

**Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Bankstown Golf Club Thursday
May 19th 2016 commencing at 9.30a.m.**

Chair: President Dick Farrant.

Attendees: John Dixon (V/P), Ian Vidler (V/P), John Fogarty (Macarthur, observer), Les Mann (Life member), Kel Pearce (Clr), David Gunner (Treasurer), Len Payne (Secretary), Col Darley (Clr), Ron Simmons (Clr), Les Knox (Gp20 observer), Chris Evans (Clr).

Apologies: Paul Horton (Webmaster), Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Richard Doyle (Clr), David Flatt (2018 AVGU organising Committee), Richard Doyle (Clr), Brian Graham (Gp21 delegate), Bob Coulson (Gp5 observer), John Buttle (Gp2 Delegate).

Motion to accept Apologies moved Ian Vidler seconded Ron Simmons –carried.

Obituary: Bob Pratten (Dubbo veteran golfer).

Minutes of Executive Meeting held Thursday 31st Mar held Bankstown 2016 as circulated, were confirmed as accurate on motion of David Gunner seconded John Dixon – carried.

Business arising: President Dick Farrant reported that further discussions were being held with “The Ridge “Veterans golf group re affiliation.

Secretary advised that Grafton is still without a Group Secretary, Trevor Townsend is still contact person.

President confirmed that Blue Mountains are now in Zone 2 with Clr. Richard Doyle representing.

President also advised that he will seek quotes for new flag types & get additional if reasonable.

Communication & Sponsorship Reports:

Correspondence In: 1. Certificate of Currency for NSWVGA Public Policy effective 28/2/2016 – 28/02/2017.

2. Attendance roster for second half of 2016 for consideration & response of Councillors.

3. 8.5.2016 – Reports by Bob Coulson of the outcome of the OBE Tournament at Harrington Waters.

4. 10.5.2016 – E-mail from Reg Alderson, Secretary, 2018 AVGA organising Committee requesting confirmation of volunteer coverage during organising of this event.

5. 10.5.2016 – Response from Candice Gilchrist WSIB to issues raised by Reg in above e-mail.

Out: 1. 5.4.2016 - Reply to Leo Mackinlay, Group 24, re Cancer Tournament Day as decided by Executive meeting.

2. 6.4.2016 – Reply by President to Ms. Dianne Morosin, re equality of prizes for women.

3. 12.4.2016 – Reply by President to Secretary SVGA re membership cards et al.

President advised that in respect of item 2 out that Gp3 has responded to complainant's issue.

Motion to adopt all correspondence moved Col Darley seconded Ian Vidler – carried.

President's & Sponsorship Reports:

President's Report to the NSWVGA Council Meeting Thursday May 19th 2016

Insurances:

The Association now holds three policies.

1. Public Liability policy with Sportscover Insurance for Public Liability up to \$20 million and applicable to 28th February 2017
2. Association Liability with Chubb Insurance applicable to 30th April 2017
3. Voluntary Workers Disability with Dual Australia Insurance applicable to 2nd May 2017

The total premiums paid to Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers come to a total of \$7691.48

Discussion on and full description of these policies is listed as an agenda item for this meeting.

AVGU:

Recent discussion amongst delegates has centred on the manner in which delegates are supported financially in attending the Annual General Meeting of the AVGU each year. This discussion has arisen because of the difficulty one member state has had in meeting the cost involved. All delegates have been surveyed and a paper has been prepared for the AGM in Adelaide in November for discussion whereby all delegates would expect to be suitably supported by their state or territory.

The AVGU Secretary/Treasurer has also been using tele-conferencing for the small group of past, present and future tournament directors in development of a uniform approach to the running of the annual championships, particularly in regards to the use of computer software packages to assist in the compilation of entrant's details together with progressive and final results. The experience has proved reasonably successful but considered to become unwieldy if the group was to become any larger. The result is that the face to face meeting annually for the AGM is considered as the highly preferred method of conducting business.

Golf NSW:

I met with Graeme Phillipson and Olivia Wilson at the Golf NSW offices at Arncliffe.

The principal outcome was the decision to offer to Walcha a combined Golf NSW and NSWVGA sandgreens single championship in October.

The offer has been forwarded to Walcha Golf Club office bearers and I await a positive response from them before proceeding further.

Given that the offer is accepted NSWVGA needs to consider the financial support needed to set up the same set of trophies for veteran members as Golf NSW is setting up for their entrants.

A draft entry form has been put together for review and development. Entry fee for the two days has been set at \$70 (online) or \$80 by alternative methods.

Golf NSW will approach the NSW Women's VGA to see if they would be happy with a similar arrangement with the Women's Championships a fortnight later, also at Walcha.

Dick Farrant

President NSWVGA 15th May 2016

President advised that Greater Building Society has now paid all their due Sponsorship monies. He will write to them & express our appreciation for their valued sponsorship which is about \$15,000 in total.

