

**Minutes of the NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Bankstown Golf Club 31st
Mar 2016, commencing at 9.35a.m.**

Chair: President Dick Farrant.

Attendees: Ian Vidler(V/P), John Dixon (V/P), Kel Pearce (Clr.), Bob Coulson (Observer Gp5), David Gunner (Treasurer), Len Payne (Secretary), Ron Simmons (Clr.), Paul Horton (Webmaster), Chris Evans (Clr.), Les Knox (Observer Gp 20), Richard Doyle (Clr.), Brian Graham (Delegate Gp21.), Les Mann (Life Member), Col Darley (Clr.).

Apologies: Stuart Dossetor (Clr.), John Fogarty (Macarthur), John Buttle (Gp2).

Motion to accept apologies moved Kel Pearce seconded Richard Doyle – carried.

Minutes of Special General Meeting held Bankstown Thur. 28th January 2016, as circulated, were confirmed on motion of Ian Vidler seconded Ron Simmons – carried.

Business arising: 1. Attendance at W.O.G events; Michael Sykes is attending Uralla. Kel Pearce will attend presentation night only at Armidale due injury to hand.

2. The Ridge Vets GC – President Dick advised they are still not affiliated as a Vets. G.C.

3. 2017 AVGU C'ships at Gold Coast QLD. Delegate Dick Farrant advised that after discussion it was agreed that the playing format would remain the same as usual.

4. Insurance coverage is now for 15,750 cost is \$5503.30.

5. Zone 7 Councillor is now Stuart Dossetor; Zone 1 is now Col Darley.

Communication & Sponsorship Committee Report:

Correspondence In: 1.. 22.2.2016 – Letter of appreciation from Jan Buttle for our recognition of her tireless work on behalf of NSWVGA.

2.. 25.2.2016 – Letter of complaint from D. Morosin re prize awarding for Vets.club games.

3..27.2.2016 – E-mail from John Spencer ,Secretary SVGA, seeking advice regarding membership cards, handbooks & identification at events.

4.. 3.2.2016 – Further letter from Leo Mackinlay , Secretary Group 24, requesting review of our decision to not include the Holbrook Cancer Appeal day in our 2017 Program of events.

5.. 18.3.2016 – E-mail from Graeme Manning, Secretary AVGU , re delegates attendance expenses to AVGU AGM's.

6..25.3.2016 – E-mail from Clr. Stu Dossetor apologizing for absence from meeting 31/3 & putting view on Morosin letter.

7..27.3.2016 – E-mail from Clr. Richard Doyle re membership of NSWVGA .

Out: 22.2.2016 –Letter to Leo Mackinlay, Secretary Group 24, detailing Executive response to his letter of 18.1.2016.

2.. 22.3.2016 – response from President Dick to Secretary AVGU re delegates expenses to AVGU.

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Item 2 In – Secretary directed to advise all Group Secretaries of need to ensure that all discrimination is removed in respect of women members, including prize awarding; President is attending Group 3 meeting & will then write to complainant. Motion moved Dick Farrant seconded Ian Vidler – carried.
2. Item 3 In – President Dick drafted reply which was accepted & will be forwarded to new SVGA Secretary. Moved Len Payne seconded Col Darley – carried.
3. Item 4 In – Following debate, Secretary was directed to write further letter explaining reasons for decision & adding suggestion. Motion moved Richard Doyle seconded Ian Vidler – carried unanimously.
Motion to adopt all correspondence moved Paul Horton seconded Ian Vidler – carried.

President's Report to the NSWVGA Council Meeting Thursday March 31st 2016 held at Bankstown Golf Club

General:

I have updated the NSWVGA Constitution as a result of outcomes from the Special General Meeting. This document can be accessed and downloaded from the website, available under "Downloads".

I have also updated the History of NSWVGA Council office bearers, as well as Group Secretaries and Tournament Directors, for the period 1996 to 2016 and this document can be accessed by going to the Directory on the left hand side of the Home Page of the website and then using "History of NSWVGA", then "Statewide Executive History Record".

All Group Secretaries have received emails reminding them of the concept of Councillors allocated to each of the seven Zones, with each Group Secretary updated with contact details for their respective Councillor. I would like to thank again these Councillors for offering to improve communication within the current framework of the NSWVGA.

At the next Council meeting (May 19th) the Councillor attendance roster for the second half of the tournament calendar will be finalised and subsequently all tournament directors will be advised as to who will be the official rep at each tournament for the remainder of 2016.

Sponsorship:

For the ninth year in a row Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers have sponsored the NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships, again offering the champion's prize for this event.

