all over NSW which is relatively unknown to our golfing community, was during the very stressful time of the initial stages of Covid when we had all been told that Golf was a prohibited sport, he contacted the CEO of Golf NSW and our Patron Andrew Constance, convincing them that golf could in fact be played safely. The very next day it was confirmed that Golf would be able to be played in NSW during the pandemic. Whilst I am sure many people had the same view as Peter, it was Peter who had the conviction and courage to have these conversations on behalf of our members.

Peter is always ready to put his hand up to be a volunteer for tournaments whenever the Club needs him whether it be as a spotter on the course or a starter on the 1st.

Our Club is a far better place because of the untiring efforts of this very worthy nominee for the award of Life Membership."

Our Constitution defines Life Members as those who have rendered outstanding service to the club and in the opinion of your Board, Peter Criss is worthy of such recognition through the granting of Life Membership, and we urge all members to support this Special Resolution."

Moved: C. Flynn (259)
Seconded: S. Charles (127)

“That Special Resolutions 2 – Life Membership for member Mr Peter Criss, Badge No 232, be granted in consideration of his outstanding services to the Club be accepted as presented”.

CARRIED

Mr Criss was asked to rejoin the meeting. Mr Criss entered the meeting to a resounding applause. The President presented Mr Criss with the Life Membership Medal, being life member # 20 for the Catalina Club. P. Criss thanked the Board, Management and members for the honour.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD

The President asked the General Manager to read the results of the Ballot.

The new Ordinary Directors as voted by the Members are:

- C. Lyttle (5788)
- J. Shattles (692)

2024/25 Board

President	C. Flynn	(259)	1 years
Vice President:	R. Gercken	(1212)	3 years
Captain	M. Lowe	(1295)	2 years
Ordinary Directors:	R. Sinclair	(1256)	2 years
	A. Hall	(403)	1 years
	C. Lyttle	(5788)	3 years
	J. Shattles	(692)	3 years

At the next AGM due to the Triennial election process, 2 positions will become available: C. Flynn, President, and A. Hall, Ordinary Director.

OUTGOING DIRECTOR

Special thanks to M. Wallace, the outgoing Director. Michael Wallace was thanked for his 3-year service to the Board, noting that he chaired the Disciplinary Committee and offered valuable input as part of the Board. The President then wished Michael and his wife Moira all the best for the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of Expression of Interest to Amalgamate

The General Manager advised the Members that on the 2 April 2024, the Club called for expressions of interest to amalgamate with other registered clubs. Regulation 4(4) of the Registered Clubs Regulation requires the club to disclose any expressions of interest, or any unsolicited merger offers it has received in the last 12 months. The Club received offers to amalgamate in response from:

- Moruya Golf Club
- Narooma Golf Club

- Club Tuross Country Club
- Vincentia Golf Club

The Board considered the expressions of interest received and determined not to proceed with any amalgamation.

The Board and Management are currently exploring the Masterplan concept and will go out to market for Expressions of Interest for a Course Architect. The green complexes, bunkers and tee boxes, are also well past their use by date. Mini Golf, Public Access Driving Range, Outdoor F&B, Licensed, NEW golf wing, lockers/changerooms, cart storage in closer proximity to golf shop, simulator, carparking are all being considered and there will be full Membership consultation during the process.

Beverage Refreshments

Moved: J. Gercken (1421)
 Seconded: M. Byrnes (1513)

“That the allocation of up to \$1,000 be made available from Club funds for post-meeting beverage procurement.”

CARRIED

Volunteers

The Catalina Assistance Teams (CATS), Cadet Masters, and BBQ Chefs and Major Event volunteers were thanked for their contribution and invited to collect a small gift from the golf shop from 1st November 2024.

President’s Closing Remarks

The President expressed her gratitude to the Catalina Team and fellow Board Members for the support received during the year, commenting that she is always looking forward to the future as there is still much to achieve.

The President then spoke of the current build of the Administration/Reception rebuild and the Development of the Masterplan including the following:

- New Golf Wing
- New Men’s and Ladies Locker facilities
- New Golf Shop & enlarged Retail space
- Alfresco Food and Beverage Offer – licenced
- Mini Golf
- New Driving Range facility
- Members Carpark
- Continuing work on the South Carpark Bridge
- Improvements to Golf Course

The President advised that we are looking at our entire Masterplan so that it works for the future of the Club.

On behalf of the Board, The President thanked the General Manager and the Catalina team for their effort throughout the year and then thanked the Members, Guests, partners and stakeholders for their support; especially with the plans for the future of the Club, without their support the Club would not be financially viable. The President advised that she was looking forward to working with C. Lyttle & J. Shattles as the newest Board members.

The last thankyou went to the Board members Husband, Wives and Partners of the Board members for their support.

MEETING CLOSED

TIME OF MEETING CLOSE:	8:04pm
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