

Minutes of the NSWVGA Executive Council Meeting held at Bankstown G.C
Wednesday 30th January 2019 commencing at 9.15 a.m.

Meeting Opened: by President Ian at 9.15 a.m.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders to discuss Website innovations issues with Piret Elmassian from Golf NSW moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. David Gunner - carried.

Piret began by clarifying what we wanted, it was agreed that we wanted it as a promotional & marketing tool plus an easily understood information site. Golf NSW currently provides a free website to golf clubs through "MI Club" & CEO Stuart Fraser offered that website to NSWVGA also if we wished. It would be fresh & modern & more user friendly with suitable stories & great pictures. Navigation through a website is key with minimal clicks (3) to access required information. Key issues are (A) What is NSWVGA all about (B) How do I join this organization (C) Benefits of membership. (D) Contact information & details of interesting items about regions for W.O.Gs. Golf NSW are happy to assist us to build the site & improve communications. "Latitude" is a great company used by Golf NSW to assist this. "David Keen??" is Golf NSW development manager.

Golf NSW promote upcoming events 3 months in advance, however it was pointed out that we need to promote events much longer to assist veterans planning & calendar development. Piret asked what program do we use to capture all our information on? We are unsure of this, so our Website Manager will need to be asked to provide this. Cost is \$600 per year for continual support as Mi Club is based in W.A. but available continuously online. There is nothing in it for Golf NSW other than seeking to get more people playing golf in their older years & enjoying themselves. Their promotion of Seniors golf is designed to assist golf clubs' memberships & fees etc. all go back to those participating clubs. Last year they had 400 take up golf (200 m & 200 f) with 95% continuing playing golf.

When asked, Piret said that Golf NSW will assist with setting up a "pilot site" after consultation with us & our requirements for us to work on & when we are satisfied with it, we then forward it to Mi Club to check & further advise on design & layout etc., until the final product is satisfactory to us. Full training is supplied to users by Mi Club with online tutorials for as many users as we wish, together with answering queries of users. When asked, Piret also agreed to assist us to gain

exposure through the Golf NSW Seniors program to assist golfers with information about NSWVGA. Regarding getting our logo on their website to then provide a direct link to NSWVGA information when the new website is operational, Piret agreed to check & see if this can be achieved. It is not envisaged that there will be any data limitations with Mi Club, which means that the information now contained in the handbook can be placed on the new website. A Professional relationship with a clear agreement is vital for our organization to properly operate our website. Mi Club may have a professional graphic artist to assist us.

A question was asked of a timeframe, Piret responded that once an agreement was concluded, that she would work with us on the site navigation set up with the issues, work through the “pilot” site & then forward it onto Mi Club for further refinement & implementation issues.

The issue of “Gender neutrality” was raised by Piret as Golf Australia are encouraging it. We detailed our position & discussions with NSW Women’s veteran Association. It was agreed that we would await the details from Golf Australia & Golf NSW on this.

Piret was then thanked by acclamation for the valuable presentation she made on website redevelopment.

On completion, motion to revert to Standing Orders moved Clr. Len Payne seconded Clr. Garry Mason – carried.

Attendees: Clr. Len Payne (Secretary), Garry Mason (Clr), Gerry Cox (Clr), David Gunner (Treasurer), Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Piret Elmassian (Golf NSW), Les Knox (V/Pres.), John Daley (Clr), Peter Taylor (Clr), Richard Doyle (V/Pres.), John Dixon (Clr), Peter Guy (SVGA Delegate), Ian Vidler (President), Lance Fredericks (Clr).

Obituaries: Michael L Dempsey (Dubbo), Darren Moore (Dubbo), Bob Williams (ex T/Dir. Cessnock), Leo Fry (Life member Gp6), John Proctor (Jamberoo), David Ruddy (Jamberoo).

Apologies: Brian Graham (Gp21 delegate), Les Mann (Life member & Delegate Gp 31), Col Darley (Delegate Gp2). Motion to receive apologies moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.

Minutes of previous Executive Council Meeting of Wednesday 5th December 2018, as previously circulated, were confirmed on motion of Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Business Arising:Nil.

Correspondence:

In:

1.. 21.1.2019 – E-mail request from Gp 27 Secretary for letter of support for their application to Move it Aus – Participation Grants Scheme.

(Councillors – details of this scheme are on [https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants and funding/participation/faqs](https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants-and-funding/participation/faqs) website). Secretary was asked to write a letter of support for Hay Veteran Golfers.

2.. 28.1.2019 – E-mail from Clr. Stuart Dossetor expressing concerns at cost of 2019 AVGU Tournament in north Tasmania especially some items. This was also commented on in President’s report & was deferred to there.

AVGU Championships: arising from Clr. Stuart Dossetor’s concerns in correspondence, after discussion motion moved by Clr. Stuart Dossetor that “Clr. Stuart Dossetor draft a letter to AVGU detailing specific concerns of costs with request it be forwarded to TVGU “, seconded

Out: Nil. Motion to receive Correspondence moved Clr. Len Payne seconded Clr. Gerry Cox – carried.

Reports:

President’s & Sponsorship Report:

President’s report January 2019

Welcome to 2019 and a new year of veteran golfing activities throughout NSW. It is the hope of the Executive Council that as many members of NSWVGA as possible become involved in the activities planned for 2019.

1. Watsons Leisure Centre/NSWVGA Medley 2BBB Championship Finals.

In discussions with Greg Christie, Secretary Group 12, we have developed a tentative format for this 36-hole event to be conducted at Port Macquarie Golf Club on Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October. Play will be held on the pm of both days with a Presentation Dinner on Tuesday evening. Two

pairs from each Group will be eligible to compete in the event if the players satisfy the conditions of play.

In conjunction with this event a Final of the NSWVGA Medal will be held under the same format.

It is planned to cater for approx. 120 golfers to play these two events, a number conducive to a shotgun start and also a number which will create interest and atmosphere for such a prestigious event.

Councillors are urged to promote these initiatives in your travels and Group Secretaries are encouraged to ensure that their members have the opportunity to play in the qualifying events.

2. **AVGU Championships 2019. Launceston.** There has been much discussion around the AVGU Championships in the past couple of years and Stu Dossettor and Richard Doyle have both offered constructive comments on the matter. I have asked Len to include the email with those comments on the Agenda for further discussion and possible suggestions to the AVGU.

However, I would encourage Group Secretaries to make members aware of these Championships so that they, the members, can make their own decision on participation.

3. AVGU Championships 2020. Yarrowonga/Black Bull.

The dates for this event were earlier announced to be held in August 2020. Thankfully those dates were reviewed and the event will now be held from 30 November to 4 December, a more suitable time of the year for that part of the world.

4. Future of the handbook.

Len Payne, hardworking NSWVGA Secretary, has announced that 2019 will be his last year in that position as he will be retiring at NSWVGA AGM in November. Among the many tasks he has accepted responsibility for, the Handbook is one of the most time consuming and demanding. We have two important decisions to make: (a) Do we continue to publish the handbook? (b) If so, who is prepared to take on the responsibility for its publication. Perhaps our most important task is to uncover a member of NSWVGA who will be willing to take over the role of Secretary. Now is the time to start searching.

5. Insurance.

Lance Fredericks recently published a document summarising the current insurance policies held by NSWVGA for the benefit of NSWVGA and its affiliated bodies. I thank Lance for his efforts and the "user friendly" document he produced. In my opinion this document should be displayed on NSWVGA website for the benefit of all members and in particular Group Secretaries and Presidents.

6. Weeks of Golf.

Tournament Directors of Myall Coast Week of Golf (Bob Macklinshaw) and Corowa/Howlong (Tim Cameron) have informed me that numbers for their events have reached capacity. This information is pleasing, especially for Corowa/Howlong, 132 players, which in the past has struggled to reach more than 100. Well Done to both committees for their efforts in promoting those events.

I also have information to hand indicating that the interest in, and the numbers entering weeks of golf is on the rise which would indicate that the future of veterans' golf in 2019 is looking very healthy. Let's keep promoting all our events at every opportunity.

Business arising from President's Report:

1. President reported that Hinterland Caravans have not yet forwarded any monies & asked Secretary to follow-up with them. Secretary advised that although QOD couldn't get into Myall Coast WOG, that a positive response & arrangements were made with Illawarra WOG & discussions continuing with Howlong/Corowa WOG.
2. President advised that re 2BBB championship, in discussions with Greg Christie, GP12, a negotiated date of Sept 30th-Oct 1st would be available at Pt. Macquarie, with an afternoon shotgun start each day, subject to our concurrence. If sufficient numbers of women players play & qualify then they would be eligible to compete for their gold medal.
3. Re future of Handbook: Following debate, as Secretary is standing down next AGM, motion moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor, seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks "that from start of 2020 Handbook be dispensed with and it's information be placed on NSWVGA Website" – carried. Councillors were also asked to consider or canvass in their groups for a suitable nominee for the position of Secretary.
4. After discussion, it was moved that the insurance summary provided by Clr. Lance Fredericks be placed on our website motion moved Clr Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.
President's report accepted on motion of Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.

Treasurer's Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 27.11.18 to 22.1.19

Opening Balance as at	27.11.18	\$54,921.86
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Income

Affiliation Fees	\$26,198.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$960.00
Interest	\$345.43
Sponsorship	\$2,625.00
Loan repayment	\$2,000.00
From NSW Golf	\$1,000.00

Total income \$33,128.43

Expenses

Councillors to meetings	\$2,218.85
Councillors to Tournaments	\$967.00
Meeting Exp	\$127.00
Postage	\$40.00
Vouchers	\$2,710.00
Sponsorship	\$250.00
Handbooks	\$7,854.00
Fees to AVGU	\$2,500.00
Drought relief [Inverell]	\$1,000.00

Total Expenses \$17,666.85

Closing Balance as at 22.1.19 \$70,383.44

Cash Assets as at	22.1.19
Greater Building Society	\$30,000.00
	matures on 6.6,19 at 2.40%
Vouchers	\$1,080.00
Total Assets	\$31,080.00

Motion to receive Treasurer's report & approve re-investment of I.B.D until 6/6/2019 moved Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor – carried.

After debate motion moved Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr. John Dixon "The financial support of \$650 for each NSWVGA Championship event be continued for 2019 ". Motion -carried.

Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report:

NSWVGA Co ordinators Report February 2019.

Overview

The 2019 program is about to commence. There have been some hiccups with one event , Armidale , not being included in the program and another event, Sapphire Coast shown as the wrong dates in the handbook.

Armidale is now shown in the program from 30th September - 4th October and Sapphire Coast and Lower South Coast remain at the dates as shown in the program as 29th July - 2nd August and 5th August - 9th August.. Stu Dossiter may have more information on this.

2020 Program

The 2020 program has now been circulated to all Tournament Directors and where possible their wishes met. The Lake Macquarie Challenge will come forward a week and Grafton will follow Casino in May .

I had a meeting with the new Week of Golf committee at Grafton in December. The new committee is keen with all the key positions filled such as Director ,Secretary,Treasurer and Sponsorship.

They are talking with other veteran groups in the North Coast area as well as the the New England area. I will be attending another meeting with the group in early March. At this meeting the turn around time from the 2019 to the 2020 tournament will be discussed.

You will find attached the updated 2020 program for discussion, and if agreed it will be sent back to the Tournament Directors for their final agreement and will be posted in July-August.

There will be a need to agree on the dates for the State Medals ,the venue and the support for those attending.

I feel that the groups and the VGA Board should meet the cost in some way for those attending.

2021 Program

It is in its rough stage at this time. Public holidays (Easter etc.) and school holidays for both NSW and Victoria have to be confirmed and roughed in. Good Friday is on April 2nd this year but this may not have as big an impact if the Stroke Play Championships is moved to the country. There is a possibility that Uralla will follow Muswellbrook after Easter and on to Tamworth, Narrabri and Moree then on to Inverell and Tenterfield in the north and Blue Mountains to Orange to Howlong,Tocumwal and Rich River before Easter and the Tumut/Gundagai, Cootamundra,Forbes and Grenfell after Easter.

Looking forward to the year ahead playing weeks of golf and meeting new and old veterans at these venues.

John Daley
Program Co ordinator,
NSWVGA

Clr. Les Knox raised the issue of “Professional Golfers” being eligible to play in our tournaments. After debate Clr. Knox moved &Clr. Peter Taylor

seconded” that the next meeting on 2nd May 2019 be designated a Special General Meeting to enable our Constitution item 1.9 to be

amended to insert work “amateur “to cover this”. Motion declared -carried.

Motion to accept Tournament Co-ordinator’s Report & accept draft program moved Clr. John Daley seconded Clr. Garry Mason – carried.

Match Committee Chairman’s Report: Match Committee chairman presented a brief verbal report & asked about type of re-imbusement for competitors at State Championships. This is being referred to Finance Committee to determine. Clr. Garry Mason also enquired about the “grassroots voucher system” & Clr. Richard Doyle advised that he was accumulating data on this & would forward copies to all Councillors.

Motion to receive Match Committee Report moved Clr. Garry Mason seconded Clr. Gerry Cox – carried.

Website Co-Ordinator’s Report: Clr. Stuart Dossetor enquired about progressing the offer made by Piret Elmassian for Golf NSW to assist us in setting up a new website. Arising from the ensuing discussion, Clr. Les Knox moved & Clr. John Dixon seconded that “NSWVGA accept in principle the offer of Golf NSW to liaise with them subject to discussion with our current Website manager on method of setting up the development of our new website”. Motion – carried. President Ian Vidler then undertook to do this negotiation with Website manager. Clr. Stuart Dossetor agreed to liaise also in respect of moving our membership database without loss of data. It was also pointed out that we would benefit from closer ties with Golf NSW.

Motion to receive Website Co-ordinators report moved Clr. Stuart seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

Meeting then adjourned for lunch at 12.30p.m. resuming at 1.00 p.m.

On resumption, Clr. Richard Doyle was asked about the ‘grassroots scheme’ & gave an update & responded to enquiries.

Matters on Notice:

1.. Determination of suitable dates for conduct of NSWVGA Gold Medal playoff & 2BBBB Gold Medal playoff. This has been tentatively agreed as Monday 30th September- Tuesday 1st October ,2019 subject to final confirmation with Port Macquarie Vets. club.

(A).. Determine level of prizemoney to be offered for these events. This has been referred to Match Committee for decision.

(B)..Determine amount of travel allowance to be offered to participants as encouragement to compete. This issue was referred to Treasurer & Finance Committee to resolve.

©.. Determine Councillor Co-Ordinator to liaise with Host Vets. Club & to facilitate these events. Match Committee chairman Clr. Garry Mason agreed to accept this role & liaise with Greg Christie, Gp 12.

Matters without Notice: Nil.

General Business: Nil.

Meeting closure 1.30 p.m. & confirmed date of next meeting as Thursday 2nd May,2019 which will be a Special General meeting.