

HICKORY GOLFERS QUEENSLAND INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY 1 September 2023 At Royal Queensland Club House Centenary Library 12:30 pm

1. Apologies - Apologies and Roll of Attendees is attached to these minutes.
2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were read and agreed they represent a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Bishop and seconded by Egan.

3. President's report

The President's report was accepted and is attached to these minutes. Proposed by Cooper Seconded by Jones. The President talked generally about the contents of the report and specifically noted:

- Resignations from the Management committee. Treasurer Bradley Tatnell has resigned. The President made note of the extraordinary contribution Bradley has made to HGQ and thanked him for his efforts. Arthur O'Shea has also retired. The President thanked Arthur for his contributions and noted that Arthur has agreed to continue to write the match reports.
- New Management Committee members. The president welcomed two new members to the management committee. Rodger Gibson will take over the roll as Treasurer. Wally Boydell has joined the committee and will assist with the Secretary's duties.
- Thanks to Royal Queensland Golf Club and Brisbane Golf Club. The President specifically thanked RQ for the support provided to HGQ. The RQ management and staff were all thanked for their on-going assistance. Brisbane Golf Club was also identified as going above and beyond in supporting HGQ events. Special note was made regarding discounted Green Fees and tee time availability. The President urged members to support future BGC events.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was accepted and is attached to these minutes. Proposed by Akes Seconded by Gibson. The Treasurer talked generally about the contents of the report and specifically noted:

- Australian Championship. This event showed a profit of \$133.00. Considering it was always the aim to break even on the event, the small profit was an excellent result.
- Monthly events continue to run at small profits. This largely due to popularity of the events and the generosity of trophy donors.

- Membership. Noted that an increase of 12 members from a previous base of 50 members shows excellent growth. Fees charged to members is sustaining the activities of HGQ at the moment.
- Costs. Expenses have been kept to a minimum and this has contributed to the good financial position.
- Spending. HGQ has spent money on assets for the organisation. Expenditure on assets such as new bags for the loan clubs helps provide a solid platform for growth in HGQ.
- The Treasurer particularly thanked Rob King-Scott and Andrew Baker in the work they have done to establish the structure of HGQ. Thanks were also given for the efforts of the Management Committee.

5. Management Committee Nominations

The following members have nominated for membership of the Management Committee. Nominations were accepted and each person appointed to the management committee. Proposed Akes Seconded by Jones

Ross Haslam;
 Ross Bishop;
 Wally Boydell;
 Bruce Collins.

6. Nomination of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following members have nominated for the following positions. Nominations were accepted and each person appointed to the respective rolls. Proposed Bishop Seconded by Boydell

President:	Rob King-Scott
Secretary:	Phillip Akes
Treasurer:	Roger Gibson

7. General Business

- Proposed by the President that the monthly events in 2024 change to the last Friday of the month as the current date conflicts with other events at RQ.
- Secretary will produce a Schedule of Events for 2024 for presentation at the next Committee meeting.

Close of meeting. Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1.00pm

Submitted by Secretary



3 September 2023



Approved by President

Minutes of 2022 AGM

HICKORY GOLFERS QUEENSLAND INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2022 At Royal Queensland Club House Centenary Library 6:30 pm

1. Apologies

The following apologies were noted: Ross Haslam, Denis Farmer, Ross Howard.

A special welcome was extended to the Patron and Life Member Charlie Earp OAM, ASM and Life Member Dr Peter Monks.

2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were read and agreed they represent and true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cooper seconded by Collins. Passed

3. President's report

Rob King-Scott presented the President's report. Copy of the report is on file.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bradley Tatnell presented the Treasurer's report. Copy of the report is on file.

5. Management Committee Nominations

The following members have been nominated for membership of the Management Committee:

Ross Haslam;
Ross Bishop;
Arthur O'Shea;
Bruce Collins.

All nominees were duly elected to the committee. The President thanked the retuning committee members for their past work and future commitment to HGQ.

Proposed by Tatnell Seconded by Monks.

