

**Minutes of the NSWVGA Executive Meeting held on Thursday 5th
October, 2017, commencing at 9.15 a.m. at Bankstown Golf Club.**

Meeting opened: President Ian Vidler welcomed attendees & opened meeting at 9.15a.m

Attendees: Richard Doyle (V/Pres), Kel Pearce (V/Pres), David Gunner (Treasurer), John Dixon (Clr), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Les Knox (Clr), Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Garry Mason (Clr), Col Darley (Delegate Gp 2), Les Mann (Life member & Delegate Gp 31), Brian Graham(Delegate Gp 21), David Flatt (Tournament Director, AVGU 2018 National Championships), Len Payne (Secretary).

Obituary: Kevin Deep (Cootamundra).

Apologies: John Daley (Tournament Co-Ordinator), John Buttle (Gp 2).

Apologies accepted on motion of Clr. Richard Doyle, seconded Clr. John Dixon -carried.

President Ian then moved to suspend Standing Orders to enable an update presentation of progress on the 2018 AVGU National Championships in Port Stephens by the Tournament Director, David Flatt.

He informed the meeting of his attendance & presentation at other Weeks of Golf, liaison with Go Golfing who will conduct certain parts of the preparations & seek sponsorship, which they haven't been very successful thus far (Pt. Stephens have had some success). He also advised of entry costs, incentives & discounts available, plus the ancillary issues of accommodation, golf clubs transport, evening entertainment & optional events for non-golfing partners. The women's event will be known as "The Australian Ladies Veterans Championship Event". Their prizemoney will equal that of men & they will play at the same course as their partner each day.

A newsletter will be published & distributed very soon, with another one to follow in about six weeks. Also, a website has been established at www.gogolfing.net.au/vets - 2018 .

A transport package is also available at a cost of \$70 for players. A "19th-hole "entertainment at a golf club each night as a get-together social event is being organized by Go Golfing. Tee-markers will be set the same each day at each course. The GA will be established two weeks in advance of the tournament, with only slight handicap variations each day due to course rating & daily winners.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Dave was thanked by acclamation by all.

President Ian then resumed Standing Orders.

Minutes of previous NSWVGA Executive meeting held Wednesday 2nd August, 2017, as previously circulated, were accepted as accurate on motion of Clr. John Dixon, seconded Clr. Stu Dossetor – carried.

Business arising:

1.. Councillors shirts provision update: Following information provided by Clr's Les Knox & Stuart Dossetor, it was agreed that the quote by Stuart Dossetor be accepted & he be authorized to order requisite number of shirts in different sizes, some with logo + "Councillor" & others with only the logo.

Issue of Golf NSW/Golf Australia seeking to get Seniors interested in golf via clinics. Clr. Les Knox advised that it starts on 9th October with professional coaching etc. & fees paid by Golf NSW cost \$99 over six weeks once each week.

President then alerted Councillors to a Facebook entry called "Golf Meet" which offers a cheap entry into golf including a golf link number provision, suggesting that Tournament Directors need to be alerted to its existence.

Correspondence: In:

1. 12.8.2017 – e-mail from Group 12 Secretary re affiliation fee increase & lack of a budget plan.
2. 13.9.2017 – E-mail letter from John Weaver, Secretary Casino Vets, G.C. applying for a Week of Golf from 2018, with accompanying letter of acceptance by Casino Board of Directors for use of course on the dates requested.
3. 18.9.2017 – E-mail quote from Lakes Printers for 2018 handbook (14,000).
4. 25.9.2017 – Letter from Australian Government Business register seeking information if our current ABN details are correct.

Out:

1. 14.9.2017 – E-mail request for quote for printing of 14,000 handbooks for 2018.

Business Arising:

Letter from Group 12. The contents of this e-mail were acknowledged & Secretary was directed to write & advise Group 12 that the issue of a budget plan for the increased revenue & proposed events was under active consideration & would be the subject of detailed work by the Executive in next few meetings.

2. In respect of Casino application to hold a Week of Golf in 2018, President advised that he & Tournament Co-Ordinator, John Daley would hold a meeting with Casino Vets. shortly to discuss issues arising from this. V/Pres. Kel Pearce said he also would attend. Providing for a significant number of visitors would be an issue to consider. Motion to Grant Casino a Trial Event between 15 - to 19 October 2018.moved Clr. Kel Pearce, seconded Clr. Garry Mason.

3. Re ABN issue, Executive directed that we renew our ABN no. & update our contact details.

Motion to receive all Correspondence moved Clr. John Dixon, seconded Clr. Richard Doyle – carried.

REPORTS:

1. **President's & Sponsorship Report:**

President advised that he didn't do a report as he was working on reports for the 2018 handbook & his report to AVGU.

In respect of sponsorship, Secretary advised that follow-up was required with Go Golfing for continued advertising in the handbook & President undertook to contact Watson Caravans at Coffs Hbr.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 29 27.7.17 to 26.7.17

Opening Balance as at the 27.7.17 \$15,759.71

<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$543.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$3,626.00
Interest	\$11.62

Total income \$4,180.62

<u>Expenses</u>	
Councillors to meetings	\$3,036.53
Vouchers	\$3,545.00
Meeting Exp	\$117.00
Postage	\$126.60
Forum	\$1,424.00
Councillors to Tournaments	\$835.00
Sponsorship	\$1,300.00
Hon	\$2,700.00

Total Expenses \$13,084.13

Closing Bank Balance as at 27.9.17 \$6,856.20

Cash Assests as at 27.9.17

Greater Building Society \$38,000.00
ma tures on 6.10.17 at 2.55%

Vouchers for W.O.G events \$2,445.00

Total Assets \$40,445.00

On being asked, Treasurer agreed to provide a year to date comparison & previous year's comparison figures side by side with his current balance sheet from now on.