Stuart Broom from *The Buggy Man* also offered a sponsorship for these Championships but unfortunately the participating clubs were not comfortable regarding display of banners etc. Stuart's business includes sales of all sorts of buggies, including electrical, but his specialty is servicing and repairing of these buggies. If you live within the Greater Sydney area and you are seeking this type of service, contact details are: Unit 12/20 Barcoo St. Roseville 2069, P: 9417 8313 E:
info@thebuggyman.com.au

NSWVGA Medal

During the last two months all winner's details for the 2015 NSWVGA medals have been finalised and are listed under "NSWVGA Medal" appearing in the directory on the home page of the website. In all 21 medals were played for last year and all Groups are invited to once again take part in 2016 for the medal and associated voucher. Don't forget to consider the women in those Groups where there are significant numbers of women veterans affiliated with NSWVGA.

NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships

It would be remiss of me not to mention here the outstanding organisation by the Western Sydney Region VGA committee, headed up by Les Knox, regarding the recently complete NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships conducted at Richmond, Penrith and Stonecutter's Ridge. The field, in excess of 140 from 51 clubs around the state and Queensland, represented a record field in the 24 year history of the event. The winner Denis Dale from Twin Creeks in Sydney was the worthy winner

Business arising from President's Report.

- 1. Secretary to write to Trevor Townsend (Grafton G.C) seeking name of Group Secretary for Grafton Vets Group.**
- 2. Group Secretaries to be reminded that the NSWVGA Medal plus the \$50 voucher will continue for next two years at least being provided by NSWVGA. They are asked to encourage participation by their groups; Groups are also free to supplement this offer should they wish. Secretary to add this as a foreword to minutes emailing.**

President's report accepted on motion of Ian Vidler seconded John Dixon – carried.

Webmaster's Report:

Webmaster's Report March 2016

Tournament Directors

There are quite a few WOG events struggling to attract players, or so it seems. Resolving this problem is not easy and despite a variety of suggestions and proposals being discussed at all levels of NSWVGA officialdom from local to state, very little has been done. Pro-active, re-active or whatever you like to call it, updated procedures need to be put in place to stem the downward spiral. As of March 2016 there are still 13 2016 WOG events with no detailed information regarding their events on our website! If attendance figures are down at your event I suggest you take a *real good look* at how your event is marketed!

Most organisers email WOG information and entry forms *to those who attended this year* and leave it at that. Obviously that does not work so promotion of your week must be active, it is free to advertise on our website. Merely sending loads of promotional pages to the webmaster, *in bold print*, doesn't help much because in total some documents are very long and potential players don't want to print 10 pages of high res colour!

Contact the webmaster if you need advice re sponsor advertising!

Sand Green Events

Ron Simmons and I travelled to Grenfell recently to offer our support to Peter Mawhinney in an effort to increase attendance for the NSWVGA Mixed Sand Greens in May. Our offer was well received and we found Peter to be a Grenfell businessman who gets on with the job of keeping the golf course going and doing whatever he can to support the golf club and Grenfell as a whole. He would probably prefer that I didn't mention him in particular, but, that is the way it is and more 'vets' should be aware of the involvement of Peter and many others around NSW who are in a similar position.

The biggest problem with many or *all* weeks of golf is the organisers themselves, they are generally not available for enquiries via email or telephone!

The Website

As for results the most important news item for us is *who won the NSWVGA trophies*, because that is our investment and as for the NSWVGA Shield they hardly get a mention, probably because a number are still missing!

The website continues to expand its readership with 320,000+ hits (*sponsor related-monthly*) and 17,000+ visits (*people seeking*) information and reading.

Finally

At this point I have checked and updated the 2016 WOG pages up to and including July – ***all have program & entry forms available***. Between July and the end of the year there are thirteen events with no information displayed, this includes three NSWVGA Championship events.

Paul R Horton ADipJA

Webmaster – March 2016

Les Knox expressed appreciation to Webmaster Paul for his website work for the recent NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships . Motion to accept Webmaster's Report was moved by Col Darley ,seconded Richard Doyle & carried with ACCLAMATION by all present.

Finance Committee Report:

Treasurer's Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 22.1.16 to 24.3.16

Opening Balance as at 22.1.16 \$53,395.29

<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$890.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$2,366.00
Interest	\$35.20
Sponsorship	\$350.00
Adm Income	\$160.00

Total income \$3,801.20

<u>Expenses</u>	
Councillors to meetings	\$2,071.01
To A.V.G.U.	\$2,400.00
Vouchers	\$4,415.00
Web Site	\$219.79
Meeting Exp	\$144.00
Shields	\$63.80
Postage	\$1,052.34
Printing/Stationary	\$30.00
Insurance	\$5,503.30
Donations	\$800.00

Total Expenses \$16,699.24

Closing Balance as at 24.3.16 \$40,731.25

Cash Assests as at 24.3.16

Greater Building Society \$38,000.00
matures on 6.5.16 at 2.80%

Vouchers for Weeks of Golf \$3,525.00

Total Assets \$41,525.00

Treasurer's 2016 Budget Presentation: Treasurer advised this had been forwarded to Councillors on 22/2/2016; however he would check & re-send.