6. Nomination of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following members have been nominated for the following positions:

President:	Rob King-Scott
Secretary:	Phillip Akes
Treasurer:	Bradley Tatnell

All nominees were duly elected to the positions.

Proposed by Egan Seconded by Ross

7. General Business

- Peter Monks raised the prospect of increasing the co-operation between the Royal Wellington (NZ) hickory group and HGQ. RW is proposing to host the NZ open and has extended invitations to HGQ members to participate. Reciprocal arrangements are being discussed.
- Aust PGA Volunteers – Request was put out for HGQ members to assist with the Hickory Tent at the upcoming PGA. Charlie Earp was the first to volunteer and his generosity was duly noted by the meeting.
- Publicity for HGQ – Bruce Collins talked about publicity opportunities for HGQ and noted communication with and article in Australian Golf Magazine.

8. Close of Meeting

With no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.50pm.

President's Report

HICKORY GOLFERS QUEENSLAND INC.

President's Report

It seems a long time ago, but it was only last September that we held the Australian Hickory Championships, described by some of our southern guests, in Juan Samaranch terms, as the 'best ever'. Its success was due to the extraordinary efforts of the Management Committee and in particular Phil Akes, Ross Haslam and Bruce Collins. We were blessed with typical Brisbane spring weather and our southern guests enjoyed themselves immensely. It was won by our current Queensland champion Ilija Soldan with a total gross score of 152, with daylight coming in second. The Australian Foursomes Championship was won at Nudgee Golf club by HGQ members Kaleb Hamilton and Jason Norris with a gross score of 76.

The Australian Championship was followed closely on its heels last November by our major nonplaying event for the year being our exhibition tent promoting hickory golf at the PGA Championship. This year we had a driving net and putting green for members of the public to 'have a hit' with a hickory club. This, for much of the time, was manned by our patron, Charlie Earp, who could not help himself when it came to instructing youngsters in the fine art of hickory golf. Our display was a great success, and we gained some new members and great exposure for our Association.

Our Association has continued to grow and thrive with membership numbers increasing steadily. The monthly event continues to be a success with Friday fields regularly exceeding 20 players. We implemented the Golf Genius app earlier this year and later incorporated it into our web page. This has allowed online booking and automatic posting of scores. Although, we have experienced some initial glitches I am assured with repeated use, these will disappear. It is certainly time saving for those of us checking scores and posting results.

In March, some of our members travelled to New Zealand and participated in the New Zealand Hickory Open with commendable results. In the inaugural competition between Australia and New Zealand for the ANZAC Flask, Australia won with a team comprising of all HGQ members Alan Grieve, Andrew Baker, Peter Monks, Darron

Watt, Bruce Collins, and Greg Mellifont. HGQ did well in the handicap event played over 12 holes, the winner was Bruce Collins. In second place was Past President Andrew Baker with Greg Mellifont coming in third place. Outright winner of the Gross was Sir Bob Charles.

From New Zealand our members travelled to South Australia in May to participate in the inaugural South Australian Championship organised by our immediate Past President Andrew Baker. Again, HGQ did well with the net event won by Ross Haslam. Ross Bishop and Bradley Tatnell came second in the foursomes with Philip Akes and Ross Haslam one stroke behind in third place.

A further noteworthy achievement of our members was the win in December 2022 by Bruce Collins and David Mansfield in the prestigious Brisbane Golf Club event, the Lamington Cup. After initially qualifying the pair managed to proceed through their matches winning their final match one up. What was notable about their achievement was that both played with hickories against players using modern clubs!

The State Foursomes Championship was played in June 2023 with Ilija Soldan and Bradley Tatnell winning on a countback from the Cooroy boys (and Australian Foursomes Champions) Kaleb Hamilton and Bradley Norris.

In July we held a successful State Championship. Numbers were disappointing but the event was enjoyed by all with the first round played at Brisbane Golf Club and the second round at RQ. Again, the event was won by Ilija Soldan with 153 for the two days. This year we had two guests from New Zealand who featured well with Mark Lawson coming second and Dean Tucker third on a countback.

