

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF NSWVGA WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH, 2023 VIA ZOOM

Meeting Opened: 9.00am

Attendees: Les Knox (President), John Daley (Vice President), John Dixon (Vice President), Dick van Buuren (Treasurer), Stu Dossetor (Clr), Peter Guy (Clr), Peter Taylor (Clr), James Shadlow (Clr) Robert Trembath (Clr) and Charlie Swyer (Clr) and Aileen Williams (Secretary)

Due to internet access Penny Hudson (Clr) arrived at 9.20am

Apologies:

Dick Farrant (Life member) and Lance Fredericks

Minutes of previous meeting on Wednesday 7th December, 2022, as previously circulated be amended to include the Treasurer's AVGU's Discussion paper. Also that Lance Frederick was present as an individual and not as Councillor and that Charlie Swyer as was present as Councillor Dick van Burren moved that subject to these changes that the minutes be confirmed - Seconded Clr John Dixon - carried

Minutes of previous zoom meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2023, as previously circulated but renamed as Executive Council Meeting were confirmed on motion Clr John Dixon Seconded Clr Jim Shadlow - carried

Business Airising:

Agenda for Executive Meeting only be sent out to attendees prior to the meeting

Moved on motion Clr John Dixon Seconded Clr Jim Shadlow - carried

Correspondence: In

31.1.23 Colin Thorniley (AVGU Secretary) reply to our letter.

Mr Dave Flatt Group 9 Secretary, Mr Dick Farrant Life member NSWVGA and Alan Chrisp President A.V.G.U- accepting the invitation to attend our Executive Meeting 7TH June 2023

10.2.23 Minutes of the AVGU A.G.M November 2022 as well as their Annual report

17.2.23 Flyer from Shoalhaven Heads Match play

28.2.23 A.V.G.U requesting access to our members through the group and club secretaries

02.03.2023 Letter from GROUP 14 Secretary Ray Kent

08.03.23 Term Deposit Certificate, Bendigo Bank

Correspondence Out:

28.1.23 Reply sent to Maitland Veteran Golfers

28.1. 23 Invitation sent to Dave Flatt (Group 9 secretary) Dick Farrant (Life member) as well as Alan Chrisp (President A.V.G.U) [to attend NSWVGA meeting on 7.6.2023.](#)

Motion to receive all correspondence moved Clr John Daley - Seconded Clr Stu Dossetor - carried

REPORTS:

President's Report.

As this is my first report for 2023 I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming new Councillors, Penny Hudson, Charlie Swyer and Rob Trembath to the Executive Council.

Many of the issues I planned to include in my report will appear as Agenda items for discussion, e.g. updating Constitution and Policies; however, I will touch on some issues in this report.

AGM – 7 DECEMBER 2022.

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to John Brown and the team at Kogarah Golf Club for making their club available to hold our AGM.

Many thanks must go to retiring Councillors Lance Frederick and Gerry Cox who have worked tirelessly for the benefits of NSWVGA members. Although Lance and Gerry did not seek re-election to the Executive Council, they volunteered their assistance if required.

Both Gerry and Lance agreed to being co-opted to continue assisting by;

- Gerry putting Results and News Items on the website.
- Lance will continue to monitor Insurance Policies and assist with a review of NSWVGA Constitution.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTGER.

Firstly, can I acknowledge the incredible amount of hours that Councillor Peter Guy has put into the creation of the New Members Register.

Shortly after a NSWVGA Special General Meeting on 25th January 2023 all current Councillors were given login details to the new site and asked to explore the site to see if they could manage the site and report back to Peter with any problems/issues they had.

Councillors found that the New Members Register requires operators to have Excel 2010 or a later version.

Thanks to those Councillors who have spent many hours trying to work their way through the site. Special thanks must go to Dick van Buuren for his work and research done to achieve an understanding on how to operate his way through the site. Dick has also spent many hours assisting other Councillors on how to understand the operations of the site, especially working with Excel spreadsheets.

Feedback to date from Councillors indicates that all have found that when it comes to Excel spreadsheets they have been unable to work through the system, even with assistance from Peter Guy or Dick.

My concern is that the New Register requires operators to have a thorough knowledge of Excel spreadsheets. Will Tournament Directors and Group Secretaries have the required knowledge or level of expertise to manage the new register.

I note in an email forwarded to other Councillors on 3rd February, 2022 Ian Vidler made the following comment;

I am becoming increasingly concerned by the delay in the introduction of the new Members Register. It is now 14 months since we agreed to proceed with this matter and I would love to be able to confirm with TDs and GSs that it will be available soon but progress appears to be stagnant and our promises to members quite empty. Peter, are you able to push a little harder on this matter?

