

Minutes of Executive meeting of NSWVGA held immediately following AGM on Wednesday 27th November 2019 at Bankstown G.C.

Meeting opened: 11 a.m. by President Ian Vidler.

Attendees: Stuart Dossetor Clr, Les Knox (V/Pres), Lance Fredericks Clr Dick Farrant (L/member), Bob Coulson (L/member), Richard Doyle (L/member), Les Mann (L/member), Aileen Williams (Secretary), Brian Graham (observer), Gerry Cox Clr Peter Taylor Clr John Daley (V/Pres), John Dixon Clr Len Payne (L/member), David Gunner (Treasurer), Peter Guy Clr, Ian Vidler (President).

Apologies: Garry Mason (Councillor) Motion to accept apology moved Clr John Dixon seconded Clr Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Obituaries: Bob Sharman (Dubbo), Lucy Thompson (Yamba).

Minutes of previous Executive meeting of Wed. 2nd October, 2019 as previously circulated were confirmed on motion of Clr Lance Fredericks seconded Clr John Dixon – carried.

Business Arising: President advised that as noted in his report to that meeting that Rich River veterans have now joined up some 31 Members with NSWVGA so far with probably more to come, they have been allocated to Group 27.

Website Co-Ordinator was also asked to place a notice on the current website that the Handbook will NO longer be printed & that all information will be available on the website.

Correspondence:

In:

1.. Letter of appreciation from Griffith VGA for support & sponsorship for their WOG.

2. 18.11. 2019 Letter from Gp 14 Secretary, expressing both appreciation & concerns re conduct of inaugural State finals Medals & 4BBB at Pt. Macquarie.

Following consideration of the issues raised, Secretary was asked to reply to the concerns expressed by NRVGA.

Out: Nil.

Motion to receive all correspondence moved Clr Aileen Williams seconded Clr Peter Guy – carried.

Reports:

President's & Sponsorship:

President Ian presented a verbal report on issues thus:

- (A) At AVGU Championships, Go-golfing rep. said that they are running a National Veterans AVGU event early in 2020 at Pt. Stephens. Website Co-Ordinator was asked to place a clear statement on our website stating that this event is NOT an AVGU National event & not run under the auspices of AVGU. It is shown on Go-Golfing website as "A veterans blue-water Classic".
- (B) At Griffith WOG, a Victorian competitor (Poet) Noel Hayes offered to do a book on golfers in poetry prose form at NO cost to the NSWVGA & with all profits derived to go to a charity of our nomination. Following consideration, it was moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. Gerry Cox "that this offer be accepted, with book launch in 2020 & all profits to go to the Motor Neurone Foundation in Honour of late Ian Sneddon".
Motion -carried.
- (C) At AVGU meeting, Alan Chrisp (A.C.T.) was elected President, Ian Vidler (NSWVGA) was elected Vice-President & Ray Gibson (TAS.) was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. Ian noted that AVGU sought information on guidelines of NSW for conduct of our weeks of golf.
- (D) Sponsorship – due to generous sponsorship by Hinterland Caravans, Morisset & Watson's leisure Centre, Coffs Hbr. It was agreed that glass plaques as shown be done & presented to both sponsors. Motion to receive Report moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. John Daley – carried.

Treasurer's Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 24.9.19 to 20.11.19

Opening Balance as at 24.9.19 \$20,653.52

<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$46,085.55
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$3,046.00
Interest	\$15.46
Adm income	\$50.00

Total income \$49,197.01

<u>Expenses</u>	
Councillors to meetings	\$4,025.61
Councillors to Tournaments	\$1,353.00
Meeting Exp	\$191.00
Postage	\$40.00
Vouchers	\$100.00
Sponsorship Match Play	\$1,150.00
Mini Shields	\$1,728.00
4BBB	\$5,661.15
Grassroots	\$779.10

Sponsorship
\$500.00 Hinterland Caravans
\$650.00 NSWVGA
4BBB
\$5442.00 green fees and dinner
\$219.15 trophies

Total Expenses \$15,027.86

ASSETS

Closing Balance as 20.11.19 \$54,822.67

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

Total Assets \$84,822.67

Motion to receive treasurer's report and to reinvest IBD investment when due moved Clr David Gunner seconded Clr John Daley – carried.