Phil Akes and I have had discussions with our southern counterparts with respect to the establishment of a national body. Currently, AGHS has been responsible for the holding of the Australian Hickory Shaft Championship. AGHS invited us to hold the event last year and extended the invitation to the Golf Society of Australia to hold this year's event in Victoria. It is time that a national body is established which is representative of all states. At the present time, other than for Queensland, NSW and Victoria other state organisations are in their infancy but slowly growing.

On the international stage, there have been discussions and developments in the establishment of an Asia Pacific Infrastructure. Some of the practical results from

these discussions has been a sharing of dates for major events so as to avoid calendar conflicts. Other discussions included the use of replicas and the rules for hickory golf such as the use of range finders or GPS devices. It is noteworthy that this year's Australian Hickory Shaft Championship will involve teams from New Zealand and Japan.

Due to the assistance of Greg Mellifont, we have been able to negotiate very reasonable green fees for hickory events at Brisbane Golf Club. This allowed us to keep not only the costs of the State Championship at a reasonable level but also green fees for our monthly events. As our Association is heavily dominated by RQ members, not all of whom are prepared to travel from RQ, it is still difficult to get the same numbers at a monthly event at BGC. This is a pity because the recent changes to BGC course have made it a challenging and delight for hickory players to enjoy. I urge our RQ members to play BGC in our October monthly event.

We welcome new members to the Management Committee. Roger Gibson as our new treasurer and Wally Boydell as a committee member. Roger is a retired accountant with vast experience in accounting programs. Wally will assist Philip in secretarial duties.

This year we farewell Bradley Tatnell as our Treasurer. Bradley has been an outstanding treasurer rightly restraining some of our spending and keeping us within budget. Bradley has also managed our web page which, with a number of us having access to its inner workings, created certain headaches for him. These issues he managed well with good humour and limited admonition.

Arthur O'Shea leaves the Management Committee. Arthur has been a fount of wisdom in committee discussions and is always the first to volunteer for any special projects. Arthur is responsible for our entertaining match reports which he has promised he will continue to provide in the future.

Thank you Bradley and Arthur.

Thanks, also to Bruce Collins for his continued contribution in the creation of posters, wine labels and other artwork. Ross Haslam has continued to be active in producing our perpetual trophies. Unfortunately, family and work commitments have limited Ross' contribution this year.

Thank you to Ross Bishop for setting up the course each month and being our Director of Golf.

I owe a great deal of thanks to Philp Akes as Secretary/Captain he has made it very easy for me to fill the role of President. Philp also undertakes the role of Captain and arranges all prizes for monthly events and our major tournaments. These are subsidised by volunteer trophy donor monetary contributions all administered by Philip.

I would like to thank Board of Royal Queensland Golf Club for showing interest in and supporting hickory golf. RQ has for some time now displayed promotions of hickory golf on its web page and in the clubhouse screens. In particular our regular monthly competitions are promoted.

Finally, I thank Steve Rhind, Director of Golf at RQ and his staff in the pro-shop for their assistance during the year. Also, Adam, Peter, Sharon and the bar staff for looking after us après golf.

What of the future? Hickory golf is growing in popularity both internationally and locally. At HGQ we don't want hickory golf to be viewed as a bunch of old men playing in funny outfits, to this end we have encouraged younger players to participate in events. We have our regular friends from Cooroy as well a number of younger players from RQ, BGC and Indooroopilly GC. I hope their participation will increase in the future. Female representation is still a challenge. Roby Wilson and Di Charlton have become regular participants in our monthly events. Ladies Captain Tracy Heading invited me to address the ladies at their Tuesday presentations in May. Following my talk, I had a number of encouraging enquiries. We can only keep trying.

ROB KING-SCOTT

1 September 2023

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report

Hickory Golfers Queensland Incorporated
for the year ended 30 June
2023



To be read in conjunction with the Accountant's Report

Honorary Treasurer's Report

I present to you, esteemed members of the Hickory Golfers Queensland Inc, the Financial Report (the "accounts").