Going forward it is now important that Councillors consider the following:

- Is the New Members Register workable?
- Is the site sufficiently 'user friendly' to enable even those with limited Excel spreadsheet experience to operate the site,
- If not, what is required to enable ALL Councillors, Tournament Directors and Group Secretary to use the register,
- Do we continue with the register if the above cannot be achieved,
- Do we have a Plan 'B' should Council decide not to continue with the New Members Register?

AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFER'S UNION (AVGU)

Currently NSWVGA pays \$2,500 yearly to be affiliated with AVGU. Concerns have raised and discussed by Council concerning what the benefits are to NSWVGA members and do those benefits warrant the payment of the current yearly affiliation fee. Correspondence has been exchanged between NSWVGA and AVGU.

Alan Chrisp, President of AVGU has been invited to attend the face-to-face meeting of NSWVGA Executive Council on 7 June 2023 at Kogarah Golf Club to discuss AVGU membership and the running of AVGU National Championships to be held in NSW in 2027. It is pleasing that Alan has accepted that invitation.

AVGU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event is programmed to be held in NSW in 2027.

It is important to commence initial planning of the National Championship now and secure a venue.

David Flatt, Tournament Director of National Championships 2018, and Life Member Dick Farrant have also been invited to attend the June meeting to assist with advising in the preparation of the National Championships. Alan Chrisp as the Tournament Director of the National Championships to be held in ACT this year will also be able to provide guidance.

SPONSORSHIP OF NSWVGA CHAMIONSHIPS AND WEEK'S OF GOLF.

I concur with the comments of Treasurer Dick at the last 'dot point' on page one of his report.

NSWVGA sponsors championship events and NSWVGA trophies for both men and ladies at Weeks of Golf in the same amount irrespective of the size of the fields, the exception being if a tournament attracts more than 200 entries the sponsorship for NSWVGA trophies increases.

Sponsored events include the following Championships;

- NSWVGA Stroke Play Championships,
- NSWVGA Ladies Championships,
- NSWVGA Mixed Sand Green 4BBB Championships,
- NSWVGA Mens Sand Green 4BBB Championships,
- NSWVGA 4BBB Mixed Championships,
- NSWVGA Sand Green Championships,
- NSWVGA Match Play Championships.

These issues can be discussed in matters arising out of the Treasurer's Report with the following matters being taken into consideration:

- Create a new policy to include what events and the cost of sponsorship.
- With some events, including Championship, having low entries, should a minimum number of entries be set for a tournament to proceed.
- Should the level of sponsorship vary according to the number of players.

CONCLUSION.

Finally, NSWVGA Executive Council wishes all members good health, safe travels and a successful golfing journey in 2023.

Les Knox

President NSWVGA

March 2023.

Motion to adopt report moved Clr Les Knox – seconded Clr Dick van Buuren – carried

Treasurer's Report to the General Meeting 8th March 2023

- I will start with a word of caution. Please before we go rushing off to make a decision on who needs Microsoft 365, can we spend some serious time thinking about the potential costs, implications and precedents of such a decision.

I remind Council of some misguided decisions made some years ago.

They may have seemed a good idea at the time but they had serious impact on our bottom line. Had it not been for Covid we would have been financially embarrassed.

- For general information, Peter Taylor controls Mini Shields and Presentation Folders for WOG events. Peter also controls the NSWVGA Medals. I liaise with TD to obtain bank details and I then deposit the value of "Vouchers" into their respective accounts. I also, on request, transfer Medal "Vouchers" to the respective GS's bank account. I email the Medal Certificate, which is an electronic word document.
- In the past we have made an annual donation to a charity which is in accordance with point 2.12 of our Constitution. Do we wish to repeat this in 2022/23? Previous years donations made to: MND \$500 , Blaze Aid \$2,000, & Black Dog \$500
- Both Kiama and Southern Highlands Paid the \$2 WoG SRI shortly after our December meeting. All 2022 WOG have now paid the \$2 Levy
- John Dixon is now an authority on the CBA account and the Bendigo account is a WIP.
- AVGU Invoice for \$2,500 was paid 12th December 2022.
- Our PL insurance renewal received and paid. It increased by \$660 or 9%. Several other Policies renewals still to be received.
- Our prize "Vouchers" for both WoG and Championships varies in amounts. Some WoG are \$510 and some \$370. I believe that 200 starters qualifies the increase to \$510. Similarly Championships have significant sponsorship. One of our Schedule of Prizes for a Championship states: "NSWVGA reserves the right to increase/decrease sponsorship depending upon number of entries." Should we not monitor all Weeks of Golf and all Championships numbers so we can make adjustments to prize value if necessary or appropriate? Is there/should there be a process in place to record, monitor and report the number of starters at each event?

