

Minutes of the NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Bankstown Golf Club on Thursday 1st December 2016, commencing at 9.30a.m.

Chairman: Ian Vidler, President NSWVGA Inc.

Attendees: John Dixon (Clr), Garry Mason (Clr), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Kel Pearce (V/Pres), Les Knox (Clr), Col Darley (Gp2 Observer), Brian Graham (Gp21 Observer), Les Mann (Gp31 Observer), Richard Doyle (V/Pres), David Gunner (Treasurer), Len Payne (A/Secretary), Ian Vidler (President), Bob Coulson (Gp5 Observer).

Apologies: Stuart Dossetor (Clr), John A Daley (Clr). Acceptance of apologies moved John Dixon seconded Garry Mason – carried.

Minutes of previous NSWVGA Executive meeting held Thursday 6th October, as previously circulated, were accepted as true & accurate on motion of John Dixon seconded David Gunner – carried.

Correspondence: In

1-7.10.2016-President Dick Farrant's Annual report to AVGU.

2-19.10.2016 –Response by Group 18 to Gulgong Veterans Club to transfer to Group 29.

3- 25.10.2016- Group 29 response accepting Gulgong subject to approval by NSWVGA Inc.

4- 27.10.2016- Letter of complaint from Ballina Veteran Golfers Club.

5- 28.10.2016- Further e-mail from President Group 18 confirming their acceptance.

6- 2.11.2016- e-mails from V/Pres. Clr. Richard Doyle to Webmaster formally advising him of the decisions reached by the Governing Council at the AGM on 1.11.2016 , following Webmaster's departure , relating to the website.

7-3.11.2016- E-mail from President Ian Vidler, detailing his conversations & actions subsequent regarding the NSWV GA Website.

At this stage, President Ian elaborated on further actions taken subsequent to those in item 7 above. V/Pres. Richard Doyle then advised that the second website set up by Webmaster was clearly unauthorised by NSWVGA Executive.

Clr. John Dixon then moved a motion for the suspension of Standing Orders to enable the future of the website to be dealt with. Motion seconded by V/Pres. Richard Doyle & carried unanimously.

President Ian Vidler then moved the following motion "Pursuant to the Directive from the NSWVGA Governing Council, I move that the NSWVGA Executive Council commence the process to select a Commercial Contact to manage the NSWVGA Website under the terms and conditions prepared by the Executive Committee and agreed to by the selected Contractor". Motion was seconded by V/pres. Kel Pearce. Following debate which focussed on the need for some urgency due to the concern that the lack of access to 2017 Week of Golf program was concerning & should not be unduly delayed, the motion was put & carried UNANIMOUSLY.

A further motion was then moved by President Ian" that this Executive Council meeting call for the next scheduled meeting to be a Special General Meeting on Thursday 2nd February, 2017 & include a Notice of Motion from this meeting "to amend the NSWVGA Constitution to remove the position of Webmaster & references where the position of Webmaster is mentioned". This motion was seconded by V/pres. Richard Doyle & carried UNANIMOUSLY.

Debate then centred on selection of Website management contractor, Clr. John Dixon advised that he had spoken to an I/T teacher in Dubbo, who also ran his own commercial booking site; his set-up fee would be approx. \$3,500-\$4,000 initial cost but the annual charge was unknown.

President Ian advised meeting that a NSWVGA Vets.member had set up the Mid-North Coast website, which was considered a model & in discussions had advised that his set-up fee would be \$1,500 with approx. \$250 p/annum maintenance fee. V/Pres Richard Doyle stated that he had checked out advertised operators & the set-up fees were between \$3,000 -\$6,000.

After further debate, Secretary Len Payne moved the following motion :

"1. That we move to register a new website through a company called "Net registry via a letter on letterhead.

2. Appoint an Executive sub-Committee today to control the website & establish operational guidelines as soon as possible.