This report marks the end of my three year term as Treasurer. The incoming Treasurer (elect), Mr Roger Gibson, is highly qualified and I have no doubt he will serve well in the position. I vacate my office satisfied with the financial stability of the Association and its day-to-day operations. Cash at bank as at 30 June is \$10,510 — not insignificant with an additional \$5,457 in assets such as our tee markers, trophies and prizes purchased in advance. Operating costs have been kept to a minimum — without wastage — and costs per event are funded from the event itself. I can only hope that the hard work performed by all Executive and Board in the first three years has set in stone the successful future of this illustrious body — now making its mark worldwide. It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your inaugural Treasurer and may I say, it has been an absolute pleasure to deal with the membership — all of you, great gentlemen of golf.

The Association continues to perform well. Membership has increased, with very few resignations. As the Association exists to primarily serve the members, I would happily conclude that this goal has been well and truly satisfied.

Notably, the Australian Hickory Championships were hosted by the Association in September 2022 — a three day event which was lauded as an overall national success. The Association did not profit financially, owing its duty to provide an affordable and yet generous championship for all players. The Association did however receive new membership owing to the event's success, as well as a generous amount of goodwill and respect.

With the continued success of the Association, it naturally experienced some increased pressure upon the organisation of events. Our Hon Secretary has worked very hard actually. To this end, the Golf Genius app has been acquired. The app is all in one: communicating, allowing easy entry to events, collecting entry fees and administering tee groups. It also most importantly collects game data to automatically provide a HGQ handicap. This is a very good example as to how and where member's funds are being productively utilised — for the absolute benefit of our membership — and please rest assured, from all accounts the Association is proving to be ahead of the curve in every aspect.

This Financial Report is moreover a special-use report, because we are not required to lodge a tax return and we are not required to be audited. Nonetheless, I can confirm that the Association maintains its financial records in a way to properly record the Association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities. Following, I have made comments and explanations of a specific nature, where necessary.



This report is dated **1 August 2023**

Bradley J Tatnell

Honorary Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Hickory Golfers Queensland Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2023

Income - events	Note	\$	\$
Event entrant fees - AHC	4	\$ 13,355.00	
less Costs		\$ 13,221.52	\$ 133.48
Event entrant fees - Cooroy BJ Trophy	4	\$ 831.00	
less Costs		\$ 732.31	\$ 98.69
Event entrant fees - Masters	4	\$ 650.00	
less Costs		\$ 1,078.59	-\$ 428.59
Event entrant fees - Monthly	2,4	\$ 1,734.95	
less Costs		\$ 951.08	\$ 783.87
Event entrant fees - NVN	4	\$ 1,150.00	
less Costs		\$ 1,212.82	-\$ 62.82
Event entrant fees - QHSC	4	\$ 4,890.00	
less Costs		\$ 2,929.97	\$ 1,960.03
Event entrant fees - QHSFC	4	\$ 1,380.00	
less Costs		\$ 947.40	\$ 432.60
Total gross income - events			\$ 2,917.26

Income - membership	Note	\$	\$
Membership joining fees	1	\$ 653.00	
less Costs	1	\$ 245.59	\$ 407.41
Membership annual fees	1		\$ 2,350.00
Total income - membership			\$ 2,757.41

Income - other	Note	\$	\$
Society benefactors - donations received			\$ 560.00
Total income - other			\$ 560.00

Total income			\$ 6,234.67
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Profit and Loss

Hickory Golfers Queensland Incorporated for the year ended 30 June

Expenses	Note	\$	\$
ASIC fees			\$ 136.60
Awards			\$ 660.67
Banking - merchant fees			\$ 379.30
Insurance – public liability			\$ 584.78
Meeting costs			\$ 62.00
Subs — Golf Genius			\$ 1,069.42
Website domain fee			\$ 167.35
Website host fee			\$ 360.00
Total expenses			\$ 3,420.12
Net profit			\$ 2,814.55

Balance Sheet

Hickory Golfers Queensland Incorporated

as at 30 June 2023

Assets - current	Note	\$	\$
Cash at bank (NAB)			\$ 10,510.47
Error in card usage			\$ 80.44
Total assets - current			\$ 10,590.91