Program Co ordinator November Report 2019

Overview.

This has been another successful year for NSWVGA week's of golf. In some instances numbers have increased and there were some events that produced poor numbers. I am of the firm belief that what you put in will determine the results you achieve and this is reflected in the above statement.

This Year 2019

There were 51 weeks of golf and 5 championship events plus the AVGU in Tasmania.

It was decided that the mixed foursomes would not be held this year as Tenterfield, the convener of this event, decided to change the date which did not fit the agreed program and the new date they wanted conflicted with Armidale.

Tenterfield have been given this event in 2020 but after 2020 the event will be put out for expressions of interest as will most championship events.

Grafton decided not to proceed with their week which was disappointing. This left a gap which was too late to reorganise weeks and dates.

The inaugural State Medal was played at Port Macquarie. The numbers were acceptable and could be increased by including the winners of the other foursome and fourball championship events i.e. Mixed and Mixed Sandgreens . It is to be noted that some weeks of golf held this year, increased the cost of their event. While this is understandable, some of the increases are excessive and it will effect their numbers in the future.

One of the main increases has been the costs of dinners which in some cases are included as part of the overall costs instead of an extra cost if you wish to attend. Being a past Tournament Director, I am well aware that the dinner is an option for events that have large numbers i.e. above 160 but it should not be compulsory.

During my tour of events this year there was continuous comments on costs , it is now very obvious the Veteran golfers will be more selective in the events they attend.

Next Year 2020

The program is out and there are changes that will effect some events.

There has been an expression of interest for the Matchplay to be moved to the southern part of the state. We can discuss this matter at this or the next meeting.

Port Macquarie have also indicated they wish to move their State Medal event to the 14 – 15 December. While the date is available is it too late in the month. Howlong have forwarded correspondence outlining they wish to go it alone in October and hold a 3 day event on the Wednesday,Thursday and Friday. Given the numbers who attended the Corowa part of the week it will be worth considering.

I have sent correspondence to some Tournament directors seeking a change of dates to allow the better flow between tournaments. Some tournaments stand alone with no pre or post events to help their numbers. Also veterans will not return to a location they have passed if there is a week of golf just down the road from where they are .

There has been a mixed response but mainly negative.

The Future

The 2021 program is in draft format. This program will be dependent on where and when our championships are to be held and this in return will effect some tournaments.

As ever, Easter will play a part as to the timing of our early events and we will be relying on our tournament directors to look at the overall picture and not just their area.

Critical Areas

Letters to all Groups seeking expressions of Interest in holding our Championships.

This letter must include our expectations for the event to proceed.

A look at the weeks of golf that are performing poorly and make the hard decision on their future or a way to help them to achieve better results. Reports from Councillors indicate some very poor attendances and that they have been approached from other events which are joint efforts, to go alone.

These Councillors can talk to the meeting on these points.

What will be our stance on interstate visitors winning major trophies at NSWVGA events, as it appears we have no reciprocal standing with any other state. I can vouch for the fact in Tasmania and I believe that this is also the case in Queensland and Victoria.

Do we say that if you wish to participate in the NSWVGA Shield part of a week of golf you must be NSWVGA members?

Conclusion.

There is food for thought in the above and I would hope that we as an elected body answer the hard questions and look to the future of NSW veterans golf.

John Daley
Program Co ordinator
NSWVGA

President Ian advised that ‘an expression of interest ‘had been received from an ex Tournament Director on the Murray River to conduct the 2020 NSWVGA Matchplay championships with a suggestion that it could precede the AVGU National championships at Yarrawonga/Black Bull. This would mean a change of timeslot to 23-27 November 2020. Further consideration of this will be done in the new year.

Clr. John Daley also raised the issue of the 2020 NSW State Finals with the view being that December is too late to hold them. Further discussions need to be held on this.

John also advised that he is developing an “expressions of interest” letter for the tendering & conduct of all our NSWVGA Championship events from 2021 & will bring this to a future meeting.

V/Pres. Les Knox asked him to consider running the 2021 NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships as a “stand alone” event & not clashing with other events as is the case in 2020.

Motion then moved by Clr. John Daley seconded Clr. Gerry Cox to receive the Tournament Co-Ordinators Report , motion carried.

Website Co-Ordinator’s report:

WEBSITE REPORT FOR 2019 NSWVGA AGM

Since the creation of the current website in 2016 Tournament Directors and Group Secretaries have increasingly become proficient in its operation and use. The main difficulties still relate to maintenance of membership. Often compounded by change of personnel. From time to time there have been communication difficulties which at times have taken a while to resolve. In 2016 there were 13,843 members listed on the database. There are now 15,604 of whom 403 are recorded as female. It is suspected this is not a true number as a field to record gender has only recently been added to the database.

In late 2018 the NSWVGA Executive made the decision to have the website redeveloped by specialist golf website developers MiClub. After much negotiation the NSWVGA Executive determined, due to financial reasons, that the new website would in fact now become two [2] sites. One a public access site and the other an administrative site which would manage the membership. The Administrative site would be for the Executive, Group Secretaries and Tournament Directors to manage membership, WOG attendance and affiliation.

The MiClub developed 'public' access site is expected to be available for test and evaluation by mid December. The administrative site is unlikely to be available before January 2020. Until it is available Group Secretaries, Tournament Directors and Councillors will continue to use the existing website.

Clear instructions on access, how specific tasks are to be completed, are currently being developed and will be forwarded to Group Secretaries, Tournament Directors and Councillors prior to either website going into operation. A training package for those maintaining the two sites are also under development.

A key element of the 'public' site will be improved group and Club information. To ensure accuracy of posted information Group Secretaries will shortly be requested to purify/verify existing Group and Club information.

Stuart Dossetor

Website Coordinator

Motion to receive Website Co-Ordinators report moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. Peter Guy – carried.

Matters on Notice:

1. Finalize value of Week of Golf Vouchers

Following debate, President Ian Vidler moved seconded Clr. Peter Taylor “commencing with the first WOG Tournament in February 2020, that the value of vouchers be \$100 for first, \$85 for second & (if applicable) \$70 for third (equally for both men & women)” motion – carried. President then further moved seconded by Clr. David Gunner that this equalization be based on attendance figures for the last year, Motion -carried.

2. Determine instructions & information required for new website for Group Secretaries, & Tournament Directors to facilitate access & usage. As this was dealt with at the AGM & it was agreed that all who have input access will be appropriately trained. The existing site will be continued by Barry until the new websites are operational.

3. Review expenses payments to Councillors officiating at Week of Golf Tournaments.

Motion moved Clr. Peter Taylor seconded Clr. Gerry Cox that expenses payments remain as is, motion -carried.

4.. Allocation of Councilor duties for incoming Executive Council, including the appointment of a Councilor as Publicity Officer. These had all been allocated at the AGM (see AGM minutes).

5.. Confirm action of awarding Appreciation Certificates to Jason Mimmo (Leeton) & Ron Bell (Leeton).

Motion moved President Ian Vidler seconded Clr. John Daley to confirm the award of these Appreciation Certificates, motion -carried.

6.. Determine NSWVGA Executive Council meeting dates for 2020. Following consideration, the following dates were confirmed: Wednesday 29th January 2020; Wednesday 15th April 2020; Thursday 18th June 2020; Wednesday 2nd September 2020; Thursday 19th November 2020 AGM followed by Executive Council meeting same date.

Matters without notice: Nil.

General Business:

Life Member Richard Doyle advised meeting of the valuable service rendered by Barbara Prosser to Kiama & Southern Highlands veteran’s golf & asked that an Appreciation Certificate be awarded to her.

President Ian Vidler also advised that Bruce Robinson (Muswellbrook) served a long-term as both President & Tournament Director & merited a similar Award. Moved President Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Aileen Williams to award these motion -carried

Life member Les Mann then raised the issue of allocating Councillors to Zones. Clr. John Dixon mentioned the need to review zone boundaries, following which it was agreed to list this as an item for the next meeting.

President Ian Vidler was then congratulated on being elected Vice-president of AVGU by Life member, Dick Farrant. President Ian then spoke of a further meeting of some members of AVGU concerned at the escalating costs of these annual tournaments, and a new website is to be developed.

Meeting closure & date of next meeting: With no further business President declared meeting closed at 1.P.M.

Next Meeting Wednesday 29th January 2020 at Bankstown Golf Club 9.30a.m.