3. Authorize President to give Barry Maloney (Mid-north Coast website convenor) a 12-month appointment to manage the website off-site & that be

be given authorization on a letterhead plus a copy of our Certificate of Incorporation.” Motion was seconded by V/pres. Richard Doyle & after further debate was put & declared carried UNANIMOUSLY.

Selection of Website control sub-committee resulted in Clr. Stuart Dossetor, Clr. Garry Mason & Clr. John Dixon being nominated by V/pres. Richard Doyle seconded Treas. David Gunner – carried unanimously.

Motion then moved that Standing orders be resumed, moved Len Payne, seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.

8-Letter from Michael Sykes, Manilla , to NSWVGA Match Committee expressing his opposition to NSWVGA continuing to conduct Sandgreen Strokeplay championships in conjunction with Golf NSW.

9.-27.11.2016 – Webmaster’s response to President NSWVGA e-mail of 26.11.2017.

Out:

- 1- 7.10.2016- E-mail to Secretary Group 18, advising of Gulgong Vets. Club request to transfer, & seeking Group 18 views prior to NSWVGA determining the issue.
- 2- 7.10.2016- E-mail to President WVGA confirming our offer of a free page for them to advertise their 2017 country women’s programme.
- 3- 7.10.2016- E-mail to Secretary Group 12, response to their offer to host a state-wide NSWVGA Medal championship.
- 4- 30.10.2016 – E-mail to Ballina Veteran Golfers acknowledging receipt of their letter of complaint & other correspondence, advising the complaint would be considered at our General meeting of 1.12.2016.
- 5- 5.11.2016-E-mail from President NSWVGA to all Councillors, advising of the unauthorised closing down of the website by Webmaster & authorising action to seek to recover data from website.
- 6- 19-11-2016 – Secretary p/call to Gp. Sec Group 24 Leo Mackinlay seeking information on Holbrook’s acceptance & suitability to conduct combined Sandgreen Championships with Golf NSW in 2017.

7- 26-11-2017- Late e-mail from President NSWVGA to Webmaster detailing actions taken & to be taken regarding future control & operation of NSWVGA website.

Motion to receive Inward correspondence & endorse Outward correspondence moved Clr. John Dixon seconded V/pres. Richard Doyle – carried.

Further business arising from correspondence:

Re item 8 Inward – letter from Michael Sykes. It was believed that as the Walcha tournament was our first combined event with Golf NSW it was considered that any problems can be resolved. Also, as the Secretary had reported on his phone conversation with Group Secretary Gp24 Leo Mackinlay that Holbrook were quite positive they could run a successful combined event in 2017, it was determined to leave final decision to incoming Match Committee.

Re Outward item 6 phone call report with Group 24 Secretary – President Ian moved that Golf NSW Graham Phillipson or nominee be invited to a future meeting to discuss relevant issues, seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.

REPORTS:

President's report: President Ian reported on his competing in the AVGU National Championships, that two courses were satisfactory but the third one was very steep. Whilst he felt that overall it was a good tournament, there were a couple of unsatisfactory issues. Firstly, the entering of scores manually was inefficient & led to many errors, including wrong winners at presentation. The dinner was very expensive (\$125) & very meagre.

He also advised on his attendance at the (very lengthy) AVGU Annual Meeting where he was nominated & endorsed as NSWVGA delegate. He also advised that current AVGU Secretary/Treasurer Graham Manning was resigning, his replacement is Ray Gibson from Tasmanian VGU. Motion to receive report moved Ian Vidler seconded Les Knox – carried.

Communications & Sponsorship Report:

Secretary advised that an excess cost of printing handbook over sponsorship received was approx. \$1,500 plus an anticipated postage cost of approx. \$1,500 for a print run of 15,000. He thanked Councillors for their assistance in distribution of handbooks. Motion to receive Report moved Len Payne, seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

Webmaster's Report – In his absence with no apology, no report received.

Finance Committee & Treasurer's Report:

As a Preamble to his report Treasurer advised of a "typo" error, In Expenditure last line Banners should read \$2,756.36 NOT \$42,756.36.

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 1.10.16 to 23,11.16

Opening Balance as at 1.10.16 \$20,822.30

<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$27,534.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$1,388.00
Interest	\$589.33
Sponsorship	\$2,575.00
Adm Income	\$1,740.00

Total income \$33,826.33

<u>Expenses</u>	
Councillors to meetings	\$2,992.01
Councillors to tournaments	\$4,593.25
Vouchers	\$2,050.00
Web Site	\$513.00
Meeting Exp	\$512.00
Postage	\$278.86
Printing/Stationary	\$59.00
Phone	\$50.00
Shields/Medals	\$326.00
Audit Fees	\$350.00
Dept Fair Trading	\$44.00
Banners	\$42,756.36

Total Expenses \$14,524.48

Closing Balance as at 23.11.16 \$40,124.15

Cash Assests as at 23.11.16

Greater Building Society \$38,000.00
matures on 06.05.2017 at 2.55%

Total Assets \$38,000.00

Motion to adopt Treasurer's Report moved Treasurer David Gunner seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.

Match Committee & Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report: President provided a verbal report advising that Clr. John A. Daley had accepted the position of Program Co-ordinator for Weeks of Golf program & that President would liaise & support him .He stated he has called on T/Directors to review the draft 2018 program & advise any proposed changes. Some changes already sought were that South-West Rocks wished to move their event to prior to Nambucca Heads; after consideration , meeting declined due to effects on ensuing Tournaments & frequent adverse weather in the month of June.

Port Kembla tournament is now scheduled to follow Kiama/Jamberoo as the final tournament for the year. It was also reported that Lower South Coast were not proceeding with their listed event in 2017, & that the situation with Fossicker's Way tournament was unknown, President will follow this up.

He also reported that Group 34 (Grafton) were considering joining with either Group 13 or 14, due to their inability to form a Group Committee.

Motion to receive Match & T/C's report moved Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Garry Mason – carried.

Matters on Notice:

1. Consider the recommendation of Governing Council at AGM 1-11-2016 to Executive Council to close the current website & take measures to establish a new website with suitable protocols & procedures enacted. As this matter was dealt with by Suspension of standing orders in Correspondence, no further action is required.
2. Consideration of appointment & role of Patron as per Constitutional amendment made at the 41st. A.G.M.

Due to the absence of the mover of this motion (Clr. Stuart Dossetor), it was moved Richard Doyle, seconded Ian Vidler to defer consideration until his attendance, with request to Stuart to send his views to Councillors – carried.

3. Determination of Gulgong Vets. Golfers Club request to join Group 29.

As Group 18 said they would not 'stand in Gulgong's way if they wished to move' & Group 29 stated that 'if Group 18 did not object, they would accept Gulgong's request when made'. Clr. John Dixon stated that it may be timely to reconsider Groups & boundaries in west due to the huge physical area of Group 29. After further debate, Clr. John Dixon moved "that the request by Gulgong to move into Group 29 be acceded to & that a review of clubs/boundaries in Groups 29, 22 & 18 to rationalise them be conducted, possibly with a new group being established". Motion was seconded by Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

3. Consideration of complaint by Ballina Veteran Golfers Club.

President Ian advised that he has spoken to V/Pres. Kel Pearce on this matter & also that he would seek to discuss the issue with the President of Ballina's Vet. Golfers club to try to resolve the matter as a "domestic" issue.

4. Determination of Executive Committee structures & members for 2017.

President referred to his e-mail to all Councillors on this issue:

(a) Minutes Secretary – Secretary confirmed he can manage the Meeting minutes & distribution plus correspondence & Handbook preparation, printing & distribution.

Secretary then moved "that his resignation made at the AGM to take effect at this meeting be withdrawn with approval" seconded V/Pres. Richard Doyle –carried.

(b) Co-Ordination of "Ungrouped Clubs into NSWVGA" role – V/Pres.

Richard Doyle accepted the continuation of his role in this.

(c) Program Co-Ordinator – Clr. John A Daley.

