

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Bankstown Golf Club Thursday 6th October ,2016 commencing at 9.30a.m.

Chair: President Dick Farrant declared meeting open at 9.30 & thanked Councillors & others who attended the late Councillor Ron Simmons funeral at Blayney.

Attendees: Ian Vidler (V/P),John Dixon(V/P),Paul Horton (Webmaster),David Gunner (Treasurer),Kel Pearce (Clr),Chris Evans (Clr),Stuart Dossetor (Clr),Col Darley (Clr),Richard Doyle (Clr),David Williamson (Observer, Gp6),Les Knox (Observer , Gp20),Brian Graham (Observer, Gp21),Les Mann (Observer, Gp31),Len Payne (Secretary).

Apologies: Bob Coulson (Observer, Gp5), John Buttle (Observer, Gp2).

Obituaries: Ron Simmons (Clr), Bob Parsons (ex- Lachlan Valley Gp. Sec),Graham Forman (Kew), Col Ferguson(ex- Gulargambone Sec.),Brian White (Cootamundra).

Motion to receive apologies moved John Dixon, seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting of Thursday 4th August 2016, as previously circulated were confirmed on motion of David Gunner, seconded Paul Horton – carried.

Business arising: President reported that the family of the late Ron Simmons had expressed a wish to pay for the shield that will show winners of NSWVGA Sandgreen stroke championships for next few years. Motion to accept moved Richard Doyle seconded Ian Vidler – carried.

President asked for a motion to confirm verbal agreement to allow NSW WVGA to place information on their COUNTRY EVENTS for 2017 for free in 2017, with Secretary to advise them.Motion moved John Dixon seconded Col Darley – carried.

President Dick informed the meeting that due to the adverse weather & flooding in country areas that some clubs were experiencing a downturn in W.O.G & regular golf events & urged Veteran Golfers to support these clubs when possible.

Communication & Sponsorship Reports:

Correspondence:

In:

1. 11-8-2016 – E-mail from Secretary Group 27 & Hay Vets. Dick Van Buuren advising that Hay Vets.club are interested in hosting a Combined Sandgreen Championship.
2. 18-8-2016 – Handbook printing quote from Wand Printing.
3. 18-8-2016 – Handbook printing quote from Lakes Printers.
4. 22-8-2016 – E-mail with formal application from Hay Veteran golf club to host a joint Golf NSW/NSWVGA Sandgreens championship.

5. **23-8-2016 – E-mail Notice of Motion seeking the Constitutional Amendment at A.G.M. on 2nd November 2016, necessary to add a Patron to our list of office bearers.**
6. **18-9-2016 – E-mail from Greg Christie, Secretary Group 12, with Gp12 suggestion of a state-wide competition for winners of Group Championships plus NSWVGA Medal winners.**
7. **26-9-2016 – E-mail from Clr. Richard Doyle providing details & Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution at the AGM to allow the acceptance of “Ungrouped Clubs” of veteran golfers as members of NSWVGA.**
8. **2-10-2016 – President tabled a late item of correspondence referring to the pull-up banners currently being assessed.**

Out:

1. **9-8-2016 – Reply to Secretary Group 32 re decision to disaffiliate.**
2. **17-8-2016 – Reminder to 2017 Handbook prospective advertisers with closing date.**
3. **23-8-2016- E-mail advice to both Wand & Lakes printers re outcome of quotes.**

Business arising –

The offer of Group 12 to host a championship for Group championship winners & NSWVGA medal winners was considered .Motion “ That the offer be accepted in principle, for further consideration by being referred to the 2017 Match Committee for detailed consideration of method of implementation “. Moved Stuart Dossetor seconded Ian Vidler – carried with one vote against recorded.

Motion to adopt Correspondence moved Col Darley seconded Richard Doyle-carried.

President's Report to the October 6th 2016 NSWVGA Council Meeting

NSWVGA Sandgreens Championship at Walcha

GolfNSW advised on September 23rd that they had already received 69 entries of which 35 are members of the NSWVGA. The event is to be held on October 15th & 16th at Walcha Golf Club. A special shield has been prepared, entitled the Ron Simmons Memorial Shield, and will possibly be co-presented by one of Ron's daughters as well as NSWVGA Secretary Len Payne. The Simmons family wish to reimburse the Association for all costs incurred in setting up the shield. GolfNSW has also been advised of offers to hold the 2018 Sandgreens Championship at Narromine and 2019 event at Hay. Olivia Wilson, Events Manager indicated that GolfNSW usually decides locations around 18 months prior to the event.

2017 Handbook

A reminder to all Group Secretaries to get their information for the book to Secretary Len Payne in the last week or so of this month. The colour pages involving the covers have been settled on with colour ads from Go Golfing and the AVGA, as well as an aerial photo of Nambucca Heads golf course for the front cover.

Stand Up Banners

Samples of stand up banners will be displayed at this meeting for further consideration by Council. They are intended for indoor use only and would complement flags and tear drop banners which are currently in use, mainly outdoors, advertising the role of the NSWVGA in promoting veteran golf in NSW.

AVGU News

Registration for the 2016 AVGU Championships to be held in Adelaide next month is closed. Entries include 216 men, 70 women and 60 non-playing entries. The presentation dinner at the end of the tournament will have between 360 and 370 in attendance. The 2017 Championship is to be held on the Gold Coast in October next year. Resort courses are being used resulting in compulsory use of carts. Consequently entry fee includes cost of carts and has been set at \$495 if paid before December 11th this year, and \$545 thereafter. The 2018 event in Port Stephens will attract a lower entry fee as the emphasis on carts is not as strong as it is on the Gold Coast.

Long term ACTVGA President Mike Greep did not seek re-election at their recent AGM. The new President is Alan Crisp, new Secretary is David Marron and New Captain is Tony Wood. Outgoing Secretary Ian Wallace had held that position for many years and gave sterling service to the ACT veteran golfers.

NSWVGA AGM

A further reminder to all members about the AGM to be held at Bankstown Golf Club on Wednesday November 2nd at 9.30 a.m. There will be contested positions for the new Council as there are four vacancies to be filled. As mentioned before give consideration to your possible involvement in veteran golf at the state level.

Handicapping

President reported that he had discussed this issue with Golf NSW official & was advised that no action was being taken currently to review handicapping for higher marker, older Golfers to address any perceived inequalities.

Richard Farrant,

President, NSWVGA.

President elaborated on the pull-up banners issue, with discussion following which motion moved "That President be authorised to purchase 20 banners at estimated cost of \$140 each delivered" moved Chris Evans seconded Kel Pearce - carried

Name of incoming A.C.T. President is spelt Alan Chrisp.

In respect of the handicapping issue Les Knox, advised that clubs had been canvassed by Golf Australia through golf NSW for their views on this with a view to reviewing it.

President elaborated on the flooding/adverse weather issues affecting golf in western NSW, & urged Vet.golfers to continue supporting Weeks of Golf to assist.

Vale Bob Parsons, Lachlan Valley.

Motion to accept President's report moved Ian Vidler seconded Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Webmasters Report:

Nil Report presented by Paul Horton. Motion to accept this moved Kel Pearce seconded Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Finance Committee & Treasurers Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 21.6.16 to 30.9.16

Opening Balance as at 21.6.16 \$27,397.01

<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$15.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$4,256.00
Interest	\$20.09
Sponsorship	\$300.00
Adm Income	\$224.00

Total income \$4,815.09

<u>Expenses</u>	
Councillors to meetings	\$1,621.99
Councillors to tournaments	\$2,361.50
Vouchers	\$3,341.50
Web Site	\$428.80
Meeting Exp	\$132.00
Postage	\$55.50
Printing/Stationary	\$322.11
Phone	\$150.00
Shields/Medals	\$776.40
Honorary	\$2,200.00

Total Expenses \$11,389.80

Closing Balance as at 30.9.16 \$20,822.30

Cash Assests as at 30.6.16

Greater Building Society \$38,000.00
matures on 6.11.16 at 3%

Vouchers for Weeks of Golf \$2,325.00

Total Assets \$40,325.00

Treasurer provided to President Financial position at end of financial year which indicates a profit of approx. \$1,500.00 for year & membership of over 15,000 .These figures are for President's report to AVGU.

Motion to adopt Treasurer's Report moved Len Payne seconded Col Darley – carried.

Tournament & Match Committee Reports:

Tournament Co-ordinators Report:

NSWVGA Programme Coordinators Report October 2016

1. Fossickers Way WoG has been cancelled for 2016 due to a shortage of nominations but will remain in the 2017 programme in case there is a new lease of life for the event.
2. Moree has named a new TD, Paul Wilde, whose details are on the website.
3. I have received a request from Hay Veterans to conduct a sandgreen Championship, combined with Golf NSW, in the future. 2019 would be the earliest that this could occur.
4. I had a discussion with Norm Lewis, TD Sandgreen Championships Narromine, re the scheduling of the event for 2017. Taking all issues into consideration he, along with committee members , decided the allocated dates for 2017 might be the most suitable. This decision is to be confirmed.
5. Shoalhaven WoG has announced a new TD, Greg Tindall. Nomination forms and event information are on the website.
6. Port Kembla have yet to decide on a date for their event in 2017 despite several emails and phone calls.
7. I am about to commence work on the 2018 Programme. I urge all TDs to be aware of the first draft in December and discuss proposed dates with committees as the first step in planning their event.
8. Inverell and Armidale have agreed to share events more evenly in their group. There will be only one event in Inverell each year. In 2017 New England WoG will be conducted in Inverell with Armidale holding an event on the October dates set down for Inverell. In 2018 the position will reverse.
9. Junee WoG cancelled for 2016 with a change of date to 20 – 24 April 2017. This precedes Cootamundra but clashes with Narrabri. I don't think it will adversely affect Narrabri.

Ian Vidler.

Programme Coordinator.

Matters Arising: It was pointed out that in fact the dates proposed for Junee in 2017 are 24-28th April, 2017.

Motion to receive Tournament Co-Ordinators report moved Ian Vidler, seconded Col Darley –carried.

Brief verbal reports were then tendered by Councillors who attended at the following tournaments (full report will be provided with these minutes). First up was Murwillumbah, then Coolangatta/Tweed, Yamba, Coffs Harbour, Macleay Valley, Hastings River (Pt. Macquarie/Wauchope. Then Mudgee (wet), NSWVGA 4BBB championships at Narromine (final day cancelled due heavy rain), Dubbo (also very wet) & Broken Hill (very windy). Mention was also made of the Parkes trial event which had 45 players due roads being flooded.

Motion to accept Week of Golf reports submitted moved Col Darley seconded Chris Evans –carried.

Motion then moved to formally accept Parkes Week of Golf into the 2017 programme moved John Dixon seconded Ian Vidler – carried with one vote against recorded.

President then provided breakdown of the \$3 Affiliation fee for Councillors information, with 15.5 cents per member going to AVGU affiliation.

Meeting then adjourned at 12.25 p.m. for lunch & re-convened at 1p.m.

Matters on Notice:

1. 23-8-2016. Notice of Motion to appoint a Patron at our A.G.M .Moved Stuart Dossetor seconded Col Darley. (This needs approval of this meeting to be an agenda item at the A.G.M on 2nd November 2016 as it needs Constitutional amendment).

Following debate on this matter, the following Notice of motion was endorsed to go for approval at the upcoming A.G.M. “That the NSWVGA amend the current Constitution to create the position of Patron of NSWVGA with appropriate conditions”, Moved Stuart Dossetor seconded Col Darley – carried with one vote being recorded against.

2. 26-9-2016 –Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution at the AGM by amending Clause 1.6, 1.7, 4.3 & inserting a new clause 1.8. This is to allow the acceptance of

eligible veteran golfer members of “Ungrouped Clubs” to be accepted as members of NSWVGA & to clarify the meaning of a Registered Golf Club. A suggested pro-forma Application form was also provided Moved Richard Doyle seconded Len Payne, that “Request Executive Council at the next A.G.M. approve these Constitutional Amendments & additions”. After further debate, a motion was moved that the motion be put, moved John Dixon, seconded Ian Vidler- carried. The Notice of motion as detailed was then put & carried with one vote being recorded against.

3. 27-9-2016 – It was pointed out that no Notice of Motion was required to amend By-laws in the Constitution. A motion was then moved by Ian Vidler seconded Col Darley to amend By-Law 1, to remove reference of Group 32 (Albury/Thurgoona) in accordance with their request to be “disaffiliated from NSWVGA”. Motion was declared carried.
4. Consideration of future combined Sandgreen Championship venues. President informed meeting that he had advised Golf NSW of Narromine’s interest in hosting such a combined tournament in 2018; also of Hay applying to host a combined event in 2019. Golf NSW advised that they only select their venues about 18 months prior to the event.

Matters without Notice:

President then read out a letter received from Captain, Gulgong Vet. Golfers Club on behalf of their members, asking that they be allowed to move from Group 18 (Mudgee) to Group 29 (Western Districts) to “meet & play with new people”. This was sent to Group Secretary Group 29.

After discussion the following motion was moved John Dixon seconded Chris Evans “That NSWVGA Secretary write to Group Secretaries of Group 18 & 29 ,CC to Presidents, that prior to NSWVGA determining this matter, that input be requested from the Executive of both Groups “ On being put, motion was declared carried.

President then vacated chair & V/President Ian Vidler assumed chair & asked for items of General Business.

General Business: The only matter was raised by a/chair Ian Vidler relating to nominations for Executive Council of NSWVGA. It was moved Ian Vidler seconded Stuart Dossetor “that on closure date for nominations, that Secretary circulate list of candidates / positions nominated for & with a BRIEF detail of any experience in golf administration”. Motion put & declared carried.

President then resumed chair & with no further General Business declared meeting closed at 1.47 p.m.

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting Wednesday 2nd November 2016. Next General meeting Thursday 1st December 2016, followed by Thursday 2nd February 2017.