Motion : To receive the Treasurer's Financial report with the addition of re-investing the I.B.D. Investment when it falls due on 6/5 at best rate moved Richard Doyle , seconded Paul Horton – carried.

Tournament & Match Committee Reports:

Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report:

NSWVGA Match Report March 2016

1. After spending some time in Howlong with the President, CEO and Tournament Director I am of the firm belief we should rescind a previous decision and allow Howlong and Corowa golf clubs to play a second week of golf in September "under the Auspices of the NSWVGA." Rob Forrest, Vice Captain of Howlong Golf Club and Tournament Director of both the March and September events alerted me to the fact that these events give Howlong and Corowa two days, a total of four days, the same number other tournaments have in a week. Rob carries most of the burden of the organisation for the event with little support from Corowa, and this situation will remain in September unless there is an attitudinal change at that club. I feel we should be supporting of anyone who promotes Veterans golf and would like to see the September Week of Golf reinstated on our programme.
2. At every event I have attended along the Murray River I have been asked by many golfers the whereabouts of the 2016 Programme on our website. In my opinion the Programme for the current year should remain on the Home Page for the duration of its existence, not hidden in a long list of files under "Downloads." Your thoughts please Paul. Is it possible?
3. Congratulations to Les Knox and his committee on the success of the NSWVGA Stroke Play Championships. With a capacity, quality field Les should feel well satisfied.
4. The three tournaments along the Murray River in March are starting to gain momentum with increasing numbers each year. Tournament Directors are becoming more aware of NSWVGA requirements and the events are now following the Guidelines as set down by this body.

Ian Vidler
Match Chairman

Business arising from Tournament-Co-Ordinator's Report:

Following debate the following moved " That in the 2017 program that the second Corowa/Howlong Week of Golf Tournament be re-instated, under the auspices of NSWVGA" Motion moved Ian Vidler seconded Col Darley – carried.

It was also advised that with the alterations to Tocumwal Golf Course, that Tocumwal would solely host their Week of Golf in 2017.

Match Committee Report : Nil.

Motion to adopt Tournament Co-ordinators Report moved Paul Horton seconded John Dixon – carried.

Zone Reports:

Zone 1 – Col Darley advised of the resignation of long-time Tournament Director John Buttle who would remain as Group Secretary.

Zone 2 – Richard Doyle asked that alterations be made to Constitution by-laws by allocating Group 19 (Blue Mountains) to Zone 2 with himself as zone councillor.

President Dick advised that Wodonga be removed from Group 32 & Narrandera from Group 27. He also advised that Pottsville be added to Group 14 when they form & that Horizons be added to Group 9. Motion to adopt these Constitutional by-laws moved Richard Doyle seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Zone 3- Secretary Len advised meeting of two Groups in the zone with" domestic" issues currently; he would advise if they were resolved satisfactorily.

Zones 4-7 – No issues reported.

Zone Reports were received on motion of Len Payne seconded Chris Evans – carried.

Meeting then adjourned for lunch at 12 noon resuming at 12.40 p.m.

Matters on Notice:

- 1. Clr. Richard Doyle presented his excellently researched paper on "membership of NSW Veteran Golfers Association", which seeks to provide an opportunity for eligible golfers from clubs which are not currently affiliated with NSWVGA, to form a type of association acceptable to NSWVGA. It was pointed out by Richard that these clubs if formed should firstly seek to join their own group if possible. He also advised that currently approx. 100 out of 114 Metropolitan clubs are not affiliated with NSWVGA.**

President Dick thanked Richard for his extensive work on the paper to date. Secretary advised that to comply with Constitution , these clubs should be known as non-group club memberships until they either join other clubs & meet the criteria for group status or meet the criteria with their own numbers (i.e.150).

Following further debate, it was moved to accept the recommendation in principle, with the sub-committee to design an application form for non-group memberships & present it to the next meeting for consideration .Motion moved Richard Doyle, seconded Kel Pearce –carried unanimously .

Matters without Notice: Nil.

General Business: The distribution of flags to Councillors attending Weeks of Golf prior to the next meeting was resolved.

Meeting closed: With no further business, President Dick closed meeting at 1.45 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday May 19th 2016 Bankstown.