- Contrary to my previous report, we have now invested \$40k with the Bendigo Bank. The Term Deposit is for 12 months (expiring 12 February 2024) at an interest rate of 4.1% pa with interest paid on maturity.
- There were \$370.00 worth of Voucher/Gift cards returned to me at last meeting and I have purchased \$285.00 worth – my payment can be seen as income in the Financial Report. There is still one \$85 voucher on hand.
- As at 26 February we have received \$68,182 (or 13,636 members) in Affiliation Fees. The Database shows 11,449 and the new Members Register shows 11,581

NSWVGA Acc 062-234 2800 2400

Available	\$59,836.23
Pending	\$0.00
Balance	\$60,161.23

Pay or transfer

Showing 40 transactions

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
Wed 01 Mar 2023	Credit Interest		+\$21.08	\$60,161.23
Tue 28 Feb 2023	DEPOSIT CASH \$0.00 CHEQUE \$325.00 Branch MUSWELLBROOK GROUP 17		+\$325.00	\$60,140.15
Mon 27 Feb 2023	Direct Credit 048411 Reg Aus Bank Group 29		+\$110.00	\$59,815.15
Mon 27 Feb 2023	Fast Transfer From Mid North Coast Veter Region 13 (MNCVGA) members at 27 Feb ... MNCVGA members since 1/1/23		+\$175.00	\$59,705.15
Fri 24 Feb 2023	Direct Credit 128594 BRIAN AXFORD GROUP 51 Kareela		+\$15.00	\$59,530.15
Fri 24 Feb 2023	Fast Transfer From NRVGA CREDIT TO ACCOUNT Group14 Extra 95 Registrations 2023		+\$475.00	\$59,515.15
Fri 24 Feb 2023	DEPOSIT CASH \$0.00 CHEQUE \$150.00 Branch TEMORA 1 Temora Vets		+\$150.00	\$59,040.15

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\$16,537.64
Available balance

\$16,537.64
Current balance

Activity

		Debit	Credit	Running balance
March 1, 2023	Interest		\$0.29	\$16,537.64
February 27, 2023	J B & S M Dixon Flights to June 23 Meeting	\$320.90		\$16,537.35
February 26, 2023	James Shadlow T/E Illawarra n S'haven less >	\$380.00		\$16,858.25
February 23, 2023	Dick van Buuren Trav Exes June 2023 Meeting	\$714.60		\$17,238.25
February 22, 2023	Deposit - Cheque(S) Tumut #Chq:1		\$115.00	\$17,952.85
	Warren Saunders Insur Brokers Invoice 625715	\$7,955.71		\$17,837.85
February 21, 2023	Deposit - Cash Shoal Wog		\$40.00	\$25,793.56
February 17, 2023	DR & BA Today			

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association

YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1-Oct-22 to

28-Feb-23

PAYMENTS	32,701.22	OPENING BALANCE as at 1.10.2022	78,142.29
BANK BALANCE as detailed below	116,677.50	INCOME	71,236.43
TOTALS	<u>149,378.72</u>		<u>149,378.72</u>
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED AS AT:-			
LESS O/S (CHEQUES) / DEPOSITS	28/02/2023	CBA	60,140.15
	28/02/2023	Bendigo	16,537.35
	Bendigo Bank Term Deposit matures 13/2/2024 Rate 4.1%		40,000.00
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE			<u>116,677.50</u>

EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2023	2022 year
Administration Fees	536.79	2,595.50
Affiliation fees	2,500.00	
Audit Fees	330.00	330.00
Donations	-	500.00
Insurances	7,955.71	10,941.98
Postage Print & Stat	214.99	721.33
Sponsorship	-	6,240.00
Vouchers	9,689.07	13,780.00
Trav Exes Meetings	3,956.56	3,178.35
Miscellaneous Travel Exes	519.78	
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders	375.00	2,274.20
Website	4,950.00	7,095.00
Grassroots	-	7,550.00
Grants	-	5,100.00
Tournament Expenses	1,200.00	7,641.60
Honorariums	-	2,700.00
Meetings Lunch & Cabs	473.32	450.23
TOTAL PAYMENTS	32,701.22	71,098.19

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2023	2022 year
Affiliation Fees	68,792.00	79,520.00
WOG Player Rego Fees	2,058.00	8,518.00
Interest	100.43	275.98
Sponsorship	-	1,800.00
Administration Income	-	
Unidentified Deposits	1.00	10.00
Book Sales	-	100.00
Sale of Vouchers	285.00	
	-	
TOTAL INCOME	71,236.43	90,223.98

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association
Details of year to date Income & expenses
1/10/2022 to 28/02/2023

