

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held at Bankstown G.C on Wednesday 6th June 2018, commencing at 9.25 a.m.

Meeting opened by: President Ian Vidler.

Present: Garry Mason(Clr), Lance Fredericks(Clr), Gerry Cox(Clr), David Gunner(Treasurer), Len Payne(Secretary), Brian Graham (Delegate, Gp21), Les Mann (Delegate, Gp31), John Dixon(Clr), Les Knox(V/Pres), Stuart Dossetor(Clr), John Daley(Clr), Ian Vidler(President).

Apologies: Richard Doyle(V/Pres), Col Darley (Delegate, Gp 2). Motion to receive apologies moved Clr. Lance Fredericks seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Obituaries: David Littlejohn (Cootamundra), Eddie Cram (Jamberoo), Jeff Perry, aged 102 (Dubbo). A special tribute of Jeff's service to Veterans golf in Dubbo area was made by Clr. John Dixon.

Minutes of last meeting held Wednesday 4th April 2018, were confirmed on motion of Clr. David Gunner, seconded Clr. John Daley – carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence: In

- 1. 7.5.2018 -E-mail from FSCVGA T/Dir. with details of historical issues between W.O.G tournament & FSCVGA Executive with confirmation from past T/D's & others.
President Ian ruled that this was an important matter & thus to be brought forward from Matters on Notice.
Following consideration & debate it was moved that an Action Plan be prepared for implementation to include (a) that each club in FSCVGA be written to in order to ascertain who is currently a member of NSWVGA at each club.
(B) Advise these clubs that we are currently looking at options to best support affiliated Veteran golfers in this region. Motion moved Clr. Peter Taylor seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried unanimously.**
- 2. 17.5.2018 -E-mail from Group 9 Secretary seeking to register Port Stephens VGA as a new entity to facilitate registration of members onto the NSWVGA Website. (This matter dealt with by Website Co-Ordinator).**

3. **21.5.2018 – E-mail from Kevin Healy, Captain Tathra men’s golf, apologizing for our non-receipt of their affiliation fees paid & seeking best way to redress this. (Advice provided & payment made).**
4. **21.5.2018 – E-mail from Max Gee, treasurer FSCVGA acknowledging receipt of the letter from President Ian Vidler & advising that it will be tabled & discussed at their next Executive meeting which is due to be held on 18th June, 2018.**

In respect of this, after consideration, it was agreed that NSWVGA write to Max Gee advising, “That we would welcome the opportunity to have a Councillor attend this meeting “. Motion moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried unanimously

Late item of correspondence from an American Veterans golf organization commenced in 2014 ,concerned that their alleged trademark may be being infringed. As our organization pre -dates their one by many years, it was agreed that no action was needed in respect of this.

Out:

1. **9.5.2018 – E-mail letter from President NSWVGA to Group 1 FSCVGA Secretary detailing issues relating to Group 1 members affiliation with NSWVGA.**
2. **22.5.2018- E-mail from Secretary to NSWVGA Executive members seeking their view on issues relating to FSCVGA. Motion to adopt all correspondence moved Clr. John Daley seconded Clr. Peter Taylor – carried.**

Reports:

1. President’s & Sponsorship Reports:

June 2018 Executive Council Meeting.

President’s Report:

2. **AVGU Championships: In February I met with David Flatt at Nelson Bay Golf Club’s newly rebuilt clubhouse and what a magnificent building it is. It should comfortably service the needs of not only the club members but also the many visitors attending the 2018 Championships in November.**

3. David assures me that everything is in readiness for the event which should reach maximum numbers well before November. There were few places available at the time of the meeting.
4. Once again Go Golfing is playing a pivotal role in the pre – tournament and in – tournament organisation. The work of this professional organisation eases the burden on the Tournament Committee in areas where it may have shortcomings in experience and expertise.
5. Piranha Golf. I have had several communications with Anthony Hunt from Piranha Golf recently. He is particularly interested in promoting his newly established golf programme to Hainan Island and establishing a relationship with NSWVGA for the mutual benefit of both organisations.
6. Anthony informs me that a delegation of VIPs from Hainan Island including Govt, Tourism Board, Golf Association, Golf Resorts, Hotel and Golf Clubs will be hosting a Golf Day and Presentation Dinner at Twin Creeks GC on Sunday 1 July to which we have been invited to send two representatives as his guests. Anyone interested?
7. Please give this matter some thought and be prepared for discussion on Wednesday.
8. Casino Trial Week of Golf. John Daley, Peter Taylor and myself attended a well organised and friendly Week of Golf run by John Weaver, Tournament Director and an enthusiastic Committee. You have probably read John Daley’s report where we informed all present at the dinner that we would be recommending that the event become a permanent fixture on the programme from 2019. I trust you will support that recommendation.
9. Match Play Championships: Len and I attended a meeting in February with the Committee formed to promote and run this event on our behalf in November. Committee members are enthusiastic and keen to build on previous numbers, including the ladies’ field, and have commenced the distribution of flyers for the event already. Unfortunately, this event falls in the same week as the NSWVGA AGM making it difficult for Council members to attend but I am certain the Committee would like to see strong support from us if possible.
10. Warren Visit. Last week I attended the Western Districts 4BBB Championship held at Warren Golf Club primarily, I thought, to present Warren Veterans \$500 from the NSWVGA “Disaster Fund.” I attended the Group 29 Western Districts meeting, following golf on a bitterly cold Thursday, where I had the opportunity to explain to Delegates the reason for my visit and to inform them of the initiatives we plan to introduce commencing 2019. I assumed I would be afforded the opportunity at the presentation to address the NSWVGA members who played and inform them accordingly. Unfortunately, the tyranny of distance took precedence and a quick presentation followed by a hasty departure of travellers rushing to avoid kangaroos meant the opportunity was lost. Paul Shipton, my contact at Warren, did indicate that Warren veterans appreciated our generous donation and that it was currently sitting in the machinery account of Warren Golf Club.
11. Far South Coast Veterans Golf Association. Trying to resolve this matter in favour of members of FSCVGA has been both tiring and time consuming. No doubt you are aware of the issues involved and have read the letter, written with the assistance of my lawyer

contact, to the Group Secretary, Mr. Max Gee and his subsequent response. Be prepared to discuss this issue on Wednesday.

Ian Vidler,

President NSWVGA

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Item 5 (Piranha Golf), following consideration it was moved by Clr. John Dixon seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor “that we offer Piranha golf Website advertising with a link back to Piranha for the sum of \$1,500 Per Annum.” Motion passed.

Item 6, Clr. Les Knox agreed to attend the luncheon at Twin Creeks but will be unable to play golf.

Item 8 Casino – it was moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. John Daley that “Casino Week of golf be included in the 2019 programme” motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept President’s & Sponsorship Report moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.

12. Treasurer’s Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 27.3.18 to 30.5.18

Opening Balance as at 27.3.18 \$34,332.80

<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$270.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$3,280.00
Interest	\$23.77
Sponsorship	\$75.00
Admin income	\$19.00

Total income \$3,667.77

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>total expenses to date</u>	<u>total expenses for last year</u>
Councillors to meetings	\$1,672.08	\$7,953.65	\$10,293.90
Councillors to Tournaments	\$292.30	\$4,758.26	\$8,404.75
Meeting Exp	\$136.00	\$514.00	\$1,068.50
Postage	\$193.90	\$1,669.70	\$1,687.76
Web Site		\$250.00	\$4,017.99
Vouchers	\$4,270.00	\$4,570.00	\$11,350.00
Sponsorship	\$650.00	\$500.00	
Printing/Stationary	\$64.00		\$229.00
Insurance	\$2,701.88	\$5,866.30	\$7,894.43

Total Expenses \$9,980.16

Closing Balance as at 30.5.18 \$28,020.41

Cash Assests as at 30.5.18

Greater Building Society \$30,000.00
matures on 6.8.18 at 2.35%

Vouchers for W.O.G events \$2,820.00

Total Assets \$32,820.00

**Motion to receive Treasurer's Report with balance sheet moved
Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor – carried.**

Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report:

NSWVGA Program Co ordinators Report June 2018

Overview

This months report is to confirm next years program.

The 2019 program is ready to be placed on the web site. The format will be much the same as this years program BUT if you wish to print the program you will have to change the “print”direction from “all” to the numbered pages IE 4-8 .

Next Years Program.

1 The only confirmation lacking is Inverell. Jim Shadlow , Tournament Director, is travelling in Western Australia. He has confirmed by email that the best date for him is the Sunday prior to Easter to the Thursday prior to Easter. This will allow the flow on from Moree with the players of having a short journey form Moree to Inverell.

2 School Holidays are always a problem. Some events unfortunately fall at this time and there is very limited opportunity to move events around these dates. Accommodation is the main problem with the lack of space at caravan parks and the escalated prices the parks charge . In some cases the prices are increased by 30-40%. An example of this is, in Yamba the Blue Dolphin goes from \$40 a night to \$95-\$105 a night.

3 Easter played a big part when trying to provide acceptable dates for the tournaments. The Tournament Directors have been very understanding and helpful when determining next years dates. Once again , in 2020, Easter will play havoc with tournament dates. Easter falls on the 10th April , those early April tournament dates will have to be either moved back or forward especially in the New England and Murray areas.

The Website.

As I mentioned in the opening statement, the program will be placed behind this years program. I have contacted Barry Maloney and Stuart Dossiter concerning this point as I would like to see a separate folder for 2019,2020,2021 etc. for the ease of printing, but there seems to be a problem doing this.

2020 Program.

This has been roughed out.

With the demise of Toronto, Mal Ryan has indicated that there may be a possibility that Charlestown could be interested. He approached the CEO of Charlestown who seemed keen to conduct a week of golf BUT you need a veterans committee that want to do this and this may be a problem.

Membership Handbook.

We have to ensure that the website and the handbook mirror each other.

If we are in agreement with next years program then it won't be a problem ensure the book and the website agree.

Tournament Registration.

As a tournament director , you are required to check the financial status of all participating players. On checking the status of one player who recently competed at Narrabri, Moree, Armidale, Tenterfield and Casino, I found he was not in the web register. When I checked with this player he assured me he was a member of the NSWVGA and would check with his Group. He got back to me and explained that only 2 of the 3 pages of members had been forwarded to the group to update the register. This highlights the fact that credentials are not being checked prior to playing in WOG's. If we don't push this point we will be left with “egg” on our face when non members win a major trophy.

John Daley

NSWVGA Program Co ordinator

Clr. Knox advised that Golf NSW informed him that the 2019 Sandgreen Strokeplay championships would be held in Barraba. Motion to receive Tournament Co-Ordinator's report moved Clr. John Daley seconded Clr. Gerry Cox – carried.

Match Committee Report:

Following further consideration, the following was moved “that the adoption of the final version of updated Guidelines 2 & 4 be approved & for promulgation to all Tournament Directors” Motion moved Clr. Garry Mason seconded Clr. Peter Taylor – carried.

Councillors' attendance at remaining Weeks of Golf was reviewed & confirmed.

Website Co-Ordinator's Report:

Web Coordinator Report June 2018

The past months have been a quiet period for Web matters. Most membership posting have been resolved. A couple of Groups where 'Clubs of Vets' are not actually recognized golf clubs have created a challenge to get their members on the web listing.

Some TD are still not uploading tournament results. I have been able to assist most, where asked and where not Barry has been able to help.

Separately a number of WOG attendees have complained that results are not being uploaded to the Web. To help address this a standardized format has been developed and will be circulated to Council members for comment. TD's will be requested to use the format once on the Web site.

Stuart Dossetor

Web Coordinator

Motion to receive Website Co-ordinators Report moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. John Daley -carried.

Week of Golf Reports received to date:

The following Week of Reports were submitted, noted & where required, further debated. It was pleasing to note that the number of first time players has risen at some tournaments. Uralla, Tamworth, Narrabri, Moree, Forbes, Grenfell mixed 4BBB Sandgreen Championships, New England (Armidale), Tenterfield & Casino (Trial). They will be forwarded as an addendum to these minutes.

Matters on Notice:

1. Review of progress relating to FSCVGA issues. This item was dealt with in correspondence.
2. Consideration of venue change on rotation for NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships to a suitable regional venue when current option expires after 2020. The question was also raised as to whether we should include a Ladies Championship concurrently with it, provided they are members of NSWVGA. It was agreed that "Expressions of interest" be called for from venues with suitable courses, accommodation & Committee Structure.
3. Review of situation of Holbrook & group 24 as a separate Group. Clr. Garry Mason undertook to liaise with Executives of both Group 23 & 24 to progress this.
4. Review of progress made in commencing a Group 4BBB event in 2019. Match Committee chairman agreed to consult with Groups to determine level of interest & method of conduct of such an event.
5. The issue of Dubbo's 50th Veterans Golf Anniversary had been raised previously, & Clr. John Dixon now spoke on it. He raised the issue of having a meeting of NSWVGA Executive to coincide with it (around 25th May, 2019) & also have a golf event at same time. Clr. Dixon agreed to further research it & report to the August meeting on options.

Matters without Notice:

- 1. Consideration of Handbook & website advertising pricing policy & review of request for advertising. Concern was expressed that Vets. club secretaries are not providing all affiliated vet. Members with their handbook as per entitlement. Secretary reported on print run, advertising revenue & cost of mailing.**
- 2. Review of issues & options for further assistance to veteran golfers clubs at the grassroots level. As Clr. Richard Doyle was unable to attend & speak on his initiative, it was agreed to defer this matter until his attendance.**

General Business:

Clr. John Daley asked about the Toronto Classic W.O.G. & was advised that our information is that it is definitely cancelled for 2018, Charlestown may be interested in holding it in 2019, so Clr. Daley agreed to check & advise.

Clr. John Dixon advised that entries for Dubbo W.O.G. are down & asked for mailing lists. President Ian requested some flyers & he will distribute them on his travels.

Clr. Gerry Cox raised the problem of credential checking, especially of interstate women competitors, due to lack of response to emails to state secretaries. Suggestions were provided to assist in this.

Clr. Les Knox advised of his attendance at a Golf NSW meeting where they are considering standardizing the minimum age for veterans at 50 as there are variations. This may be a problem for us as interstate Veterans age limit is 55, the same as us.

The other issue was the status of Golf Professionals who may seek to revert to amateur status. This will require monitoring.

Brian Graham (delegate of Group 21) reported that whilst they had dropped Moss Vale as a playing venue due to increased charges levied, an approach has now been made by that club seeking re-instatement & talks are continuing.

Meeting closure & date of next meeting:

With no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 12.45p.m. Next meeting is on Wednesday 1st August, 9.30 a.m. at Bankstown Golf Club.