Assets - long term	Note	\$	\$
Joining items - divot picks	3		\$ 82.04
Joining items - lapel pins	3		\$ 38.08
Joining items - member bag tags	3		\$ 132.83
Joining items - pencils	3		\$ 231.31
Joining items - pouch bags	3		\$ 184.62
Joining items - tees	3		\$ 206.25
Prizes - wine & balls	3		\$ 1,400.18
Tee markers	3		\$ 195.20
Trophy - NVN	3		\$ 350.00
Trophy - QHSC	3		\$ 247.00
Trophy - QHSFC	3		\$ 450.00
Website	3		\$ 1,940.00
Total assets - long term			\$ 5,457.51

Total assets			\$ 16,048.42
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Liabilities - current	Note	\$	\$
Total liabilities - current			\$ -

Liabilities - long term	Note	\$	\$
Total liabilities - long term			\$ -

Total liabilities			\$ -
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Equity	Note	\$	\$
Retained earnings (prior years)			\$ 13,233.87
Net profit			\$ 2,814.55
Total retained earnings			\$ 16,048.42
Total equity			\$ 16,048.42

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Note 1: Membership

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Membership - existing 2023		Club	Since	Golf link
Michael	Akes	TGC	12/11/2020	4051800892
Philip	Akes	RQGC	26/10/2020	4011408013
Andrew	Baker	VHGC/LLB	19/10/2020	5111602769
Robert	Bischof	BGC	12/11/2020	4010202986
Ross	Bishop	RQGC	26/10/2020	4011406877
Wally	Boydell	RQGC	21/10/2020	4011401089
Tony	Cassimatis	BGC	28/10/2020	4010200209
Bruce	Collins	BGC	20/10/2020	4010200220
Chris	Cooper	RQGC	20/10/2020	4011403055
Gregory	Cooper	VGC	6/11/2020	4011708508
Andrew	Corrigan	RQGC	13/11/2020	4011401232
Lex	Duncan	RQGC	26/10/2020	4011407445
Charlie	Earp	RQGC	1/07/2020	
Peter	Egan	RQGC	27/10/2020	4011403496
Christopher	Everett	BGC	22/10/2020	4010204358
Dennis	Farmer	PRGC	29/04/2022	4132204000
Alan	Grieve	BGC	2/11/2020	4010203892
Ross	Haslam	NGC	21/10/2020	4010903396
Ralph	Heading	RQGC	4/11/2020	4011406320
Tracy	Heading	RQGC	11/11/2020	4011407446
Scott	Hendry	CGCT	26/10/2020	4050460736
Ross	Howard	LRGC	25/11/2021	
David	Jones	RQGC	29/10/2020	4011403178
Graham	Kildey	RQGC	26/10/2020	4011401550
Ian	King	RQGC	27/10/2020	4011406637
Robert	King-Scott	RQGC	14/09/2020	4011401558
David	Klaffer	RQGC	29/10/2020	4011407046
Grathan	Leatherbarrow	CGC	30/10/2020	4130601550
Scott	Makiol	RQGC	16/02/2022	4011403607
David	Mansfield	BGC	9/09/2021	4010206330
Colin	Marshall	NGC	13/09/2021	4010901450
Matthew	McCarthy	RBGC	5/11/2020	4091402852
Greg	Mellifont	BGC	20/10/2020	4010200405
Stuart	Meredith	LGC	2/04/2022	2030102608
Heather	Monks	RQGC	2/11/2020	4011402437
Peter	Monks	RQGC	19/10/2020	4011401729
Doug	Morel	RQGC	22/08/2021	4011403584
Tony	Mountstephens	ROS	26/10/2020	2022404623
Jason	Norris	NAGC	4/11/2020	4130602332
Robert	Ormsby		15/03/2022	
Arthur	O'Shea	RQGC	5/11/2020	4011401801
David	Reckless	WGC	31/03/2022	2032706553
Mervyn	Ross	RQGC	25/10/2020	4011407138
Justin	Ryan	BDGC	10/11/2020	3050401450
Peter	Shaw	RHGC	7/07/2021	7624502972
Ilija	Soldan	BGC	2/09/2021	4010204283
Perry	Somers	MGC	19/10/2020	
Andrew	Sugden	IGC	8/02/2022	4010415294
Bradley	Tatnell	RQGC	19/10/2020	4011408138
Kevin	Tuckwell	RQGC	11/11/2020	4011402043
Chris	Webster	BGC	10/06/2021	4010204689