SPECIAL NOTE:

With our insurances, the first is a continuation of our Public Liability & Products Liability policy. The second policy is an Association Policy covering Office Bearers of NSWVGA, Veteran Groups & Associations/Clubs office bearers, with a fidelity cover. It is designed to cover all matters financial. The third Policy "Voluntary Workers" is a personal accident cover for all volunteer workers of NSWVGA Groups & Associations/Clubs who may suffer death or injury during the performance of this voluntary work, including travel to & from the place of this voluntary work. It covers volunteers up to the age of 95. However, for those volunteers who are still employed or operate businesses the provision of benefits to them in respect of these work/business disruptions is only payable up to the age of 65. This is a new policy taken & paid by NSWVGA on behalf of its members.

It is most important therefore that a list of names of those involved in activities at all events properly relating to their veteran golf be recorded at the time of such involvement ; i.e. by listing on a games sheet of the day, attendance book, or recorded in minutes of any meeting held . Failure to do so may negate any claim on the insurance company.

In respect of the Walcha NSWVGA Sandgreens event, the President advised that he has received acceptance by Walcha of the proposal to hold a joint event with Golf NSW this year.

Motion: "That NSWVGA accept in principle this combined event & agree to subsidise the amount raised by Walcha Vets. G.C through sponsorship, to equal the amount provided by Golf NSW for the open event" moved Ian Vidler seconded John Dixon – carried unanimously.

Following on further discussion of the 2017 Sandgreen 4BBB event possibly also being combined with Golf NSW Sandgreen 4BBB event, President advised he will further discuss this with Graeme Phillipson (Golf NSW) & report back. Tournament Co-ordinator Ian asked Secretary to provide a listing of all 18-hole Sandgreen courses & their contact details to seek interest in further Sandgreen events.

President suggested that although he is stepping down just prior to the 2016 AVGU meeting, to provide continuity that he be allowed to attend that meeting as our Delegate.

Motion: "That President Dick Farrant continue as our Delegate to AVGU for 2016" moved Ian Vidler seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Motion to adopt Sponsorship & President's report moved Col Darley seconded Ron Simmons – carried.

Webmaster's Report: Nil Report.

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer's Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 24.3.16 to 13.5.16

Opening Balance as at 24.3.16 \$40,731.25

Income	
Affiliation Fees	\$48.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$2,518.00
Interest	\$559.73
Sponsorship	\$1,600.00

Total income \$4,725.73

Expenses	
Councillors to meetings	\$955.01
Councillors to tournaments	\$901.50
Vouchers	\$3,725.00
Web Site	\$90.00
Meeting Exp	\$138.00
Frames	\$120.00
Postage	\$179.75
Printing/Stationary	\$239.00
Phone	\$150.00
Sponsorship	\$2,000.00

Total Expenses \$8,498.26

Closing Balance as at 13.5.16 \$36,958.72

Cash Assests as at 13.5.16

Greater Building Society	\$38,000.00
<u>matures on 6.11.16 at 3%</u>	
Vouchers for Weeks of Golf	\$1,585.00

Total Assets \$39,585.00

Treasurer's Report accepted on motion of Col Darley Seconded John Dixon – carried.

Tournament & Match Committee Reports:

AVGA 2018 National Championships report presented in absence of David Flatt:

**2018 AVGU CHAMPIONSHIPS
12 – 16 NOVEMBER 2018 - PORT STEPHENS NSW
PROGRESS REPORT TO NSWVGA COUNCIL
19 MAY 2016**

1. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Following the success of the Group 9 Port Stephens submission, the Organising Committee was formed in January 2015. The Organising Committee is open to all Veterans clubs in Group 9, and currently all are represented.

The hosting clubs have been identified as **NELSON BAY, HORIZONS, PACIFIC DUNES and MUREE**. All four clubs have been asked to reserve their courses for our exclusive use for the four days of the championship, but the number of entrants will obviously determine the final make-up of the draw.

The **CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER on FRIDAY 16 Nov 2018** has been booked at the **Nelson Bay Diggers Club**.

A timeline has been drawn up for the formation of the various sub-committees of SPONSORSHIP, PUBLICITY, MATCH and HOSPITALITY.

2. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

The main focus so far has been on sponsorship, with the SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE preparing a professionally presented SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS.

The obvious first step was to acquire a NAMING RIGHTS SPONSOR. Although we do not wish to name the company concerned at the moment, we have received both verbal agreement and email confirmation, but we will hold off a formal announcement until we have the actual signatures on the contract. However the Naming Rights Sponsor has agreed to a staggered payment of the sponsorship, with roughly 25% to be paid in June 2016, 50% in June 2017 and the final 25% in June 2018.

We currently have submissions before a number of companies for Gold Sponsorships, with an aim to have up to four Gold Sponsors. We anticipate approaching Silver sponsors during 2017, and Bronze sponsors (mainly local businesses) from the beginning of 2018.

