

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF NSWVGA WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>  
JANUARY 2020

at Bankstown Golf Club

Meeting Opened : 9.35 am by President Ian Vidler welcomed all and hoped that this year would be a better year for all clubs especially the ones that were affected by the bush fires. Ian welcomed Richard Ledden-Cooper (Grp 19 President) and David Flatt (group 9 Secretary). David is the Secretary for Group 9. He has been very active in Veterans Golf at Port Stephens. Where he ran a very successful tournament "The National championship". David is looking at taking on the Match Play Championship. Ian then gave a warm welcome back to Garry Mason (Clr) who has been unable to attend meetings due to ill health.

Attendees: David Gunner(Treasurer), Peter Guy( Clr),Garry Mason(Clr), Stuart Dossetor( Clr) Les Knox (V/Pres), Lance Fredericks( Clr),Richard Ledden- Cooper(Grp 19 President), Dave Flatt(Grp9 Secretary), Brian Graham (Gp21Delegate), John Daley (CLr), Peter Taylor(Clr), Ian Vidler(President) John Dixon (Clr), Aileen Williams (Secretary)

Apologies: Gerry Cox {Councillor) Less Mann (Life member) Col Darley (Delegate Gp 2)

Obituaries: Keith Gray (Mid South Coast) Ray Considine (Singleton) Lynn Taylor (Tathra)

Minutes of previous meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 as previously circulated were confirmed on motion of Clr Stu Dossetor seconded Treasurer David Gunner - carried

Business Arising: Most clubs for their week of golf receive 2 vouchers each for both Men and Ladies. There are a few clubs that receive 3 vouchers each for the Men and Ladies due to the high volume of both men and ladies participating in those weeks of golf. Those are the following clubs.

Myall Coast, Orange, Tocumwal, Rich River, Coolangatta / Tweeds, Moree, Yamba and Coffs Harbour.

Book of Poems: Noel Hayes has offered to put together a book of poems together to acknowledge the contribution that Ian Sneddon had made to the NSWVGA Vets. Ian was made a Life member of Riverina Vets and passed away quite suddenly from Motor neurone disease. The book of

poems will be launched at registration for Deniliquin week of golf, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. All Monies raised will go to Motor neurone Foundation.

Correspondence :

In:

1. Letter from Moruya Vets President Mr Gil Arnold
2. 28.11.19.Email from Mudgee Veterans Group 18 Program
3. Email from Richard Doyle requesting a certificate of appreciation for Bruce Hammond of Kareela Golf Club
4. 4.12.19. Email from Ian Vidler New Group 13 Secretary
5. Seaside and Valley Veterans Tournament Results
6. 27.1.2020.Email received from John Dixon new Tournament Director Phil Osborne

Out:

1. 20.12.19. President Ian's reply to Moruya Vets President Mr Gil Arnold

#### Reports President & Sponsorship

In Ian Verbal report he informed the meeting that at the Australian Day celebrations Mr Richard Farrant of Kiama Golf Club was awarded an OAM Order of Australia. Ian asked that Stu put this on the web site. Ian then asked if David Flatt would like to comment on the Match play Championships.

David Flatt is taking on the Match play Championships 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.The courses where the Match play will be played are Nelson Bay Golf Club, Horizon's Golf Club and Pacific Dunes Golf Club. David advised the meeting due to increasing cost of green fees this year the prizes amount and number of prizes may not go down as far this year. Ian advised him that NSWVGA will cover some of the cost for the Match play championships, but the match Committee will liaise with David as the event gets closer. Send Stu a flyer so he can advertise this event on the

web, he will also sends to Aileen so she can send out to all group secretaries to promote this event.

### **President's Report January 2020**

Welcome to 2020, a year we looked forward to with optimism but one which has brought so much disaster, sadness and despair into the lives of many and some of them our members. It is the hope of the NSWVGA Executive Council that those of you who have been affected by fire and drought see your way through these disasters and achieve the normality in life you once had. We are with you all the way.

Additionally, NSWVGA acknowledges the efforts of many of its members who have volunteered many hours at the fire front and in communities, giving assistance to those affected. Indeed, volunteers in all states who contributed to the natural disaster relief efforts are acknowledged and we at NSWVGA thank you for your selfless community service.

Veterans golf in NSW in 2020 is shaping up to be an interesting year with many of the initiatives introduced in previous year being fine tuned and expanded with the aim of creating greater interest among golfers who generally stay at home and play. Group Secretaries will be alerted to these programmes and members will be able to access this information on the website.

**Sponsorship:** A Vans NSW, through the efforts of Peter Crowder, formerly of Hinterland Caravans, has agreed to partly sponsor several Weeks of Golf events in 2020. These events are Blue Mountains, Central west (Orange) Lake Macquarie Classic (Toronto), Mudgee, Brisbane waters, Port Stephens and maybe Southern Highlands. Peter Crowder has indicated his wish to deal with the Tournament Directors personally. Consequently, I am passing the responsibility to continue the relationship with A Vans to the Tournament Directors concerned. This will include both pre and post tournament communication

Watsons Leisure Centre Coffs Harbour, through Kris Watson, has indicated their sponsorship will continue through 2020.

### **Congratulations!!!!**

I have just received word that Past President and Life Member of NSWVGA, Richard Farrant, has been awarded, in the Australia Day Honours, the Order of Australia for Services to Golf. Dick has been active in golf administration at many levels for many years and is thoroughly

deserving of this award. **Congratulations Dick from all NSWVGA members.**

**Rich River Resort Veterans Golf.** This newly formed club held its inaugural Open Day on Friday 17 January. Dick Van Buren, President of Group 27, of which this club is now part, represented NSWVGA in my absence and reported a very successful day, supported by the Resort and attended by approximately 130 golfers. This new club now has 160 members on its books with the possibility of more to come.

Congratulations to Diane Symons, Graeme Stevens and Maree Ciavarella, the committee who has done so much towards the forming of this new club. NSWVGA appreciate your efforts. Shane Gloury, Rich River CEO and Peter Boek, Rich River Club President are also acknowledged for their support of the formation of the club.

NSWVGA Medal and Finals. Group Secretaries NOTE: The NSWVGA Medal is an event to be played within your Group for all NSWVGA members. It is the responsibility of Group Secretaries and Captains to promote this event among their members and decide on a series of qualifying rounds to find players eligible to compete at the Finals to be held in Port Macquarie on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November. I encourage all of you to organise such an event at Group level for the benefit of your members.

NSWVGA Match Play: This major event has found a new home and will now be held in the Port Stephens area in June. The format is one in which ALL players play ALL days. There are no elimination rounds. More information will be provided once the organisation is complete. David Flatt, Group Secretary of Group 10, has agreed to run the event on behalf of NSWVGA and once again I encourage all Group Executive members to promote this event among members.

Finally, after several years of drought and more recently fires in many parts of the country I encourage all members, if at all possible, to support the residents of those damaged communities by attending golfing events in those areas or by just visiting and offering moral and financial support. They certainly need to know they are not alone.

May you all enjoy Good Golfing and Good Health in 2020.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA

Motion to receive Report moved Clr Ian Vidler seconded Clr Gary Mason - carried

President Ian moved that we pay travel allowance to Dick Van buuren of Hay Vets when he travelled to Rich River Resort to represented NSWVGA. Clr John Daley seconded motion carried

#### Treasurer's Report:

As our membership is down and the web reflects a different financial membership base. David asked Stu about the number of financial members that are listed each group on the web. Stu and Peter will advise David Gunner who is and who is not financial.

#### BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 20.11.19 to 21.1.20

<u>Opening Balance as at</u> 20.11.19		<u>\$54,822.67</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Affiliation Fees	\$23,016.00	
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$976.00	
Interest	\$176.96	
<u>Total income</u>	<u>\$24,168.96</u>	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Councillors to meetings	\$2,071.35	
Councillors to Tournaments	\$1,703.56	
Meeting Exp	\$229.50	
Postage	\$66.00	
Vouchers	\$3,330.00	
Shields	\$1,095.00	
Donation	\$2,400.00	
Web site	\$310.00	
A.V.G.U	\$2,500.00	
Audit fees	\$350.00	
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$17,555.41</u>	

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Closing Balance as at 21.2.20		\$61,436.22
Greater Building Society		\$30,000.00
	matures on 6.12.19 at 1.80%	
Voiuchers on hand		\$3,330.00
	<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$94,766.22</u>

Motion to receive treasurer's report moved Clr David Gunner seconded Clr Gary Mason – carried

## **Program Co ordinator January Report 2020**

### **Overview.**

Welcome to 2020. Let's hope we have a successful year devoid of the catastrophes that confronted us in the latter part of 2019. Not only do we have to complete the planning of the program for this year as far as Championships are concerned but also 2021 championship venues and timing.