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New members 2023		Club	Since	Golf link
Kaleb	Hamilton	CGC	10/08/2022	4130601727
Diana	Charlton	RQGC	3/03/2023	4011402788
Douglas	Fisher	BGC	1/04/2023	4010200084
Roger	Gibson	IGC	31/12/2022	4010414583
Mark	Lawson	CNZ	22/03/2023	0001363120
Ian	Lynagh	RQGC	11/05/2023	4011401622
Suddy	MacKechnie	RQGC	4/12/2022	4011406532
Ryan	McCarthy	RBGC	16/08/2022	4091405589
Dean	Tucker	CNZ	21/03/2023	0001360318
Peter	van Eekelen	CNZ	22/03/2023	0001363200
Darron	Watt	WWGC	18/04/2023	2222503472
Robyn	Wilson	RQGC	22/11/2022	4011402579

Total membership

63

Represented substantially by the following:

RQGC	27	43%
BGC	10	16%

HOME CLUB LEGEND

BGC : Brisbane GC

BDGC: Bendigo GC

CAGC: Canungra Area Golf Club

CGCT : City GC Toowoomba

CGC : Cooroy GC

CNZ : Christchurch Golf Club, New Zealand

IGC : Indooroopilly Golf Club

GRGV: Georges River Golf Club

LGC : Lakeside GC

LRGC: Long Reef Golf Club

LLB : Links Lady Bay

MGC : Musselburgh GC

NAGC : Noosa GC

NGC : Nudgee GC

NSC : Nomad Social Club

PRGC: Pine Rivers Golf Club

PGC : Pymble GC

RGC : Redcliffe GC

ROS : Roseville

RBGC : Rowes Bay GC

RQGC: Royal Queensland GC

RHGC: Royal Hobart GC

TGC : Toowoomba GC

VGC : Virginia GC

VHGC: Victor Harbor Golf Club

WWGC: Wagga Wagga Golf Club

WGC : Windsor Golf Club

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Note 1: Membership

Membership - costs			
Lapel pins	\$	1.36	\$ 16.32
Bag tags	\$	4.74	\$ 56.93
Pouch bags	\$	6.59	\$ 79.12
Divot	\$	2.93	\$ 35.16
Pencils	\$	0.54	\$ 6.49
Tees	\$	0.17	\$ 51.57
Total membership - costs	\$		245.59
Total membership - costs			12
Cost per member	\$		20.47

The membership costs above are provided solely from the funds received from new membership, which is presently \$25 per member. Each new member will receive the above items upon joining, as a hearty welcome. In addition, it is likely the items will feature in their golf and assist in attracting more membership. Good quality items presented to new members are essential in this endeavour.

Treasurer's report

The Association was formed following a meeting held 26 June 2020 at the Royal Queensland Golf Club. This is the third year of official operation. There has been steady growth in membership with little attrition. The average age of our membership is now 62 years old, a slight reduction with a total now of eight members under age 50 and three members under age 40. The high profile of our State and Australian Champion — one of our youngest members — is seemingly having some effect.

Without doubt, the Executive and Board have strongly contributed to the ongoing growth of the Association's membership. The organisation of suitable prizes, premier event venues and the vigorous cost negotiations are all part of the end result. The maintenance of the website is also not a small proposition and it is now highly regarded throughout Australia and even overseas. The leadership shown by the President is to be commended. The endless work undertaken by the Hon Secretary is also to be highly commended.