Motion to receive Treasurer's Report moved Clr David Gunner, seconded Clr Lance Fredericks – carried.

Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report: Although he was absent, Clr John Daley provided the following written report:

Week of Golf and match Report October 2017

Week of Golf Report.

It was pointed out I have missed a week at the end of October. With this in mind I have contacted Kew, Young, Kiama and Port Kembla with a revised schedule for the 2018 program. All have agreed with the changes.

As next year is the Australian Veterans Championships at Nelson Bay, I have been in contact with Port Stephens vets re their week of golf that is 3 weeks prior to this event. They assure me all will be in order to present their week of golf.

I am disappointed we won't have a representative at Holbrook for the veterans championships. Garry has organised for the NSWGA to present our trophies.

We are at present in discussions with Casino Veterans Golf Club who have applied to conduct a week of golf. There is a meeting arranged for the 21st November to further discuss this proposal.

Deniliquin will conduct their trial week from 9th October - 13th October. There numbers are around the 80 mark and it is refreshing to see a new group who are thinking outside the square as to the presentation of their week. I will report back on the trial after next week.

Match Report

Having attended several week's of golf, it is pleasing to see all groups will embrace the concept of a state medal. While this concept is still in its infancy, I feel it will be totally supported when introduced.

I have noted the revamp of Guide line No 2 . It covers all aspects of the running of the WOG . There is still a possibility of a person winning three major trophies if a presentation is held on the first or second day of the Tournament , and if the NSWVGA trophy is a stand alone day on the last day. How you may ask-they could win the mixed or medley, the 36 hole event and the stand alone NSWVGA day. How do you avert this other than stipulate the week will be played via a fixed agenda for the week- are we prepared to go this far.

It is also imperative that Guideline No 4 be revamped . This outlines the NSWVGA Trophy and its implementation.

John Daley
Councillor

In respect of Holbrook, it was agreed that it was disappointing both at having no representative & the evident lack of Veteran Golfer entries. Delegate Les Mann offered to represent NSWVGA & this was gratefully accepted, with accommodation & travel expenses to be met by NSWVGA.

Secretary Len advised that he has contacted Dick Van Buuren at Hay seeking advice of their contact person's details for the handbook & asking them to ensure they advertise it widely among the Sandgreen Clubs to maximise participation.

Match Committee Report:

Brief summaries of Weeks of Golf attended by Councillors were presented. Motion to receive Tournament Co-Ordinator's & Match Committee report moved Clr Les Knox seconded Clr Richard Doyle – carried.

3. Website update Report:

Clr. Stu Dossetor presented a brief verbal report on the progress to date of the NSWVGA Website, advising that membership on the website database currently stood at 13,672 & that it was pleasing to note that Group Secretaries were using the membership database more. Motion to receive Website update report moved Clr. Stu Dossetor, seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.

Matters on Notice:

- 1. Consideration of discussion paper on proposed amendments to item 1.8 of the Constitution.**
Following extensive debate & acknowledging that it was necessary for President Ian Vidler to obtain legal advice on this issue, the matter was withdrawn pending this.
- 2. Consideration of issue of "an Ungrouped Club listing incorrectly registered players".**
Clr. Richard Doyle advised that Cronulla is NOT an Ungrouped Club at this time. This issue was also deferred without determination.

Matters without Notice:

- 1. Consideration of quote & printing & distribution of our 2018 handbook.**
Secretary Len advised that quote for \$6,798.00 for 14,000 handbook copies was slightly less than last year & considered reasonable. He advised that advertising revenue was anticipated to approximate that of last year, with postage expected to be slightly up to about \$1,500. Thus shortfall between advertising revenue, postage & printing cost is about \$3,000, same as last year. Advertising copy & any changes to Group/club details need to be provided before 1st November to enable timely printing deadlines & distribution to take place. Motion to accept quote & timeframe moved Clr. John Dixon seconded Clr. David Gunner – carried.

General Business:

Clr. Garry Mason advised that Cootamundra has applied for a grant to do major course improvements.

President Ian Vidler also advised that Nambucca Island golf club was seeking similar assistance.

It was advised that Golf NSW have an employee named Barry Bartusa who may assist clubs to seek out grants for their clubs.

Clr. Les Knox advised that the expected closure of Wallacia golf club may not now occur, with the club gaining a reprieve.

Clr. John Dixon advised that in respect of proposed boundary changes between some clubs in Group 18, Group 22, & Group 29, further discussions had been held & No changes were now to take place .

President Ian Vidler confirmed he will now attend Kew Country Club Week of Golf, Clr. Garry Mason will try to attend the Young Cherry Festival Week of Golf.

Meeting closure: With no further business, President Ian declared meeting closed at 1.15p.m.

Date of next meeting being AGM Wednesday 1st November, 2017, with nominations to close on Wednesday 25th October, 2017.