#### BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLF ASSOCIATION

# 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 30, 2022 Zoom Conference Call Minutes

**A.** I am Michelle Collens, President of British Columbia Golf. Ladies and Gentlemen, honoured guests, I will act as Chair of the meeting. With your approval, I will ask Corrie Wong to act as secretary of the meeting. Corrie has conducted the registration of those present either online or through proxy.

The purpose of today's meeting is to complete the requirements as set out under the societies act so we can officially close the 2021 golf season and look forward to the 2022 golf season.

It is my pleasure to welcome the following honoured guests and speakers:

Honoured BC and Canadian Hall of Fame member – Doug Roxburgh

Current Golf Canada Board members – Dale Jackson and Patrick Kelly

Western Membership Manager Golf Canada – Blair Armitage

Past Golf Canada Board members – Pat Thompson and David Atkinson

Past BC Golf President - Jack Croucher

Past BC Board members – Kathleen Mackenzie, Ed Helgeson and Grace Hui

Golf Canada Governors - Adam Zubek, Dan Sabourin and Susan White

Zone Council members from around the province and my fellow board members.

Distinguished Service Award Recipients Berne Neufeld, David Atkinson along with Eleanor Vannatter representing her late husband Scott. There will be more on the DSA recipients later in the meeting.

Michelle took a few minutes to reflect on the 2021 golf season. After the rise in rounds and huge interest in the game during the 2020 season, It was quite a feat to see momentum continue through the 2021 season. With the return of alternative recreational and competitive activities providing more opportunities to individuals to fill free time, golf continued trending upwards.

Michelle congratulated all British Columbia Golf's champions, teams and recognized Christina Porteau's induction into the University of Victoria's Hall of Fame.

It was a fantastic year filled with highlights and accomplishments. British Columbia staff worked hard, achieved many objectives including signicantly improving communication channels with members. Streamlining email databases by region and gender was a significant step forward, as was setting up a framework and platform for the official launch of the Women's Golf Project.

Michelle thanked her fellow board members for their diligent effort in completing a 2022 through 2025 strategic plan. She noted the board has commenced work on a complete governance review by creating a Shauna Wilton led committee and a mission to make governance reform fun.

Before Michelle closed her opening remarks, she wanted to take a minute to remember the significant members of the golf community who left us in 2021. We express our condolences to their families and friends. May they rest in peace.

To finish on a highlight, a rememberance for Michelle was an opportunity to play with many different golfers. You never know who you are going to influence. Golf is in a good position let's continue to move the game forward for the next generation.

British Columbia Golf CEO Kris Jonasson and my fellow members of the board are online and available to answer any questions.

### **Notice of Meeting**

- 1. The **first notice** calling this meeting of the members; the form of delegate registration; the form to nominate candidates for the position of Directors at Large; and the number of eligible delegates was sent via email on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 to all voting Members, all Secretary/Treasurers of Zones and all Directors of British Columbia Golf.
- The second notice calling this meeting of the members; the list of Directors elected at the Zone Committee AGM; the list of nominees for the Director at Large; the list of registered Delegates; a ballot for the election of Directors at Large; and the form of proxy were sent by electronic mail on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

Proof of such mailings has been duly filed by the secretary of the meeting, and I direct that a copy of the notices with proof of mailing be kept by the secretary of the meeting along with the records of this meeting.

I shall now read the Notice of Meeting unless I receive a motion to dispense with this reading. Michelle received an electronic motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes.

Moved: David Lee-Fay Seconded: Michael Cook

Motion carried

## A. Reading and Disposition of any unapproved minutes

I have received an electronic motion to dispense with the reading of the approved minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Moved: Naomi Yamamoto Seconded: Joe Higgins

Motion carried

## B. Approval of the agenda

Electronically received a motion that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

Moved: Greg Moody Seconded: Shauna Wilton

Motion carried

## C. Quorum and report attendance

In accordance with the By-Law 24.9 a quorum for the transaction of business must not be less than 25 Delegates present in person or by proxy.