### **This Year**

The match play is still homeless this year. President Ian has put out "feelers" to Howlong, who cannot accommodate and is now pursuing Nelson Bay. If this doesn't go ahead then we will have to canvass all groups . Maybe there is an opportunity to hold this event in the Central West or South Coast as we have the State Medal in the north of the state.

Also , I would like to thank Les Knox for his efforts in developing a program that will be delivered to Group Secretaries interested in bidding for Championship events .

### **2021 Program**

This program is ready for distribution. It will need to be discussed , especially the timing of the expressions of interest in championship events and who will determine the allocation.

I can provide dates available but we can massage this to suit successful applicants.

My feeling is the Match Committee and either President/Vice President should complete this task.

### **Spreadsheets**

At present we have spreadsheets for the program,roster and NSWVGA Shield Grade.

Attached is one spreadsheet with all the pertinent information that all councillors can refer to for the year. If changes are required it can be easily updated and distributed.

This spreadsheet is attached for comment at this meeting.

### **Conclusion**

I am looking forward to the year ahead. The face of Veterans Golf is slowly changing with the influx of new players attending week's of golf which will lower our age profile. One thing that doesn't change is the camaraderie and fellowship.

John Daley

Program Co ordinator

NSWVGA

Clr John Daley advised that we need to find homes for the Championships. Championships expression of interest. Clr John Daley will do a list of requirements for clubs when applying to host a NSWVGA Championship at their own course. Clr John also suggested that we could work off 1 spread sheet that will include the program of Tournaments, who is attending, Grading, and Public Holidays this information could easily be updated and would replace the current 3 or 4 spread sheets in use.

Clr John Dailey moved to receive the Tournament Co – Ordinator's Report Seconded Peter Taylor – carried

### **Web Site Report**

Mi Club Public web site. Stu is concreting on the Public Web site first. Stu advised the meeting that the public web site should be up and running by end of March 2020. Secretary to send out an email to all Group Secretaries requesting an update list of the details for their group.

### **Web Coordinators Report**

Generally a quiet period for the website due to the break between years for the WOG activities. Main activity has been Contact changes and membership updating. It is interesting to note that there are;

860 without any renewal date

397 with 2018 as a renewal date

7644 with 2019 as a renewal date

6803 with 2020 as a renewal date

18 with 2021 as a renewal date

1 with 2023 as a renewal date

2 with 2024 as a renewal date

1 with 2025 as a renewal date

So, the total of 15727 in the database may not reflect the true financial membership. Treasurer David would be able to confirm how many have actually paid.

There would be a few with the 2019 renewal date that have not renewed in 2020 yet. But the 1257 members prior to 2019 may not be part of the valid membership. Therefore, it is recommended that Group Secretaries be required to formally acknowledge that their membership is up to date.

Barry and I believe that most Groups/clubs struggle with maintaining their membership lists for the NSWVGA. It has been suggested that they use the NSWVGA database as their membership database. This is similar to what Paul Horton had set up. It is important for the revamp database does its best to accommodate clubs' requirements. Global updating is essential.

Since the last meeting MiClub have advised NSWVGA that they are ready to conduct online training for the new site. Due to absences and Christmas/New Year [add the bushfires] this was deferred. Peter and I were given access to work through the manual prior to actual training. I have not as yet been able to spend much time. Although it does straight forward. It is now important that we get this training completed to get the site functioning. Council members will also need to be trained.

Once we are ready to go live I will work with Barry to wind back the functions of the current site to membership management only. It is intended to slowly work through future needs in consultation with Group Secretaries. The need to develop a new membership site I do not see as

urgent as we can continue with existing arrangement as the Public site is our priority.

Stuart Dossetor

Web Coordinator

28 Jan. 20

Motion to receive Web site Co Coordinators report moved Clr Stu Dossetor seconded moved Clr Garry Mason – carried

#### MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

NSWVGA State Medal and 4 Ball Playoff will be played at Port Macquarie on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November

Motion to receive Match Committee Report moved Clr Gary Mason seconded Vice President Les Knox – carried

#### Matters on Notice

1. Appreciation Certificate approved for Bruce Hammond of Kareela Golf Club. President stated that he would like to recognise as many members as we can, so please if you feel that there is someone deserving then please let us know.
2. Secretary advised the web site Coordinators that she was still having problems receiving emails that were sent to NSWVGA Secretary that should then be sent to her email [sam.96@bigpond.com](mailto:sam.96@bigpond.com) behind the scenes. Stuart advised Aileen he would look into it.
3. NSWVGA Medal Final in Western NSW. To make the NSWVGA Medal Final more accessible for more members to play do we arrange a medal Final in Western NSW? Clr Gary Mason will canvas the

Western group secretaries for their commits and feeling on this matter.