(d) Strokeplay Championships – Clr. Les Knox & also will liaise with John Mason re the Matchplay Championships, with added promotion.

(e) Insurances - Clr. Lance Fredericks to liaise with our Insurance Brokers.

(f) Sandgreen Championships – Liaise between Golf NSW (for Strokeplay) & Holbrook, Grenfell & Narromine clubs to seek to expand these championships' attendees.(role left unfilled).

(g) NSWVGA Medal/voucher Co-Ordination –Clr. David Gunner.

(h) Marketing/Promotion – President Ian advised he would take on this role, with support by V/Pres. Kel Pearce.

- (i) Liaison with Golf NSW – Clr. Les Knox is his club’s delegate to Golf NSW & agreed to act as liaison between NSWVGA, Golf NSW & NSWVGA.

Zone Representatives –

Zone 1 Sth. Coast – Clr. Stuart Dossetor. Clr. Lance Fredericks to take responsibility for Group 3 (Illawarra), Macarthur & Southern Highlands.

Zone 2 Greater Metropolitan - V/Pres. Richard Doyle (includes Group 19)

Zone 3 Hunter/Central Coast- Secretary Len Payne.

Zone 4 North Coast – President Ian Vidler.

Zone 5 North West – V/Pres. Kel Pearce & Clr. John Daley.

Zone 6 Western - Clr. John Dixon.

Zone 7 Southwestern – Clr. Garry Mason.

Matters without Notice:

1. Clr. John Dixon raised the issue of meeting venue for NSWVGA Inc. due to extra Councillors having to fly down to meetings. Following consideration of alternative venues it was agreed to stay at Bankstown G.C.
2. Clr. Les Knox advised that Golf Australia had advised in their newsletter that “ the rights to Golflink will revert to Golf Australia from 1st April, 2017”. This means that all golf club members will check their golf handicap via a Golf Australia webpage from that date. What other effect this will have on our members is unknown at this time.
3. Treasurer David Gunner informed that the AGM minutes need to reflect the change of cheque signatories to President Ian Vidler, Secretary Len Payne & Treasurer David Gunner & to advise the Commonwealth Bank. He moved that the changes be noted, seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.
4. Treasurer then advised that we make an annual donation to a worthy charity which assists Vets. Golfers .Clr. John Dixon then moved that the “Black Dog Institute(for depression/mental health issues) be our recipient, of \$500” seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

5. Clr. John Dixon then moved that we donate \$300 to Bankstown G.C for use of meeting room & help provided, seconded V/Pres Richard Doyle – carried.
6. Secretary Len Payne then spoke of the meetings' usual role being of a reactive nature & suggested that with a new Executive the opportunity should be taken to extend this to a pro-active role as well. This had been discussed informally with incoming President Ian. He suggested that if the agenda of the next meeting could be concluded earlier that the Executive then go into a "think tank" situation to discuss ideas/initiatives/inspirations/issues raised by Councillors. These would be both of short & long-term matters. To facilitate this, it was suggested that Councillors forward their own suggestions to other Councillors to lessen the time required to consider them & then Secretary would collate them for the 'think tank" being mindful of time constraints. This may require more than one session.

Clr. John Dixon suggested that the meeting format be changed around so that 'important" issues are debated first & correspondence/reports & other regular items are left to later. It was agreed that Secretary "prioritise" agenda items to achieve this & optimise time usage.

V/Pres. Richard Doyle suggested that it may be beneficial to consider a meeting involving Tournament Directors' & Group Secretaries to discuss pertinent matters including 'succession planning" & ways to enthuse Veteran golfers into taking management roles in their Groups/clubs.

General Business:

The meeting then considered & determined the roster for the first 6 months of 2017 for Councillor representation at Weeks of Golf. This will be promulgated to Tournament Directors when finalised.

Next Meeting: A Special General Meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd February, 2017 at Bankstown G.C.

With no further Business, President Ian declared meeting closed at 1.p.m.