We have met with representatives of Port Stephens Council, and we have a submission in progress to receive initial funding before the end of this financial year. This will be important because we have significant costs in setting up the event website by November this year. We are confident that we will be able to achieve this goal on schedule.

3. BUDGETTING

We have used the \$2000 loan from NSWVGA for various “housekeeping” matters such as the production of the original submission, and the preparation and production of the Sponsorship Prospectus, letterhead and business cards. With the expected payments from the Naming Rights Sponsor and Port Stephens Council, we are confident we have sufficient funds to develop the various facets of the tournament organization, according to our timeline.

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS LIAISON GROUP

This group is comprised of the AVGU Secretary and the tournament Directors of the previous two AVGU Championships, the current championship and the subsequent two championships. The group meets by way of a Teleconference, with the first meeting held in February this year, and the next scheduled for 30 May. The group discusses issues that are common to each event, with the aim of removing the need for each Organising Committee to “re-invent the wheel”. From the point of view of the 2018 Organising Committee, we are hoping this group can come up with a common Administration and scoring system that could possibly be licensed by the AVGU and passed on to each organising Committee in turn. In this regard we will be putting forward some suggestions to the 30 May teleconference.

5. MATTERS FOR NSWVGA TO CONSIDER

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

In previous years the Ladies event has been an unofficial championship because ladies are not accepted as full members in several states. From the point of view of this Organising Committee, we wish for our event to have an **official** ladies Championship, and we hope the NSWVGA will support us in this. We would hope that the NSW representative to the AVGU conference in Adelaide in November 2016 will be able to raise this issue. If some states still refuse to accept ladies as full members perhaps the AVGU could offer ladies in those states direct affiliation to the AVGU. Alternatively, NSWVGA could offer to register those ladies in 2018 to enable them to participate in the Championships as full members.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

As for all Organising Committees, we are concerned about the difficulty of publicising our event to grass roots Veterans golfers in all states. For instance, how well has the 2016 event in Adelaide been publicised to individual members in Veterans clubs throughout NSW? We ask the NSWVGA Council to consider this matter. One suggestion we are considering is to produce a flier in both hard copy and digital form. Hard copies could be distributed to Tournament directors of NSWGA Weeks of Golf but the digital copies would be emailed to the NSWVGA Secretary for distribution through Group Secretaries, to clubs and ultimately to individual members. If we are able to run such a trial later in 2016 it would be good if the

NSW representative could report on its success or otherwise to the AVGU Annual Conference.

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the 19 May Council meeting. However I hope to attend the next meeting as an observer and to provide a further report. In the meantime I would be happy to answer any questions Council members may have.

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President Dick Farrant has agreed to raise the issue of Women's Championship being conducted at this event with AVGU at their next meeting.

It is also suggested that this Committee be encouraged to seek promotion of this event through the contacts with all golfer magazines & publications.

Motion to accept the 2018 Committee report moved Ian Vidler seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Meeting then adjourned at 12.10 for lunch resuming at 12.40.

Tournament Co-ordinator Ian Vidler then presented a verbal report on the progress of the 2017 Week of golf Program & it's finalisation. He also advised that Grafton wished to compete in the NSWVGA Medal & voucher promotion.

New Tournament Directors were announced as follows “

Far South Coast – Norm Hamilton.

Great Lakes/Manning - Bob Brownsmith email- robertbrownsmith@bigpond.com

Uralla – Rowan Chandler.

Week of Golf Reports were presented from Uralla (no written report) but extensive list of prize-winners listed; Cootamundra, Grenfell (mixed Sandgreen 4BBB) with poor attendance Of 30 only; Moree (John Gourlay's final as T/D), Narrabri, Armidale, Tamworth, Tenterfield & Grafton.

Motion to receive T/Co-ordinators report & Week of golf reports, moved John Dixon seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Matters on Notice:

- 1. Sub-committee on non-group memberships report on proposed Membership Application form for consideration.**
As Clr. Richard Doyle was absent for medical reasons, it was agreed to defer this matter till the next meeting.

2. Finalisation of Attendance roster for second half of 2016.

Following further discussion, the roster was determined & President advised he would contact all involved Tournament Directors' to inform them of the attendees.

3. Update on Insurance Policies held by NSWVGA.

This matter was dealt with in the President's Report.

General Business: Tournament Co-Ordinator Ian Vidler raised the issue of potential for Sponsorship by contacting large Corporate organisations/Firms for "State Sponsorship". President advised he would investigate & report.

Clr. Col Darley asked that as it appears that there may be some vacancies on the Executive Council at the next election in November,2016 that Groups/Clubs advise their members of the importance of considering Nominations for the Council.

Due to unavoidable absences, the next meeting has been deferred from Wednesday 27th July, 2016 to Thursday 4th August.

Matters without notice: Nil.

With no further business, President declared meeting closed at 1.50 p.m.

General Business: