

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF NSWVGA WEDNESDAY 16TH June 2021

At Bankstown Golf Club

Meeting Opened: 9.30am

Attendee's: Ian Vidler (President) (Clr) Les Knott (V/Pres), David Gunner (Treasurer), Peter Guy (Clr) Gerry Cox, (Clr) Stuart Dossetor, (Clr) Lance Fredericks (Clr), John Daley (Clr), James Shadlow (Clr), John Dixon (Clr), Aileen Williams (Secretary)

Apologies: Garry Mason (Clr)

Motion to receive apologies moved (Clr) Les Knox seconded (Clr) Gerry Cox- carried

Obituaries : Bob Macklinshaw Tournament Director/President Myall Coast Veterans, Bob Hearne Cootamundra Vets, Les Royle, Lyndon Barnett and Brian Metcalf Leonay , Ron Benz Glenmore Heritage Valley, Bill Hawkins Dunheved, John Ebrill President/ Tournament Director Port Kembla Vets, Eric Cooper Griffith/ Corowa Vets, Mr Ray Kesby Dubbo Vets.

Minutes of previous meeting on Wednesday 14th April, 2021, which was a Zoom meeting as previously circulated are accepted on motion (Clr) Stu Dossetor seconded (Clr) John Dixon - carried

Business Airising:

- Website- Priority- Clr Peter Guy explained as more members are looking at the web site this issue is been resolved.
- (Clr) Peter Guy is in Discussion on how we would like the membership register to be set-up with Jo Hunter; a draft version is expected possibly by the end of this month.
- (Clr) John Daley has distributed the roster to all Clrs as to which Official Rep will be attending each WOG. Clr Ian Vidler moved a motion seconded (Clr) David Gunner for the name of Rep attending the event is posted on the website. Carried.
- Business cards with the web site address printed on are to be purchased at a cost of \$242.00 for two thousand. Motion (Clr) Stu Dossetor seconded (Clr) Peter Guy - carried
- Emerald Downs member denied access to Port Macquarie WOG. Clr Ian Vidler followed this matter up and found it to be incorrect and there was no action required
- Group secretaries were to be informed of computer technology used to update the members register. Clr Stu has sent out to Group Secretaries an email requesting an updated list of financial members so that he could reconcile them. Clr Jim Shadlow sent out an email informing Group Secretaries of his change of roles. Clr Peter Guy explained that we are aware of every one's issue with the website and that there will soon be a better system in place for all to use.
- Far South Coast is now been accepted to be returned to group 1. The group secretary is Derek Hoare. Moved on a motion from Clr Stu Dossetor seconded by Clr Peter Guy - carried

Motion to receive business arising moved Clr Les Knox seconded Clr John Dixon.

Correspondence: In

Letter of appreciation received from Macarthur Veteran Golfers Association for the Grassroots Prize Scheme.

Avan Sponsorship

Flyer Brisbane Waters WOG

Sand green Championships Flyer 2021

CWVGA donation of \$1000. To Dunedoo Golf Club

Clr John Daley Report WOG Armidale

Email Roz Fuller records editing issues

Email Kevin McInnes regarding Armidale WOG presentation of prizes, this email was then sent to Armidale tournament Director for his input

Email Dave Flatt NSWVGA prize money for majors

Out:

Email to all group secretaries from Clr Gary Mason

NSWVGA Appreciation certificates to Dave and Karen Flatt as well as

Port Stephens Vets Match Committee

Email to all group secretaries from Clr Stu Dossetor

Request sent to Greg Constantine Armidale TD to reply to Kevin McInnes email.

Motion to receive correspondence Clr John Dixon seconded Clr Gerry Cox

Reports

President's report

Match Play Championships.

This championship was an outstanding success thanks to the dedication of Dave and Karen Flatt and the large group of volunteers who supported them. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to thank them all at Friday night's Presentation Dinner. This Committee has certainly raised the bar for future championships and has re-established this event as a "major" on the NSWVGA Calendar. With strong sponsorship from Ingenia Holidays, Port Stephens Council, 1st Tee Sunscreens and 7th Street Caravans the organisers were able to extend the trophy list to include all participants.

Nelson Bay Golf Club, Horizons Golf Club and Pacific Dunes Golf Club deserve recognition for allowing access to their courses which were in excellent condition. A one tee start at Horizons made for a late, cold and wet finish to the day but Dave will be working diligently to overcome that problem in 2022.

Congratulations go out to all concerned for the organisation of a successful championship which was played in the spirit of veterans golf.

As Nelson Bay will reach the end of their tenure to conduct this championship we should be asking for expressions of interest immediately.

Note: I have received an email from Dave Flatt suggesting a restructuring of Trophy values for the event. I have asked Aileen to make that matter an agenda item.

Boggabri Golf Clubs Proposal to conduct a Week of Golf.

Following a discussion with Milton Scaysbrook, who indicated an interest in conducting a week of golf I suggested that as a trial they plan a two day event on the Saturday and Sunday between Tamworth WoG and Narrabri WoG. He and a committee have decided to accept that suggestion and would like the event to be placed on NSWVGA Calendar for 2022.

Boggabri is a nine hole sand green course with grassed fairways and obviously an enthusiastic Committee and it would be my recommendation that we support the committee in its endeavours.

Public Website

As there was no rush from within the Council to take on the role of putting items onto the public website I have uncovered a reliable, knowledgeable, computer literate person who is willing to take on the role for a trial period. Peter Fowler lives in Old Bar and has made an offer that we shouldn't refuse, unless another candidate comes along. This move will speed up the placing of news items on the website and free up Peter and Stu for their tasks on the Register.

Change of areas of responsibility.

Jim Shadlow and Stu Dossetor have agreed to exchange duties. Jim will take over the role of liaison between Group Secretaries and Tournament Directors and NSWVGA. Stu showed a preference to

stay with the administration of the Members Register until the new one is introduced. Jim is both a Group Secretary and Tournament Director and his expertise will be recognised by our members in similar positions.

Banners: I have purchased stickers “nswvga.com.au” for our banners. I will bring them to the meeting for distribution.

Motion: After discussions with many Tournament Directors re membership there has been a strong push to amend the previous motion on this subject to:

“From 1 January 2022 any player, male or female, wishing to play in any NSWVGA event, Championship or Week of Golf, must be a member of NSWVGA.”

I will move this motion and ask for a seconder at the meeting.

Internet banking and cheque books.

I have been made aware of upcoming moves within the Banking industry that cheque books will become “obsolete” in the near future. With this in mind I read some articles from Comm Bank re this matter and am of the opinion that we should move in that direction as soon as practicable. This will bring about some significant changes in the transfer of monies between Groups and NSWVGA but I believe if we make “small steps” we can achieve the goal of being ahead of the move when cheque books are no longer used.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVG

Clr Ian Vidler motion to receive his report seconded Les Knox - carried

Treasurers Report:

New South Wales Veteran Golf Assoc							
FINANCIAL STATEMENT							
9.4.21 to 1.6.21							
PAYMENTS		\$24,176.21	OPENING BALANCE as at 9.4.21			\$59,333.11	
BANK BALANCE	\$40,877.06	INCOME			\$5,720.16		
TOTALS		\$65,053.07				\$65,053.27	
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT AS AT						9.4.21	\$41,777.06
LESS O/S [CHEQUES]/DEPOSITS							
number of grassroots vouchers				\$800.00	[\$800.00]		
C.W.Jewellars				\$100.00	[\$100.00]		
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE						\$40,877.06	
EXPENSES				INCOME			
Councilors to tournaments		\$2,073.30	Affiliation Fees		\$2,105.00		
Postage		\$10.80	Rego Fees WOG		\$2,014.00		
Grassroots vouchers		\$9,825.00	Interest		\$41.16		
Insurance		\$3,721.85	Sale of Books		\$1,560		
Sponsorship Nelson Bay		\$1,880.00	TOTAL INCOME		\$5,720.16		
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$6,665.26					
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$24,176.21					
SUMMARY OF ASSETS							
Bank Balance			\$40,877.06				
Greater Building Society			\$30,000.00	Matures 6.6.21 at 0.25%			
Vouchers for WOG			\$3,100.00				
TOTAL ASSETS			\$73,977.06				

INTEREST

GREATER		\$25.39
BANK	\$41.16	\$47.04
TOTAL INTEREST		\$72.43

Miscellaneous		
Sale of Books	\$1,560.00	\$3,810.00
TOTAL INCOME.	\$5,720.16	\$8,703.43

Clr David Gunner moved a motion to accept his report seconded Clr James Shadlow

Program Co ordinator Report:

Program Report June 2021

Overview.

We are now halfway through our 2021 program. Other than the early pull outs everything else will go ahead as scheduled.

There are issues that must be resolved at this meeting concerning events scheduled around Easter in 2022. As usual the scheduling of Easter is the problem but revamping the program to suit the minority should not be an option.

There is an agenda item on this point.

2021 Program.

As I have mentioned the program is progressing smoothly.

Councillor representation at weeks of golf needs to be addressed.

Firstly, there is a change required to the councillor attending South West Rocks,Port Macquarie and Narromine sand greens events as the councillor attending has become indisposed.

Secondly, there needs to be a greater participation of councillors at these events to represent NSWVGA. As it stands there seems to be two or three who represent at a majority of events.

Thirdly, there is also a need for someone to take ownership of the roster. They need to ensure that it is correct and that Tournament Directors are aware of who is attending there tournament.

2022 Program.

This is now on the website. As yet there is only one change to the calander.

Brisbane Waters have requested that they be moved to an earlier week. They will now move from September to precede Nambucca Heads in late June.

There is also a need for Tenterfield not to run a week in opposition to Armidale. With the demise of Casino there is a week available following Armidale that would see participants who play Armidale move onto Tenterfield for the next week. I have spoken to participants at the Armidale event and they agreed that this would make sense especially for the Queenslanders returning home.

I will contact Bill Eastgate with this proposal.

2023 Program.

It is now in draft stage.

I would suggest that if Boggabri were to be included in the program that it should be in this year with changes to the timings of the starts each day. While it is 120 Kms from Tamworth those who would attend and play would not do so with the early starts on Saturday.

This program will be sent to TD's in August -September, ratified in October and posted on the website in December-January.

Agenda Items

1 Resolution of Tumut/Gundagai and Cootamundra.

2 Tenterfield letter to program their second week. Offer an alternative and depending on their answer make a further decision on their week.

3 Roster ammendments and selection of Councillor responsible for it oversight.

John Daley

Program Co ordinator

NSWVGA

Clr John Daley moved a motion to receive his report seconded John Dixon

NSWVGA – Website Report – June 21

Public website

It is nearly a year since we brought the new public website into action, and it has bedded down well. The following are the outstanding issues:

- a. I would like to hand over responsibility for putting WOG Results and News posts up onto the website to someone else. I also feel that it is a good time to bring one or two new people onto the website team - we would be very exposed if Stu or I went under the proverbial bus. When borders are eventually opened up, I expect to again be spending quite a bit of time abroad.

The main requirement is for someone who has decent creative and editing skills - the material arrives in all sorts of formats and it needs to be brought together into a reasonably standardised format, photos resized and put into tables with captions, adding the featured image, They need to have general computer skills and a decent internet access.

This would particularly suit someone who is not on the road a lot. I would provide all the training and hand-holding required.

Ian has suggested that we put a message on the relevant pages of the website, which I think is a good idea. I would appreciate guidance on how to word the message to attract volunteers and not frighten them off.

- b. Would the information on the Program page be clearer if we moved the TD's email from column 4 to under the TD's phone in column 3?
- c. It has been suggested that we should list the duty councillor for each event in the Program. It would be useful for us, as Councillors, to have the roster in a central place. It would also be useful for TDs to know who they should contact about presentations and other matters.

Perhaps the most convenient place to put it would be under the club list in the second column?

Should we consider identifying other Councillors attending, or would this just cause confusion?

- d. The Groups & Clubs page is quite slow to load, and it has sometimes crashed when updating. One factor slowing it down may be the list of links to each Group at the head of the page. Would anyone be concerned if we deleted these links?
- e. The empty Tournament Director and Group Secretary history pages have been loaded by MiClub. There is an outstanding action to load the history data into these.
- f. A number of tournament reports are outstanding, and some were provided in a format that could not be uploaded.

New Membership Register

Jo Hunter is progressing with the development of the new website and expects to have a draft version for review at the end of June. The following points should be noted:

- g. The rules for use of Affiliation Club need to be agreed.
- h. When the new register is ready for use, I propose that we should ask each GS for an Excel spreadsheet with their current membership list. Using the facilities for batch submission, we can use these to automatically identify all inconsistencies and then investigate them.

Peter Guy
12 Jun 2021

Clr Peter Guy moved a motion to accept his report seconded Clr John Daley

Matters on Notice

1. NSWVGA prize money for Majors
2. Value of Trophies for NSWVGA Medal Finals at Nambucca and Forbes
3. Tenterfield letter to program second week of golf.
4. Gundagai/ Tumut/ Cootamundra WOG 2022
5. Boggabri weekend of golf | 2nd 3rd April 202
6. Expression of Interest Match Play 2022
7. VWGA offer of sponsoring Ladies Championships at Dubbo
8. Tips for Tournament Directors
9. WOG Roster amendments and who is responsible for the changes.
10. Postings items on website, Peter Fowler trial period
11. Change of responsibilities Stu and James
12. Change to previous motion – Requirements to NSWVGA event
13. Internet Banking

Moved on a motion Clr Ian Vidler seconded Clr Peter Guy. Clr Jim Shadlow to consult with Clr Les Knox on trophy value for Match Play.

Approval for Boggabri to run their trial event between Tamworth and Narrabri Clr Jim Shadlow will contact Boggabri tournament director. Moved on motion Clr Stu Dossetor seconded Clr Lance Fredericks – carried

All website updates, including News items and WOG results, to be sent to www.webmaster@nswvga.com.au. Moved on motion Clr Gerry Cox seconded Clr Peter Guy. Clr Gerry Cox will now take on the role of posting news items, results on the website.

Moved on motion Clr Ian Vidler seconded Clr Peter Guy from 1st January 2022 any player male, or female wishing to play in any NSWVGA event, Medal, Championship or a week of golf must be a member of NSWVGA. – carried

NSWVGA will allow members to join from age 50 as of 1st January 2022. This does not require any of the groups or clubs to change their age limits for membership or for tournaments. These are all the responsibility of the individual group or club. Moved on motion from Clr Peter Guy seconded by Clr John Daley – carried

Next council meeting on the 4th August will also be a Special Meeting where we will address the changes to the constitution. Moved on motion Clr Peter Guy seconded Clr John Dixon. – carried

Moved on Motion from Clr John Dixon seconded Clr Stu Dossetor that NSWVGA move to internet banking – carried. Note WOG Tournament Directors will still receive vouchers to use for prizes.

Clr Ian Vidler asked Clr David Gunner to change the way he records expenses in his reports to give a more precise record of what the expense is and how it is recorded. The report above reflects this and contains year to date figures.

Due to a number of pro-ams been played on several different course, Brisbane Waters WOG will now be held from 27th June 22 to 1st July 2022.

Easter continues to be a issue for scheduling WOG, Clr John Daley will continue discussions with Tumut/Gundagai and Cootamundra Tournament Directors.

Tenterfield proposed second week Clashes with Armidale WOG, Clr Jim Shadlow will consult with Tournament Director to change the date.

Clr Ian Vidler will do a costing/ green fees/ trophy amounts for the Medal finals, after speaking with Beryl Roberts for numbers at Forbes and present at next meeting.

Emerald Downs Golf Club has been given approval from owners to form a vets Group.

Matters without Notice:

General Business:

Expression of interest to go out for the Match Play Championships

Clr Ian Vidler moved a motion to send Anne Doyle some flowers seconded Clr Stu Dossetor – carried

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Clr Jims Shadlow will inform Tournament Directors to check website for which councillor is attending the tournament

Group 14 Northern Rivers have nominated Mr Peter Taylor as the second Councillor for NSWVGA

Clr Les Knox moved a motion seconded Clr John Daley to invite Nancy Cullen WVGA to the next NSWVGA Executive meeting.

Moved on a motion Clr John Dixon seconded Clr Les Knox NSWVGA will donate \$500.00 to Dunedoo Golf Club from the disaster fund.

Moved on a motion from Clr Les Knox seconded Clr Lance Fredericks that we review our insurance cover and cost

Meeting closed at: 12.25pm

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 4th August 2021

Matters of Action

- Clr Jim Shadlow received a response from Armidale Tournament Director. Clr Jim will do an information package for all new tournament directors and send out to them, when we are notified if there is a change in tournament director.
- Clr Jim Shadlow to liaise with Clr Les Knox on trophy values for the Match Play and report back to the committee at the next meeting.
- Clr Jim Shadlow will contact Milton Scaysbrook to give him a Tournament Director's package and offer any support they may need for their trial event.
- Clr Jim Shadlow send out to Group Secretaries a copy of NSWVGA Tournament Directors Role document

- Secretary to send out to Group Secretaries a notice to inform the groups of NSWVGA intention to hold a Special General Meeting prior to the next Executive meeting on Wednesday the 4th of August 2021
- Clr Ian Vidler to do a costing on Medal finals present to next meeting
- Clr Ian Vidler to do expression of interest draft for Clubs to host Match Play Championship
- Clr Lance Fredericks to review the cover and cost of insurance
- Clr Les Knox to invite Nancy Cullen to attend the next meeting executive meeting on 4th August 2021

REPORT TO NSWVGA COUNCIL ON THE 2021 MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Although a full review of the NSWVGA MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS is yet to be completed, the following is a report to NSWVGA Council.

The Championships were played at Nelson Bay, Pacific Dunes and Horizons golf courses from Monday 31 May to 4 June 2021.

There were 136 players in 9 divisions of Men's and Ladies. This number resulted in a "half division" of 8 players in Ladies Division 4. As Councillors would understand, the Match play event relies on equal divisions of 16 players, but to fit a few more ladies in, it was eventually decided to have one division at 8 players. These Division 4 ladies played 2BBB matches on the first day before completing the remaining three days in the individual event. At one stage we thought of making Division 1 Ladies the "half group". This was mainly because of the large spread of handicaps of the 16 players in this scratch event. However we just couldn't arrive at a format that we thought was suitable for the premier ladies event. For the 2022 event we intend to have 9 full divisions catering for 144 players.

The finances for the event still have to be completed, but in general terms, the turn-over was just over \$32,000, with an estimated carry-over surplus is approximately \$1200. However, this was only through the major raffle that returned just over \$1000. The full budget document to date has been sent to the President.

We were fortunate to have significant sponsorship from Ingenia Holidays plus Associate Sponsorships from Port Stephens Council, 1st Tee Sunscreens and 7th Street Caravans. Total sponsorship amounted to \$6500. Thanks to the prize allocation of \$1880 from NSWVGA, the cost of prizes for all Divisional winners and runners-up were covered. Thanks to the sponsorships we were able to cover all other costs for the event, including prize vouchers for every match won.

The major financial struggle was through the green fees charged by the participating clubs - two in particular. Out of the entry fee of \$160 pp, \$46 went to the Meet & Greet and Presentation dinner, and the total green fees came to \$115 pp. As must be the case with all Weeks of Golf, without significant sponsorship, this event would never break even just on entry fees.

In the final report to players that will be sent next week, we will be asking for feedback from players. Anecdotally, the feedback from players has been very positive. However, from the Review meeting held last week by our Organising Committee, there are some matters we have identified already. These include:

1. The one-tee start at Horizons on the Thursday made it extremely difficult to finish in daylight. This was despite moving the first tee time forward to 7.15 am, as well as vigorous marshalling throughout the day. We made numerous requests for a two-tee start as at other courses, so if our request can't be accommodated next year we will have to move that day to another course. This may lead to an even higher cost for green fees.
2. We had a few players report to the incorrect starting tee, particularly on the Monday. Despite this information being displayed on the time sheets that were sent to players each night, we have added some steps as further reminders to the players.
3. On day 4 we still had several players who did not understand how the Matchplay Index works. We will add an on-screen display to these instructions at the Briefing session on the Sunday. This reinforces the need for all players to attend the briefing for this event.
4. There were some comments about the display of the results in that some felt it wasn't easy to track the progress of the winners. Despite how the results were displayed, we still believe we had the correct formula for the progress of winners and losers through the rounds. Ian Vidler has given us a copy of the draw from the original championships at Rich River, and Peter Guy is looking at that for a further revision.
5. It was disappointing that three of the divisional winners, including the Ladies Champion, were unable to attend the Presentation dinner. In the case of this year's event, some of them had "fallen on their swords"

when we initially had more severe Covid restrictions. The Ladies Champion did appoint a proxy to deliver her acceptance speech, but with a full capacity available for the dinner next year, we hope that all divisional winners will be present to receive their prizes.

As we have indicated previously, my Organising Committee and will not apply to host this event beyond the current three-year agreement that finishes with the 2022 event. We also feel that it is appropriate for an event of this stature to rotate around different regions. We hope NSWVGA will be able to advertise for Expressions of Interest for a future host of the event. Once selected, we will give every support to the incoming Organising Committee.

In closing, I would like to thank Councillor Peter Guy for his outstanding assistance for this event. It wouldn't be possible for Peter to put so much of his time and expertise into every Week of Golf, but it was vital to the smooth running of this event. As Councillors would appreciate, the conduct of the Matchplay event is extremely complex, and we couldn't have done it without Peter's expertise.

If Councillors have any queries or suggestions, we would welcome them.

Dave Flatt
Tournament Director
12 June 2021

CENTRAL NORTH V G A .

BOGGABRI WEEKEND of GOLF.

2nd and 3RD APRIL 2022.

MAJOR SPONSORS are SUNBLESSED SUNSCREEN .

SATURDAY 2ND . 18 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD .

SUNDAY 3RD 18 HOLE 2 PERSON FOURBALL,can be MIXED teams .

Registration 8.30 am for 9.00 am start both days.

Morning tea on arrival and presentation tea on Sunday .

\$60-00 NOMINATION includes ball and green fees both days and tea.

Prizes for NTP's and Best 2nd shot to the 1st green (par 4)

Overnight powered sites are available at Boggabri Showground adjacent to the Club . Also Caravan park and Motels available.

Golf carts may be available for hire if required.

Nominations by 29/3/2022 for draw to be made to miltons1942@outlook.com