4. Multiple WOG Shields when playing WOG at more than 1 course in the same week.

Members playing in WOG at multiple courses in the same week will no longer receive 2 NSWVGA Shields and prizes. Cowra/ Howlong in March, Tumut/ Gundagai in April, Port Macquarie/ Wauchope in September and Southern Highlands November. Members will be expected to play 1 day and each course. Clr Stu Dossetor moved NSWVGA Shields WOG be reduced to 1 set of shields per tournament. Clr Peter Taylor seconded. Clr David Gunner voted against. Motion carried.

Southern Highlands to be put in a group that receive 3 vouchers for the week. Howlong will not receive a shield in their trial WOG (3 days) in October. Clr Les Knott moved Clr John Dixon seconded. Motion carried

5. Zone Boundaries and Reps. Do we need them? Clr John Dixon moved Notice of Motion that the next NSWVGA General meeting will also be a Special Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30 Bankstown Golf Club, at which time his motion will be to disband the current Zone Boundaries and the position of Zone Representative. Clr Peter Taylor seconded. Motion carried

- 6 Championships expression of interest.

As of 2021 Some Championships Events have come to the end of their tender will be subject to expression of interest to conduct the event in their group. NSWVGA holds 5 Championships at various locations which are either coming to an end of their tender at the location and or the Group no longer wish to hold the event. The events are grass green events or sand green events. This will determine the selection by the governing body (NSWVGA) the main points to consider when allocating all of these events are

Suitable locations, ability to promote the event, sponsorship and the minim length of the tenure which we agreed would be 3 years. The following events that are requiring expression of interest are

NSWVGA Stroke Play Championships

NSWVGA Mixed Foursomes Championships

NSWVGA Match Play Championships

NSWVGA Mixed Sandgreen 4BBB Championships

NSWVGA Sandgreen Men's 4BBB Championships

David Flatt is happy to express interest in The NSWVGA Match Play Championship at Nelson Bay Golf Club, Pacific Dunes Golf Club and Horizons Golf Club for 2020 but may not take the tender up next year.

The same criteria will be applied for both the Sand green Championships as the Grass greens Championships as there is no difference one is played on sand and the other on grass. The NSWVGA Mixed 4BBB Championship and NSWVGA Sandgreen Men's 4BBB Championship

Clr John Daley will do a list of requirements for clubs when applying for a tender for a NSWVGA Championship

Clr Peter Taylor that the NSWVGA secretary send out a expression of interest to all group secretaries a list of all NSWVGA Championships in their current place on the NSWVGA Program , but dates for these Championships are negotiable. NSWVGA will cover the cost of major trophies for these events. Seconded Clr Garry Mason. Motion carried. The group secretaries will need to reply to NSWVGA Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Clr Stu Dossetor will also place that NSWVGA is seeking expression of interest for these NSWVGA Championships.

Vice President Les Knox moved that NSWVGA will sponsor the NSWVGA Stroke play Championship to the value \$2930.00 seconded John Dixon motion carried

President Ian Vidler will follow up with Hawks Nest Golf Club about their request to host the Stroke play Championship.

## General Business

Clr Gary Mason thanked everyone for their phone calls and emails of support given to him over the past 6 months.

Clr Peter Taylor gave out a template for WOG Result sheets for WOG Tournament directors to fill in for the NSWVGA Day Shield Day. To populate the new public web site, press on Tournament Directors that we need as many Photos of winners as well as shields to go on web.

Vice President Les Knott moved recommendation to WOG Tournament Directors that the current position of maximum handicaps for WOG Tournaments be 36 for Men and 45 for Ladies  
Clr Gary Mason seconded motion carried.

Vice President Les Knott also asked about clubs that were directly or indirectly affected by the bush fires. President Ian Vidler suggested that we collect as much information about clubs that have been adversely affected and report back at the next meeting. Fox Hill would like to

Clr John Daley will distribute the 2021 program to group secretaries as a draft copy.

President Ian Vidler moved that Richard Doyle continue to organise the NSWVGA grassroots program

Clr David Gunner seconded motion carried

Meeting closed at: 1.35

Next meeting Wednesday 15<sup>TH</sup> April 2020

