

**Minutes of the NSWVGA Executive Meeting held on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Bankstown G.C. at 8.45 a.m.**

**Meeting opened by: President Ian Vidler at 8.45 a.m.**

**Attendees: Garry Mason (Clr), Les Knox (V/Pres), John Dixon (Clr), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Gerry Cox (Clr), David Gunner (Treasurer), Richard Doyle (V/Pres), Ian Vidler (President), Len Payne (Sec), Brian Graham (Delegate Gp.21), Les Mann (Delegate Gp31).**

**Apologies: John Daley (Clr), Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Peter Taylor (Clr), Norm McInnes (Secretary Gp 31). Motion to accept apologies moved Clr. Richard Doyle, seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.**

**Obituaries: Bill Perry (Pt. Macquarie), Bruce Barnes (Howlong), Neville Crooks (President, MSCVGA), Terry Burke (Dubbo), Don Baker (Gp 21). Des Coady (Past President & Life Member NSWVGA).**

**Minutes of previous NSWVGA Executive Meeting of Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> August were confirmed on motion of 1. 8. 2018 were confirmed on motion of Clr. Len Payne, seconded Clr. Ian Vidler.**

**Business Arising:**

1. Input by Treasurer to motion to replace vouchers with cheques or electronic funds transfer & ways to achieve this.  
Treasurer advised the meeting that this would not result in any savings but an increase in his workload & quite a number of clubs/groups had not provided BSB details.  
Motion was then **rescinded** on motion of original mover Clr. John Dixon, seconded by Clr. Gerry Cox – carried.
2. Issue of non-publication of Guidelines 2 & 4 was raised & explanation given the Website Co-ordinator is overseas. Clr. Garry Mason to liaise with Barry (Website manager).
3. Invitation to Golf NSW website Co-ordinator was deferred to November meeting as our Website Co-Ordinator overseas.

**Correspondence: In:**

1. 15.8.2018 E-mail from Greg Christie Group 12 Secretary advising of the passing of Bill Perry, previous T/Dir for an AVGU Tournament &

also a number of local Weeks of Golf & President & Captain of Pt. Macquarie. He was a Life Member of Pt. Macquarie vet. Golfers Assn. To be recorded in our AGM Minutes.

2. 16.8.2018- E-mail quote from Lakes Printers for printing of 2019 Handbook with quoted costs for 14,000 & 15,000 copies. Following advice from Secretary that two advertisers are not renewing but six new ones received, & responses to enquiries the following motion was moved by Clr. John Dixon seconded Clr Les Knox "That quote be accepted & print run be 15,000 & current pages allocated to NSWVGA & Championships Honour Roll be deleted ". Motion – carried.
3. Input response by some Councillors re Handbook & Website changes. Councillors were asked to provide their suggestions to Clr. Stuart Dossetor & also raise them with Golf NSW at our meeting.
4. 12.9.2018 -Media release by Clr. John Dixon re drought relief donation by NSWVGA by presentation to local CWA. As Group Secretaries for Gp 26 & Gp27 were offered assistance but felt other areas were worse off. Inverell were contacted & welcomed it. Motion to endorse action to do immediate payment for this & the other \$1,000 to Inverell CWA moved Clr. John Dixon, seconded Clr David Gunner - Carried.
5. 12.9.2018 – E-mail of appreciation from Lower Clarence Quota club for funds raised by Travelling Vet. Golfers at Yamba for distribution for farmers drought relief.
6. E-mail from Clr. Stuart Dossetor on background & recommendations for action regarding FSCVGA current position. Following discussion, Motion moved Clr. Garry Mason seconded Clr. Les Knox "That Clr. Stuart Dossetor be commended for his excellent list of recommendations which are all endorsed for action with only one change, in that we ask the nominated contact person to collect affiliation fees on our behalf & that this nominated contact be invited to a meeting of NSWVGA Council at our expense to discuss these arrangements". Motion declared -carried.
7. 19.9.2018 – E-mail from Greg Christie, Group 12 Secretary, detailing concerns within their group of alleged irregularities of some members. Following extensive debate on the issues contained in this e-mail, it was resolved that the Secretary respond, stating that Howlong Golf

Club management are taking measures to resolve this matter satisfactorily & that we will await the outcome. It was further directed that Group 12 liaise with Kempsey Golf Club re the memberships.

**\*\*\*\*To all Tournament Directors: Please rigorously check validity of nominee eligibility to play & if in doubt, insist that nominees prove eligibility.**

8. 26.9.2018 -E-mail from John Plummer, Group 13 Secretary advising that they intended finalizing the application of Dorrigo vets members to transfer from Group 15 to Group 13. This will be done at their AGM. Gp 15 Secretary was advised of Dorrigo application.
9. 24.9.2018 – Letter of appreciation with receipt from Terramungamine CWA Branch for our donation of \$1,000.

Out:

1. 14.8.2018 – E-mail to Lakes Printers seeking quote for 2019 h/book.
2. 14.8.2018 – E-mail to current handbook advertisers seeking their confirmation of continuing advertising in 2019 h/book.

Business arising from Correspondence:

Motion to receive all Correspondence moved Clr. Lance Fredericks seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.

Reports:

1. President's & Sponsorship Reports:

President's Report. October 2018

1. AVGU Championships. Dave Flatt, Tournament Director reports that everything is in place for this event to be a huge success. There are 565 nominations, a waiting list and 666 registered for the dinner. The score processing team and hospitality team have been particularly diligent in attempting to ensure smooth running of the week. Sponsors have been extremely generous for the hole in one trophies and the lucky person/persons, should there be any, will be amazed at that generosity. Dave also acknowledged the role of Go Golfing in all organisational matters. Without that support his task would have been much more complicated.
2. When the drought in the western parts of the state became more obvious during the winter months members of NSWVGA and the Executive Council took steps to support the affected farmers. At Yamba Week of Golf the players generously donated \$800 to the Quota Club for distribution to a sister club in the west to assist needy families. The Executive Council followed by sending cheques of \$1000 to Councillor John Dixon, Dubbo and Jim Shadlow, President Group 15 Inverell. These cheques were presented to local CWA members, again for distribution to families in need. We are grateful to the Quota Club of Yamba and the CWA members for their assistance.
3. One of the initiatives to be introduced in 2019 is the 4BBB Medal, an event to be conducted similarly to the NSWVGA Medal, at club and Group level culminating in a state final. Jim Shadlow reports that Group 15 held a trial run for this event, supported by 60 players, which created much interest and fun. Isn't that what golf is about? Perhaps other Groups might like to follow suit in readiness for 2019. Conditions of Play will be available late in the year.
4. Group 12, Port Macquarie area, held its AGM in September and important issues such as NSWVGA membership eligibility and handicapping were discussed. I look forward to recommendations to come from this Group to provide direction for the Council in future decision making.
5. In discussing NSWVGA membership it came to light that an increasing number of members are nominating and turning up to Registration at Weeks of Golf without evidence of that membership. It is incumbent on all members to provide proof of NSWVGA membership at any event held under the auspices of NSWVGA. No Proof, No Play.
6. The Executive Council see attendance at Weeks of Golf as an obligation to support Tournament Directors, Committees and travelling golfers. Additionally our presence gives those at the tournament an opportunity to meet us, and us them. I would like to thank those Councillors who have travelled to almost every event this year. At the time of writing I can think of only one event where we have been unable to provide that support, and that due to medical reasons. I am certain your dedication to this task is appreciated by the membership.
7. Les Knox has been involved over a period of time in discussions with Anthony Hunt of Piranha Golf Travel regarding sponsorship. We hope to be able to finalise the negotiations with a deal which is compatible to both organisations. Thanks Les, for both your time and effort.
8. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of Councillor Stu Dossetor in trying to resolve the problems existing in Group 1. His reports have provided recommendations which will provide Councillors with guidance for future action. Well Done Stu. Our hard working Secretary, Len Payne, has also been busy. Apart from his Secretarial duties he has been engaged in supporting the NSWVGA Match Play Committee in preparation for that event in November. He has also been involved in supporting the Central Coast Week of Golf Committee. Great work Len.

IAN VIDLER,  
PRESIDENT

Motion to receive President's Report moved Clr. Ian Vidler,  
seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

2. Treasurer's Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 26.7.18 to 26.9.18

Opening Balance as at 26.7.18 \$18,715.91

Income	
Affiliation Fees	\$612.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$3,992.00
Interest	\$307.29
Sponsorship	\$1,550.00

Total income \$6,461.29

Expenses		total expenses to date	total expenses for last year
Councillors to meetings	\$2,359.00	\$13,536.63	\$10,293.90
Councillors to Tournaments		\$7,402.56	\$8,404.75
Meeting Exp	\$144.00	\$786.00	\$1,068.50
Postage	\$121.64	\$1,908.91	\$1,687.76
Web Site computer security		\$433.99	\$4,017.99
Vouchers	\$3,895.00	\$8,840.00	\$11,350.00
Sponsorship	\$650.00	\$1,150.00	
Printing/Stationary			\$229.00
Insurance		\$8,568.18	\$7,894.43
Admin expenses	\$19.00		
Shields	\$1,085.00		
Honorary	\$2,700.00		
Donation Drought Relief	\$1,000.00		

Total Expenses \$11,973.64

Closing Balance as at 26.9.18 \$13,203.56

Cash Assests as at 25.7.18

Greater Building Society \$30,000.00  
matures on 6.1.19 at 2.45%

Vouchers for W.O.G events \$2,120.00

Total Assets \$32,120.00



\*\*\*Note to all Group Secretaries: Please ensure that paying clubs are identified when affiliation fees are being forwarded.  
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report moved Clr. Len Payne seconded Clr. David Gunner – carried.

### 3. Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report:

**Program Report October 2018.**

**Overview**

With more than half the weeks of golf completed for this year, the program for 2019 and 2020 are the next priorities.

**2019 Program.**

There has been no formal notification of any required changes to this program. There are suggestions the Bathurst-Oberon may be a casualty either next year or in 2020 due to lack of numbers and the need for a new Tournament Director. I will follow this up.

**2020 Program.**

This has been sent out to Councillors and Tournament Directors. There has been constructive suggestions to reschedule some weeks and I have offered suggestions to WOG groups in an effort to get around the Easter period.

The areas concerned are along the Murray and Tumut to Forbes and the sand green championships at Grenfell. I am awaiting feedback in this area.

There is also congestion around the end of September, October and November.

Toronto want to move back to follow Foster-Tuncurry, Brisbane Waters want to move to the second or third week in October to miss the high season prices on caravan parks and there is a need to maintain an orderly progression from Kew to Manning Valley to Port Stephens and the Match Play Championships at Newcastle.

There is also a possibility the all weeks of golf after June could go back a week which would assist the above.

Over the coming months I will be in contact with the Tournament Directors concerned to deliver a program that is agreeable to all if possible.

John Daley  
Program Co ordinator  
NSWVGA



In absence of T/Co- Ordinator, Clr. Ian Vidler moved, seconded Clr. Richard Doyle that T/C's report be received – carried.

4. Match Committee Chairman's Report:

In a brief verbal report, Match/Committee Chairman Clr. Garry Mason advised that on a recent visit to tournaments in Queensland, he was very pleased to hear comments that NSW Tournament Co-ordination & Tournament Directors' work resulted in far superior tournaments both in number & conduct of tournaments. He also advised that before Gp 23 upcoming AGM, he will invite the Gp.24 Chairman to attend to discuss possible amalgamation.

To assist planning for the Group/club 4BBB medal/prize proposed to start in 2019 all Group Secretaries are asked to advise of acceptance/numbers playing/method of implementation for their group/club to Clr. Mason.

Motion to receive report moved Clr. Garry Mason, seconded Clr. Gerry Cox – carried.

5. Website Co-Ordinator's Report: As website Co-ordinator absent, his report is held over to the next meeting.

6. Weeks of Golf reports received Summary Report: Tweed-Coolangatta, Yamba, Coffs Harbour, Macleay Valley, Mudgee, Dubbo & Narromine 4BBB sandgreens reports received & will be an addendum to these minutes.

Motion to receive report moved Clr.Garry Mason seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

Matters on Notice:

1. Consideration of Clr. Stuart Dossetor's report & recommendations re Group 1 issues. This matter was already dealt with as item 6 of inwards correspondence.

2. Consideration of response to address from Bernard Bratusa on ways for closer co-operation between NSWVGA & Golf NSW. Deferred to consideration of item 1 of Matters without notice.
3. Consideration & determination of 2019 Handbook no. of copies, format & advertising & acceptance of quote. This matter was determined as item 2 of inwards correspondence.
1. Consideration of improvements & additions to Website. Handled as item 3 of in correspondence.
2. Review of NSWVGA affiliation membership issues & options. Dealt with as item 7 of inwards correspondence.

#### Matters without Notice:

1. Consider type of “formal partnership” with golf NSW that would be most suitable to us; also, whether we can gain a link back from us onto Golf NSW website to join with them in promoting golf for older players , similar to their promotion of “golf for seniors”. V/Pres. Clr. Les Knox who acts as our link with Golf NSW suggested that contact initially be between President Ian to Stuart Fraser. As it is considered that an invitation to one of our meetings may be beneficial, President Ian is suggesting that Councillors consider & provide him with their views on what priority issues they feel we may benefit from in seeking with any partnership arrangement.

#### General Business:

- 1.. Clr. Garry Mason advised of Cootamundra club gaining a grant for reticulation of “grey” water to their course, which will greatly improve it.
- 2.. Clr. Les Knox stated he felt that Group 20 would not be able to conduct the “grassroots voucher “ competition within their group. It was agreed that we would wait for further responses to the offer before finalizing its implementation method.

\*\*\* All Groups/clubs secretaries are reminded of the need to consider & advise acceptance or otherwise of the grassroots voucher competition; if accepted no. of home players at competitions & method of implementation.

In respect to Anthony Hunt "Piranha Golf", Clr. Knox advised he held a further meeting with him to clarify his offer. After consideration it was moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. David Gunner "that our offer remains at \$1,500 for a spot on NSWVGA website with a link back to Piranha Golf". Motion was carried.

Clr. Richard Doyle advised of the closure of the "Golf Heritage room" & the need to move & store the memorabilia contained therein.

Clr. David Gunner raised the issue of providing a replica mini-shield to winners of our W.O.G events to retain, as the main shield remains with the club.

He moved that we "seek cost & provide such a replica mini-shield or Medal for retention by the winner of our NSWVGA Week of golf events " motion seconded by Clr. Ian Vidler – carried.

Clr. Len Payne raised for consideration the use of a teleconference or similar for perhaps every second meeting to reduce travel for Councillors & cost. The possible use of Skype was also suggested.

Clr. Payne also raised for consideration the development of an "App" for use on I-Pads/smart phones to contain relevant information about NSWVGA. The possible development of a web-page (Facebook or similar) was also mooted for consideration, with development costs/updating needs to be considered, possibly raise it with the Golf NSW I.T. development officer at our meeting with her.

President Ian also raised the issue of a "President's information " drop down box on our website. This will be further considered.

With no further business, meeting was closed by President at 1.30p.m.

Next meeting is AGM on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.