The financial viability and the continuation of the Association is without doubt directly linked to its membership base. Presently, the split of income derived from annual dues versus event profit is approximately 50/50. This is reasonably expected to remain constant as membership grows. Well fielded events are always desired. Members have joined in order to play golf. Continuing to operate events economically with attractive entry fees is paramount.

Following, it seems prudent to maintain ongoing communication successfully with members thereby apprising them of upcoming events and also event results, etc. Sharing such communication on a timely basis with members allows them to on-share with non-member friends. This will likely increase the chances of new membership and in turn reduce attrition. Reminders for events are also key. There has been reasonable communication to the membership, but to this end, based upon feedback, it would appear a gap needs to be filled. However, the existing Executive workload as such is already quite heavy. The introduction of a specialist role is likely required, whereby a designated "media officer" can be wholly responsible for keeping the membership informed — via e-mail and texts, alerting them to specific areas of our website, including news items and events. Obviously, please step up if you are interested.

Promotions continue to be successfully organised in an effort to attract more members and retain membership. Speakers from the Association have visited external events. The PGA was conducted again. The quality of prizes for events also seems to be well received. Yet, the biggest impact upon membership is likely proving to be the Monthly Event, whose numbers easily rival our major events. Being held regularly at the same venue and on the same day of the month seems its key to success, somewhat bolstered by reduced green fees for visitors. Providing loan clubs which can be easily used is also helpful. The introduction by our Hon Secretary of a yearly Player of the Year prize has also been instrumental. The day has noticeably grown into quite a social event as well, very much something to which to look forward — an important aspect. The event is well in profit this year, a product of its popularity and it is likely we may even see a further expansion of prizes and social aspects.

It is also with interest the growing number of members stemming from RQGC (43%) followed by BGC (16%). RQGC hosts an annual Club Championship (Hickory) each year, an event wholly unrelated to the Association. This naturally showcases Hickory golf to the membership of RQGC. At BGC, Hickory players are permitted to enter the club weekly competitions, including honour board events, again showcasing Hickory golf to regular members. Hickory golf is interesting to play, but suffers from a perception it is difficult. More membership will arise once onlookers are convinced — so let us do our very best to convince them. Should members desire assistance with the promotion of Hickory golf at their home club — please ask.

Financial Report

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Note 2 - Benefactors and prizes

List of benefactors (historical)

P Monks	\$	1,000.00
A Baker	\$	1,861.45
AGHS (Qld)	\$	963.86
R Haslam	\$	600.00
B Tatnell	\$	400.00
R King-Scott	\$	400.00
M Ross	\$	50.00

List of prize benefactors (monthly event)

M Ross	\$	50.00
A O'Shea	\$	50.00
D Jones	\$	50.00
R King-Scott	\$	50.00
P Akes	\$	50.00
C Marshall	\$	50.00
P Monks	\$	50.00
G Kildey	\$	50.00

Treasurer's report

The Association's birth would not have been possible without the abovementioned benefactors, especially and most notably life member Doctor Peter Monks, who was first to offer assistance. The initial funding in 2020 has ensured that the organisation was properly insured and professionally maintained with a website and an online payment system — essential ingredients to allow the Association to move forward and financially prosper. Additional donations have now commenced in order to sponsor events. Donations of \$50 or more are noted above.

It must also be mentioned that there has been a substantial amount of non-financial contribution from many members who hold positions within the Association, extending to handicapping, match arrangements, media, secretarial, legal, financial and website related activities:

- Website build: Mr Andrew Baker and Mr Bradley Tatnell*
- Website and media: Mr Philp Akes, Mr Bradley Tatnell and Mr Bruce Collins.*
- Trophies : Mr Ross Haslam*
- Match preparations : Mr Rob King-Scott and Mr Ross Bishop*
- Tee markers: Mr Ross Bishop and Mr Ross Haslam*
- Acquisition of HGQ Inc products: Mr Philp Akes, Mr Ross Haslam and Mr Bradley Tatnell*
- Member communications: Mr Philp Akes and Mr Rob King-Scott*
- Legal: Mr Rob King-Scott and Mr Chris Cooper*
- Financial: Mr Bradley Tatnell*
- Secretarial: Mr Philp Akes*
- Other general committee matters: Mr Bruce Collins and Mr Arthur O'Shea*

