

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Wednesday 1st AUG. 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m. at Bankstown Golf Club.

Prior to official meeting opening, President invited Bernard Bratusa Funding Development officer at Golf NSW to address Councillors on potential funding opportunities for NSWVGA.

At the conclusion of his 40 minute address & response to questions, President thanked Bernard for his excellent presentation.

Meeting opened at:10.40 by President Ian Vidler.

Attendees: Garry Mason (Clr), Les Mann (Life member & Gp 31 delegate), Gerry Cox (Clr), Brian Graham (Gp21 Delegate), John Dixon (Clr), Peter Taylor (Clr), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Les Knox (V/Pres), John Daley (Clr), Len Payne (Secretary), Richard Doyle (V/Pres).

Apologies: David Gunner (Treasurer). Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Norm McInnes (Gp 31 Delegate). Apologies accepted on motion of Les Knox seconded Lance Fredericks – carried.

Obituaries: Phil Moon (Ex-T/Director Cootamundra), Allan Rooke (Sthn. Highlands Vets), Max Glanville (Long Reef).

Minutes of previous meeting of Wed. 6th June, as circulated, are accepted on motion of Peter Taylor seconded Gerry Cox – carried.

Business arising: Guidelines 2 & 4 adopted after minor wording changes accepted. This includes the requirement that a player must have played in two events at a Week of golf to be eligible for NSWVGA Shield & trophy. No action yet on amalgamation proposal of Gp 24 with Gp 23. John Dixon advised that date of 50th anniversary of Dubbo Vets incorrect, event not until 2029. In Motion to accept business arising moved John Daley seconded Garry Mason - carried .

Correspondence: In:

1. 21.6.2018 – E-mail response from Max Gee, FSCVGA to my E-mail of 9.5.2018 re affiliation requirements etc. It was agreed to await advice

from Clr. Stuart Dossetor on the outcome of his discussion with other parties in FSC. Group.

2. **3.7.2018 – E-mail from Alex Wallinsky, Vets. Captain Moruya, responding with current affiliated membership details & office-bearers as requested.**
3. **12.7.2018 – E-mail from AVGU Secretary Ray Gibson to all State Secretaries requesting membership numbers as at last AGM I.A.W Rule 70.**
4. **19.6.2018 – Letter from President, Gloucester Veterans Golf re concerns about week of golf & response from Tournament Co-Ordinator clarifying the positioning of their tournament.**

Out:

1. **7.6.2018 - E-mail to Max Gee FSCVGA offering for a Councillor to attend their next meeting.**
2. **22.6.2018 – E-mail to various office-bearers & members of FSCVGA , requesting current information of affiliated members numbers, office-bearer details & advice on affiliated membership benefits .**
3. **14.7.2018 – E-mail to AVGU Secretary with membership numbers at date requested. A further update with current membership numbers advised. Motion to receive all correspondence moved John Dixon seconded Gerry Cox -carried.**

Reports:

President's & Sponsorship Report:

President's Report August 2018

1. Piranha Golf. I have had no response from this organisation since prior to our last meeting and the Open Day conducted on 1 July. Les may be able to furnish us with more information regarding Piranha Golf's level of interest in advertising with us.
2. I recently received an enquiry from MNCVGA as to whether NSWVGA had any objections to Dorrigo Veterans joining Mid North Coast. I asked to be kept informed of the progress of this matter and have had no response but I believe Len has also had a recent enquiry. On a personal note I have always wondered why Dorrigo chose to play with the New England Group.
3. Golf NSW Road Show. As I mentioned in previous correspondence I attended this event at Bonville Golf Resort on Tuesday 10 July. Bernard Bratusa, Golf NSW Government Relations and Communications Manager gave a presentation on "Current Grant Programs for Clubs." In a discussion with him post presentation I questioned him on the possibility of NSWVGA applying for a grant even though it is not a Golf Club as such. He agreed to look at the model of our organisation

and make contact in the future. I invited him to attend our August meeting to discuss the matter and he consequently accepted. I look forward to his contribution on Wednesday.

4. Another presentation on the day, by Graeme Phillipson, was "The 2019 NEW Rules of Golf." In support of his presentation he recommended that all members reference the many short videos on the Golf NSW website so that they are familiar with the rules when they commence in 2019. I have been following up this suggestion by repeating it at Weeks of Golf dinners and I recommend that we all spread the word.
5. Norm Hamilton, TD for Far South Coast, recently asked for assistance in how to process golfers who entered his Week of Golf and were not members of NSWVGA. Because of the issues with Group 1 Executive I suggested he accept the NSWVGA fee, Direct Debit that amount to our account and send the individual's information to Stuart for placement on the website. I think this is the appropriate way to process the players from that area who wish to remain members of NSWVGA. Stuart will have more information for us as he is representing us at that Week of Golf and also attending a meeting during the week.
6. Treasurer David, who is recovering from recent surgery and sent his apologies for this meeting, has asked that the value of the vouchers for the sand green championships at Hay be confirmed. In 2017 the values were: 36 Gross \$250, 36 Nett \$150 and 18 Nett Saturday and Sunday \$75. Once the values are confirmed he can purchase and send the vouchers to Hay.
7. The winter season of Weeks of Golf has commenced and most players have commented on the quality of our programme, particularly those from Queensland who have presented a strong contingent at many events this year. I congratulate all Tournament Directors and their committees for their efforts in providing opportunities for members to remain active and enjoy the benefits of Veterans golf.
8. Finally, David also reported that he had received an email under my name again, requesting a sum of money be transferred into an account. Obviously, it is a scam but I suggested that he report the matter to the police, given the regularity of those emails. They may be able to track down the person responsible. For future reference, should I need to contact you individually I will phone you. As a consequence, you will be able to delete any unusual emails you receive under my name in the future.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA

Re Piranha Golf it was agreed that our advised cost of \$1,500 for a website advert with links remain.

Les Knox will have further meetings with Piranha golf on this.

All Veteran Golfers are urged to view the incoming new Rules of Golf changes for 2019 on Golf NSW videos available on their website.

Motion to receive President's & Sponsorship report moved Ian Vidler seconded Les Knox – carried.

Treasurer's Report: In absence of treasurer, Secretary presented this report & relevant issues:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 31.5.18 to 25.7.18

Opening Balance as at	31.5.18	\$28,020.41	
Income			
Affiliation Fees	\$447.00		
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$566.00		
Interest	\$18.64		
Admin income	\$484.00		
Total income	\$1,515.64		
Expenses			
Expenses	total expenses to date	total expenses for last year	
Councillors to meetings	\$3,910.90	\$9,625.73	\$10,293.90
Councillors to Tournaments	\$2,352.00	\$5,050.56	\$8,404.75
Meeting Exp	\$136.00	\$650.00	\$1,068.50
Postage	\$45.25	\$1,863.66	\$1,687.76
Web Site computer security	\$183.99	\$250.00	\$4,017.99
Vouchers	\$3,350.00	\$8,840.00	\$11,350.00

July Report -PROGRAM

Overview.

There has been no correspondence concerning next years program.

I am sceptical that at least one of the new or revamped weeks will proceed but we will wait and see

2020 Program

This program has been established. Once again Easter will play a big part in scheduling but with the co operation of the tournament directors it will evolve.

2018 Program

This program is progressing smoothly. We seem to be experiencing a resurgence in new veteran players. Tournaments I have attended show new attendees numbers on the increase and I can confirm that Yamba this year will have a 22% involvement of new attendees. This seems to be for the coastal events.

Established events such as Broken Hill have indicated they are struggling for numbers at this stage . Denis Martin has promoted his event by travelling to other weeks along the Murray and Forbes. He has left nomination forms at all events and has sought assistance from Western Riverina, Central West and other areas to try and increase numbers.

There has been no indication from other areas of number problems.

John Daley
Program Co ordinator
NSWVGA

T/C advised that the issue with Gloucester W.O.G was resolved.

Motion to receive Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report moved John Daley,
seconded Lance Fredericks – carried.

Match Committee Chairman's Report:

Guidelines 2 & 4 were promulgated to Tournament Director's after last meeting with only a few responses. The further amended Guidelines will be re-promulgated & put on website.

Following further discussion, Match Committee Chairman was asked to develop a suitable Expression of Interest for venues interested in conducting the NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships after 2020.

Motion to accept Match Committee report moved Garry Mason seconded Gerry Cox – carried.

Website Co-Ordinator's Report: Co-Ordinator reported he has been discussing with Website Manager possible ways to improve the website. Some discussion

focused on using drop-down boxes to facilitate navigation of site, with possible seeking any available funding & assistance from Golf NSW & their Website Co-Ordinator to achieve this. It was moved Gerry Cox seconded John Daley “ to invite their website Co-Ordinator Ms. Elmassian, to our next meeting.” -Motion carried.

President Ian then advised of his developing a statement for the website detailing benefits of joining NSWVGA. The statement was circulated to Councillors. With the addition of wording to include aged 55 or over & enjoy health benefits through exercise opportunities, this statement was agreed & it will be forwarded for inclusion on the website.

Website Co-Ordinator’s report was accepted on motion of Les Knox seconded John Dixon -carried.

Week of Golf Reports as received summary: Week of Golf reports received to date from Sawtell & Maclean. These will be added as addendum to minutes.

Matters on Notice:

- 1. Review of issues & options for further assistance to our veteran golfer clubs at the grass roots level.**

A proposal of ways to achieve this was submitted to the meeting & after discussion, Richard Doyle moved seconded Len Payne that the proposal for assistance to veteran golf clubs in NSW at the grassroots level be adopted. Motion put & carried unanimously.

(please read the accompanying addendum to these minutes for enacting method).

Prior to the passage of the above proposal, John Dixon recommended that the issuing of vouchers via registered mail to Tournament Directors & Group Secretaries was costly & unnecessary. Motion moved that vouchers be replaced by cheques & prize cards posted to Tournament Directors & Group Secretaries or by electronic direct deposit into their bank accounts for local purchase of NSWVGA prize vouchers. Motion moved John Dixon seconded Gerry Cox – carried.

NOTE – Implementation of this will not commence until the new year & subject to input by the Treasurer who was unavoidably absent.

- 2. Review of issues involving Far South Coast veteran golf clubs & affiliated members. As this review was considered in Correspondence & it was agreed to await the outcome of discussions being held by Zone Councillor Stuart Dossetor with relevant parties, no further action needed at this time.**
- 3. Consideration of our role in the implementation of the new R & A rules to come into operation in January 2019. Whilst NSWVGA has no role to play in this, it is strongly emphasized that ALL golfers should view the rule change golf videos on the Golf NSW website before January 1st 2019 when they come into force.**

Matters without notice:

The issue of potential benefits available resulting from the advice received from Bernard Bratusa was discussed & President Ian agreed to place the results of a survey of business generated in Nambucca during their Week of Golf on the NSWVGA website for Tournament Directors benefit information in negotiations with Local Councils & businesses.

General Business:

Gerry Cox advised that he would represent NSWVGA at the Sandgreen Strokeplay championships in Hay later this year. Peter Taylor advised that he would be unavailable for the October meeting as he would be representing in Inverell & John Daley would be representing in Broken Hill.

Brian Graham (Delegate Gp 21) advised that with uncertainty around Mt. Broughton availability for their Week of golf, a decision was made to move that day to Moss Vale & advice was being sent out.

With no further business President closed meeting at 1.30 p.m. with next meeting Wednesday 3rd October, 2018.