

Minutes of the 11th W.A.L.G. held at the Otsu Prince Hotel, Otsu. Japan 18 November 1997.

PRESENT: Doug Crosby (Australia) Chairman
Peter Read (Australia) Secretary
Lou Wodrich (USA)
Rolf Ulfvengren (Sweden)
Martin Poertner (Germany)
Jerry Bradley (Ireland)
Tom Waki (Japan)
Peter Jackson (England)
Neville Lucas (New Zealand)
Pentti Katainen (Finland)
Grace Peng (Taiwan)

Meeting commenced at 3.55pm

The sudden death of Tom James was noted. Tom James collapsed in the Hospitality room about 5pm on Monday 17 November 1997 (The first day of the 11th WALG championship) He was pounced dead at 6.07pm at a local Hospital. Tom James was a founder of WALG. He was also the founder to the Californian Division of NALG and has been associated with Lefty Association since the early 1940's.

- * Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted. Signed by Chairman.
- * The constitution was read and adopted.
- * An update of the 1998 WALG tournament in Tasmania was given by Mr. Glen Summers.
- * Proposals for future venues were called for. Two proposals were tabled, one for Germany and one for Portugal. Discussion was had on both proposals. A vote was taken which resulted in a 5/3 vote for the German proposal, to be held in June/July 2000.
- * The final proposal to be produced in Tasmania next year. To include confirmed dates, costs, accommodation, transport etc.
- * Congratulations was given to Mr. Tom Waki for the excellent organisations and smooth running of the present tournament.
- * Future venues: 1998 Tasmania
2000 Germany
2002 South Africa (To be run by Australia should a division of NALG not be established in Africa)
- * Proposed that a Tom James trophy be played for as the low 72 hole score for persons 65 years of age and over. Amendment: That the Seniors Championship be called the Tom James Memorial Trophy. Proposal lost. Amendment successful.
- * Election of Office Bearers: Chairman: Doug Crosby Nominated/Elected.
Secretary: Peter Read Nominated/Elected.

Meeting closed 5.30pm