Financial Report

Hickory Golfers Queensland Incorporated

Note 3 - Assets

List of Assets

Joining items - divot picks		\$	82.04
Joining items - lapel pins		\$	38.08
Joining items - member bag tags		\$	132.83
Joining items - pencils		\$	231.31
Joining items - pouch bags		\$	184.62
Joining items - tees		\$	206.25
Prizes - wine & balls		\$	1,400.18
Tee markers	85	\$	195.20
Trophy - NVN		\$	350.00
Trophy - QHSC		\$	247.00
Trophy - QHSFC		\$	450.00
Website		\$	1,940.00
Total assets		\$	5,457.51

Treasurer's report

Tee markers

The Association has approximately 85 tee markers or tee blocks for the use in official competitions for both men and women members. The amount reflected in the accounts represents only the UV stickers which were recently purchased. The replacement value of the tee markers is considerably higher. Credit for the acquisition goes to members Mr Ross Bishop and Mr Ross Haslam.

Trophies

Credit goes to member Mr Ross Haslam for arranging all plaques and trophies. They are reasonably estimated to last for 20 years, before any upgrade is required.

Website

The website was built in July 2020, hosted by Webforce Five. The amount reflected in the accounts represents only the discounted value to which the Association paid. The commercial value is approximately \$5000 and after construction of the member area and the online payment system including its extensive functionality, the replacement value is approximately estimated in excess of \$10,000. The website was built by members Mr Andrew Baker and Mr Bradley Tatnell.

Hickory Loan Clubs

No value has yet been placed upon the various sets of hickory clubs presently available to the Association members and their guests. There are numerous sets. The sets have been donated by various members including life members Mr Charlie Earp and Dr Peter Monks. Mr Ross Bishop arranged the acquisition of a stock of replacement shafts.

It is the ongoing goal of the Association to increase the number of sets available to ensure a reasonable availability of loan sets for differing levels of guests.

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Joining items

Joining items including the divot pick, wooden tees and pencils were arranged by Mr Andrew Baker. Other items including the pins, leather bag tags and pouch were arranged by Mr Bradley Tatnell.

Prizes - balls and wine

Mr Philp Akes has arranged prizes such as HGQ logo balls and wine.

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Note 4 - Events

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The entry fees for events will include green fees and pre-arranged luncheons/dinners per player. In addition, the committee always adds an appropriate competition fee, which is usually \$10 - \$20 per entrant depending upon the nature of the event. The competition fee funds the Association which allows it to arrange prizes and the annual engraving of the perpetual plaques, etc..

Event entrant fees - Cooroy BJ Trophy

This event is a popular get-away style weekend. It also showcases Hickory golf to the Sunshine Coast and has even appeared in the local newspapers.

Event entrant fees - Monthly

This event is considered the social backbone of the Association and in accordance with that sentiment the event green fees paid by visitors to the host golf club have been subsidised.

Event entrant fees - QHSFC

This event has become quite popular, a Canadian Foursomes preferred by the members owing to the extra tee shot permitted. It is our only team event. This event determines our State Champion.

Event entrant fees - QHSC

This event determines our State Champion — held over 36 holes.

Event entrant fees - NVN

This event is two-fold: the end of year Christmas dinner celebration as well as the first event for next year's season. This event is not meant to create funding for the Association, as all competition fees are waived.

Event entrant fees - AHC

This event determined the Australian Champion and was operated at cost.

Roll of Attendees and Apologies

Roll of attendees at 2023 HGQ AGM

Rob King-Scott

Bradley Tatnell

Philip Akes

Arthur O'Shea

Wally Boydell

Roger Gibson

Ross Bishop

Peter Egan

David Jones

Chris Cooper

Robyn Wilson

Graham Kildey

Apologies

Charlie Earp

Peter Monks

Michael Akes

Ross Howard

Ross Haslam

Bruce Collins

Dave Mansfield

Suddie MacKechnie