Corrie Wong advises me at the present time, British Columbia Golf has <u>35</u> voting members and there were <u>26</u> Delegates present at the beginning of this virtual conference.

As of the deadline, Tuesday March 29, 2022 \_\_\_\_**9**\_\_ proxies have been received; therefore, a quorum of delegates is present at this meeting.

Since a quorum is present, I declare the meeting to be duly called and properly constituted for the transaction of the business identified in the second notice calling of the meeting.

#### D. Appointment of scrutineers

As there were no additional nominations received for the positions of director at large; the four candidates proposed by the nominating committee are elected by acclamation.

I have asked Corrie Wong and Kojo Frempong to act as scrutineers for any votes that occur at this meeting.

## E. Reading and Disposition of any unapproved Minutes

I have received a motion dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the 18<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting held Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Moved: Sheila van Gisbergen Seconded: Brent Lindberg

Motion carried

#### F. Introduction of the re-elected and new Board Members

The three candidates elected to director at large positions for a three-year term on the board of British Columbia Golf are:

- Shauna Wilton
- Naomi Yamamoto
- Christina Proteau

Elected for a one-year term:

Hugh Wong

Congratulations to our returning board members and also to our new Board members, Christina Proteau from Port Alberni and Hugh Wong from Kelowna. Michelle introduced the rest of the British Columbia Golf Board members:

#### **Directors at Large**

- David Lee Fay
- Greg Moody
- Sheila van Gisbergen
- Brent Lindberg
- Michael Cook
- Joe Higgins
- Patrick Kelly, past President

### **Representing the Zone Council**

- Sheila van Gisbergen, Chair
- Brent Lindberg

Wilda Schab will be departing from our board. On behalf of the board, British Columbia Golf and the membership we thank Wilda for her time and service she had provided to our organization. Michelle personally learned so much from Wilda for what she has done for the game, before she was on the board, while she was on

the board and knows that Wilda will continue going forward to champion for the game of golf. Wilda's knowledge, her transparency, her ability to communicate and share is a highlight of her time on the board.

### G. Review of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

Greg Moody, Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee was introduced and and asked to deliver the report on finances for British Columbia Golf, with technical difficulties Michelle read the report on his behalf.

All voting delegates had received information as to how to access the audited financial results. As previously stated golf has seen significant growth over the past two years. Membership numbers are up and tee sheets accros the province are full. British Columbia Golf has seen the benefits of this growth in our bottom line as revenues have increased yet the pandemic has hampered the ability to deliver programming. This has resulted in lower expenses especially in sport development and team travel.

As we move forward and return to pre-covid levels of programming we expect overall finances to return to break-even levels. British Columbia Golf is in solid financial health. Michelle thanked the staff for their continued efforts in managing the financial affairs.

Greg rejoined the meeting adding his thanks to the government of British Columbia for their continued financial support both through Via Sport and the gaming branch. Greg also thanked the government for recognizing funds granted for programs could be rolled over to 2022.

Greg Moody opened the meeting for questions. As there were no queries Greg moved for the adoption of his report.

Moved: Greg Moody

Seconded: Michelle Collens

**Motion Carried** 

Greg Moody moves to reaffirm that the accounting firm, Baker and Tilley be reappointed as the auditors for the year 2022. David Lee-Fay seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried** 

**H.** Before I turn the meeting over to Kris Jonasson, CEO of British Columbia Golf who is introducing our Distinguished Service Award recipients, is there any further business to come before the meeting?

You will all notice that our IT people have disabled the audio as well as the chat options. I will now ask them to enable the audio and chat options should anyone wish to make a comment at this time. Either unmute yourself to speak or type your comment in the chat box. Please identify yourself and your golf club affiliation.

If not, I would ask for a motion to terminate the meeting.

Moved: Greg Moody Seconded: Jim Reid

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm