

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Bankstown Golf Club on Wednesday 2nd October, 2019 commencing at 9.40a.m.

Meeting opened by President Ian Vidler at 9.40 a.m.

Attendees: Les Mann (Delegate GP 31), Gerry Cox (Clr.), Peter Guy (Delegate SVGA), David Gunner (Treasurer), Len Payne (Secretary), Lance Fredericks (Clr) ,Stuart Dossetor(Clr),Richard Doyle (V/Pres.),Les Knox (V/Pres.),John Dixon (Clr), Peter Taylor (Clr), Ian Vidler (President).

Apologies: John Daley (Clr), Gary Mason 9Clr), Brian Graham (Delegate Gp21), Col Darley (Delegate Gp2). Motion to accept apologies moved Clr. Les Knox seconded Clr. Gerry Cox -carried.

Obituaries: Peter Gough (Secretary Group 30 North-west), President Ian attended funeral & spoke of Peter's long-service & support of Veteran's golf.

Minutes of previous NSWVGA Executive Council meeting of Wednesday 7th August 2019, as previously circulated are accepted on motion of Clr.Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. Peter Taylor – carried.

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence;

In: 25.9.2019 – Letter from Peter Mawhinney expressing views on decision of Council to discontinue NSWVGA Mixed 4BBB Sandgreen Championships.

Out: 10.8.2019 – E-mail to Forbes vets. club re request for consideration of a Country Championship.

Motion to accept all correspondence moved Clr. Richard Doyle seconded Clr. Len Payne – carried.

Reports:

President's & Sponsorship Report:

President's Report. October 2019

- 1. NSWVGA Medal Final & Watsons Leisure Centre Medley 4BBB Final.**

At the time of writing there are 65 players nominated for these events: 27 in the Medal finals, 22 men and 5 women, and 19 pairs in the 4Ball final. There are 14 coastal and near coastal Groups represented, with representatives from 36 clubs.

Port Macquarie veterans, under the guidance of Greg Christie, Group 12 Group Secretary, have worked diligently to ensure this event is a success while acting on our behalf. They have also had the support of the Port Macquarie Golf Club Board of Directors. Given the inherent problems of a new event 65 players is a positive result. Both Greg Christie and myself are of the opinion that this number will increase in 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg and his team of veterans for their efforts in supporting this event for NSWVGA. I will give a final report of this event verbally at the October meeting.

2. John Daley, John Dixon and Peter Taylor have been busy in the last month or so negotiating with the clubs affected by the decisions of NSWVGA re sand green championships at the last meeting. A review of those decisions affecting Grenfell and Narromine will be necessary to keep faith with those clubs following these negotiations. Thank you to those Councillors for their time and effort.
3. This week I received from Golf NSW via Les Knox, a list of players for the joint sand green Championships to be held at Barraba in October. There are 84 players on the list, 49 of whom claim to be members of NSWVGA. Of those 49 I discovered 15 whose names did not appear on NSWVGA data base. These players should be advised of this situation prior to the event and requested to bring proof of membership. Should proof be not forthcoming the players should be given the option of paying \$5 for membership of NSWVGA to the Tournament Director. Note: Vice President Les Knox has attended to this matter.
4. **Rich River Golf Resort Veterans.** I had a call during the week from Dianne Symons, a NSWVGA member and also a member of this resort's Board. She was seeking information on formation of a NSWVGA veterans' group. She indicated that there were already about 15 NSWVGA members in the club and she is planning to hold a meeting to proceed with that process. NSWVGA looks forward to including this group of veterans in its numbers.
5. **Membership Handbook:** It might be relevant at this time to remind all Group Secretaries of the decision by NSWVGA to cease production of the Handbook. For those Group Secretaries who have used this Handbook as a "membership card" you will need to provide another method for members' identification and proof of membership. The decision to cease producing this Handbook was based on spiralling costs and the number of books left in golf clubs having not been distributed to members. NSWVGA thank members for their understanding in this matter.
6. Following decisions taken at the NSWVGA meeting in August, Guideline No 2 will require some amendment, namely the page on Management Procedure to be used in awarding of NSWVGA Trophies. Guideline No 3 Sec (8) "\$3 per member" requires amending to "\$5 per member."
7. I will soon be preparing a report for the AVGU meeting to be held in conjunction with the AVGU Championships in Launceston in November. Earlier in the year I forwarded to NSWVGA Councillors, a paper titled "AVGU Futures. The Key Issues." If you as Councillors or members have any issues you would like me to raise at the AVGU meeting please raise them with me

before November so I can include them in my report for discussion. The AVGU Futures paper was compiled by Alan Chrisp, President ACT Veterans and myself and was shared with NSWVGA Councillors for comment. It was designed to try and raise the profile and status of the AVGU among veterans throughout Australia. Once discussed at AVGU and accepted I will place the final paper on the NSWVGA website.

8. **2020 Week of Golf Representative Roster.** I have attached a Roster for 2020 WoGs. Please consider at which events you can represent NSWVGA. In past years Councillors have been able to attend nearly all events in the calendar year. Port Stephens, however, is missing a representative for this year. If there is a Councillor with a spare week in October please let Peter Taylor know of your availability.
9. **Grass Roots Scheme:** Congratulations to Vice President Richard Doyle on the implementation of the Grass Roots Scheme which has been applauded throughout the veterans Groups of NSW. There was a huge amount of paperwork and research to be carried out before cheques were distributed and the number of hours involved would have been enormous. Richard's research led him to personal contact with many Group Secretaries and he also uncovered some "glitches" in our recording systems and data base at the same time. I'm sure he will have some recommendations to the Executive Council as a result of his efforts. Treasurer David Gunner was also involved in this process and I thank him for his cooperation with Richard in bringing the scheme to fruition.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA

September 2019

President Ian gave a very positive updating verbal report on his attendance at the NSWVGA Medal finals & felt it was a resounding success for an inaugural event & that with further promotion to other vets. groups not yet participating it will be an even greater success. There were 67 players with the 2020 final to be conducted 1st. Mon/Tue in December 2020 also at Port Macquarie.

President also congratulated Clr. Richard Doyle on the outcome of the "grassroots scheme" especially the hard work needed by him to introduce it, it is a resounding success as measured by feedback received.

He also advised that the current sponsorship of selected Vets. events by Hinterland Caravans will continue & be a joint sponsorship venture between Hinterland Caravans & Avans & will be slightly increased overall.

President also advised that Guideline no.3 section 8 needs changing from the \$3 Membership fee to the current \$5 fee. Motion to adjust this & receive President's Report moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. John Dixon -carried.

Treasurer's Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 29.7.19 to 24.9.19

Opening Balance as at 29.7.19 \$43,128.84

Income	
Affiliation Fees	\$195.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$4,160.00
Interest	\$ 161.71

Total income \$4,551.71

Expenses	
Councillors to meetings	\$2,690.28
Councillors to Tournaments	\$4,188.80
Meeting Exp	\$225.50
Postage	\$265.00
Vouchers	\$3,045.00
Sponsorship	\$2,750.00
Printing/Stationary	\$77.65
Honorary	\$2,700.00
Grassroots	\$9,450.00
4BBB	\$1,560.00
Adm expense	\$15.00
Web Site	\$59.80

Total Expenses \$27,27.03

Sponsorship to date:
\$250.00 Dubbo
\$650.00 Narromine
\$250.00 Mudgee
\$1100.00 State S/Greens
\$500.00 Brisbane Waters.

ASSETS

Closing Balance as at 24.9.19 \$20,653.52

Greater Building Society \$30,000.00
matures on 6.12.19 at 1.80%

Vouchers \$2,280.00

Total Assets \$52,933.52

Clr. David
Gunner moved
& Clr. Len
Payne
seconded that
the Treasurer's
report be
accepted-
motion- carried.

Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report"

October Report 2019 - NSWVGA Program Co-Ordinator

Overview

We are nearly at the end of the 2019 program. Along the way we lost some tournaments but generally the year has gone well.

2020 Program

This year we lost Grafton and also in 2020. There was no explanation other than lack of numbers but you have to promote the event to secure numbers.

There has been much discussion concerning the future of Sand green Championships (see attachments 1 &2). There have been discussions and recommendations concerning the future of these events but since the last Board meeting there have been developments that have to be tabled and discussed and this matter put to rest.

If we are to shape the 2021 program we have to send out letters to all groups seeking expressions of interest to run our championships after 2020. This will give the groups time to discuss and submit proposals.

The State Medal has been played and won. Next year's event has been requested to be moved to follow the AVGU event in December. This will also need to be discussed but it will give groups time to complete their championships and determine their representatives at Port Macquarie in 2020.

2021 Program.

This has been completed in draft form and distributed to some Tournament Directors for comment. The draft form sent was one that was an alternative to the format used in 2020 to enable a more logical sequence of tournament programming. Suffice to say there was consternation from some TD's who immediately put up roadblocks such as school holidays, accommodation shortage and course maintenance, all legitimate of course but some don't present a problem because of the dates. This has been a bit of a disappointment but it is only early days yet.

Easter is early in 2021 at the start of April. This will affect the timing of the events early in the year.

Conclusion.

There is plenty happening at present and plenty to discuss at our board meeting this month. Unfortunately, I cannot be present at this meeting but Peter Taylor and John Dixon are across the Sandgreen situation and will talk on this.

John Daley
NSWVGA Program Co ordinator.

It was agreed to delete the words "Spare Weeks" from the Week of golf Program.

Motion to adopt Program Co-ordinators report moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Peter Taylor-carried.

Match Committee Chairman's Report: in absence of Chairman no Match Committee report submitted.

Website Co-Ordinator's Report:

WEB COORDINATORS REPORT FOR MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2019

The existing website continues to function smoothly. No new problems have arisen.

There has been little progress on development of the new site. A phone hook-up was held between Peter and I with the MiClub developers to discuss the Scope of Work which the company developers then user to build the site. During this teleconference it became clear that MiClub still did not fully understand our need. It seemed that they had not even closely examined our existing site to see what NSWVGA wanted. Subsequent to the teleconference with MiClub we requested and they agreed to fully examine the existing NSWVGA website. We expect to have their report in the next week, possibly by the meeting. There may be a cost impact. We were extremely disappointed with the MiClub responses during the teleconference and afterwards even thought whether we had make the right decision going with MiClub.

Notwithstanding the Steering Group have completed the MiClub Scope Work and await any comments they may have.

In my last [August] report I indicated that we need to have a process to transition and manage the new sites. In the future we will have two [2] sites; one, the MiClub developed site, for public access and another for NSWVGA Membership administration which NSWVGA will establish.

The Admin site will be use by Group and other Secretaries to keep membership up to date. It will also be used by TDs to determine eligibility. It is expected that all Executive council members will have update access. The site will be managed totally managed by Executive Council members. I suggest the Web Coordinator, Secretary and the Program coordinator. This website [nswvga-membreg.com.au] will be accessed separately to the Public site.

The public face of the NSWVGA will be the MiClub developed site. It is still unclear on how much involvement/assistance MiClub will be providing after handover. What is certain is that there will need to be much more hands on involvement than for the current NSWVGA website. A minimum of two members of the Executive Council will be needed to look after this site.

Membership up dates for this year will remain unchanged using the current site.

The Council will need to be involved in testing and validation of the MiClub site prior to going live and public. A transition plan continues to be developed.

Stuart Dossetor

Web Coordinator

28 September 2019

After questions from Councillors & responses from Clr. Stuart Dossetor & Peter Guy, Clr. Stuart Dossetor moved & Clr. Lance Fredericks seconded that his report be accepted. Motion -carried.

Matters on Notice:

1. Review of decision at previous Executive Council Meeting deleting NSWVGA Sandgreen Mixed 4BBB championships.

(A)The e-mail from T/Dir. Peter Mawhinney was considered & issues that were discussed at Narromine Tournament were reported on. Following extensive debate, it was moved Clr. Peter Taylor seconded Clr. Richard Doyle" that the decision taken at the meeting of 7th August,2019 in respect to the 4BBB mixed Sandgreen championships at Grenfell & the 4BBB championships at Narromine be **rescinded**". Motion declared- carried.

(B)Clr. Peter Taylor then moved seconded Clr. John Dixon "That the event at Narromine revert to it's original format of a men's 4BBB Championship". Motion -declared carried.

(C)Following consideration of the letter from Peter Mawhinney & further debate the following motion was moved Clr. Richard Doyle, seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor "that in light of the decision in respect to Narromine, that the Grenfell Mixed NSWVGA 4BBB Championships be re-instated for May 2/3rd 2020, with a further review as to the viability of the event, including satisfactory numbers, following the event." Motion was put & declared - carried.

2. Review of previous report by President to AVGU & consideration of follow-up report to AVGU AGM.

After consideration of the report by Presidents' Ian Vidler & Alan Chrisp (A.C.T.), it was agreed that this would provide a sound basis for AVGU to consider their future development.

Meeting then adjourned for lunch at 12 p.m. returning at 12.33 p.m.

Matters without Notice:

Treasurer raised the issue of a widening disparity from income/expenditure with Weeks of golf vouchers under the new prize structure passed at the last meeting.

After discussion, Treasurer agreed to bring back a full year income/expenditure costing to the next meeting.

General Business:

Secretary advised of a proposal from his Group (Group 6) to hold e-mail meetings for urgent issues between regular meetings & suggested that future NSWVGA Executive may wish to consider similar meetings to reduce number/time/costs of meetings at Bankstown for travelling Councillors. It was also suggested that the Agenda be prioritized to ensure enough time to consider important matters.

It was also confirmed that the NSWVGA Matchplay tournament is to proceed this year in the Newcastle area. However, no T/Dir. yet for 2020.T/Co-ord may need to review 2020 program to accommodate a change of venue.

Councillor attendance at remaining Weeks of Golf was agreed.

V/Pres. Richard Doyle advised that he was standing down & not seeking re-election. Secretary, Clr. Len Payne had also advised he was standing down. President thanked them for their contribution over a number of years & meeting thanked them with acclamation.

Clr. Stuart Dossetor asked that consideration be given to changing our meetings from the 1st Wednesday to a Wednesday later in month, President said they would look at the Weeks of Golf program for 2020 & see if this request could be accommodated at least for some meetings.

V/ Pres. Clr. Les Knox raised the issue of the new World handicapping system being introduced from 30th January 2020 & whether it would impact our weeks of golf. It was recommended that Councillors canvass clubs in their area on this to ascertain their position & report back.

President Ian then raised a couple of issues related to weeks of golf prize winner calculations & stressed the importance of adhering to guidelines.

With no further business, President declared meeting closed at 2p.m.

Date of next Meeting: AGM Wednesday 27th November, followed by an Executive Council Meeting same date.