PAYMENTS

DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev YTD
Administration fees	536.79	567.00
Affiliation Fees	2,500.00	-
Audit Fees	330.00	330.00
Donations	-	500.00
Insurances	7,955.71	-
Postage Printing & Stationery	214.99	395.23
Sponsorship	-	600.00
Vouchers	9,689.07	8,490.00
Misc Travel	519.78	-
Council Meeting Tx Swyer	-	-
Council Meeting Tx Daley	377.46	-
Council Meeting Tx Knox	85.36	-
Council Meeting Tx Williams	471.35	-
Council Meeting Tx van Buuren	1,444.71	-
Council Meeting Tx Trembath	-	-
Council Meeting Tx Dossetor	-	-
Council Meeting Tx Taylor	58.80	-
Council Meeting Tx Guy	-	-
Council Meeting Tx Hudson	-	-
Council Meeting Tx Shadlow	750.00	-
Council Meeting Tx Dixon	768.88	-
Council Meeting Tx Former Councillors	-	-
Council Meeting Tx TOTAL	3,956.56	-
Trophies Shields & Presentation Folders	375.00	2,224.20
Website	4,950.00	-
Grassroots	-	-
Grants	-	4,800.00
Honorariums	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Swyer	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Daley	-	428.70
WOG Travel Subsidy Knox	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Williams	-	843.00
WOG Travel Subsidy van Buuren	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Trembath	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Dossetor	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Taylor	600.00	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Guy	-	658.10
WOG Travel Subsidy Hudson	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy Shadlow	600.00	590.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Dixon	-	290.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Former Councillors	-	631.80
WOG Travel Subsidy TOTAL	1,200.00	3,441.60
Meetings Lunch & Cabs	473.32	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	32,701.22	21,348.03

INCOME


DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev YTD
Affiliation Fees Group 1	230.00	250.00
Affiliation Fees Group 2	6,420.00	6,370.00
Affiliation Fees Group 3	7,405.00	7,475.00
Affiliation Fees Group 4	4,750.00	4,745.00
Affiliation Fees Group 5 NOW GR 51	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 6	1,960.00	1,755.00
Affiliation Fees Group 7	3,315.00	3,920.00
Affiliation Fees Group 8	990.00	1,450.00
Affiliation Fees Group 9	2,550.00	2,055.00
Affiliation Fees Group 10	-	1,120.00
Affiliation Fees Group 11	3,040.00	2,050.00
Affiliation Fees Group 12	3,247.00	5,305.00
Affiliation Fees Group 13	1,530.00	-
Affiliation Fees Group 14	10,475.00	10,230.00
Affiliation Fees Group 15	2,400.00	-
Affiliation Fees Group 16	4,215.00	2,100.00
Affiliation Fees Group 17	325.00	-
Affiliation Fees Group 18	380.00	165.00
Affiliation Fees Group 19	-	535.00
Affiliation Fees Group 20	2,220.00	2,125.00
Affiliation Fees Group 21	805.00	755.00
Affiliation Fees Group 22	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 23	1,315.00	2,395.00
NO Group 24	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 25	165.00	225.00
Affiliation Fees Group 26	-	1,240.00
Affiliation Fees Group 27	2,595.00	2,375.00
Affiliation Fees Group 28	1,080.00	1,325.00
Affiliation Fees Group 29	1,815.00	2,190.00
Affiliation Fees Group 30	1,075.00	1,050.00
Affiliation Fees Group 31	900.00	980.00
No Group 32	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 33	-	-
Un-grouped	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 51	3,590.00	2,955.00
Affiliation Fees TOTAL	68,792.00	67,140.00
WOG Player Registration Fees	-	-
Deniliquin	196.00	128.00
Dubbo	272.00	-
Great lakes Cancelled	-	-
Kew Cancelled	-	330.00
Leeton	136.00	80.00
Manning Valley	82.00	-
Port Stephens	270.00	-
Seaside Valley Kiama	228.00	-
Silver City	156.00	-
Southern highlands	238.00	-
Tenterfield	246.00	-
Griffith Abandoned	-	232.00
Young WOG	234.00	232.00
Various	-	-
WOG Player Registration Fees TOTAL	2,058.00	2,110.00
Interest	100.43	89.48
Sponsorship	-	800.00
Affiliation Fees	-	-
Unidentified Deposits	1.00	-
Book Sales	-	-
Journal	-	-
Sale of Vouchers	285.00	-
TOTAL INCOME	71,236.43	70,139.48

Term Deposit Certificate

Name THE NEW SOUTH WALES VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION I
NC
Address 3 KARUAH ST
THORNTON NSW 2322

Date lodged 12 FEB 23
Customer number 45565363 / 2501
Account number 201347168

Balance \$ 40,000.00
Term 12 MONTHS
Interest rate 4.10 %PA
Review date 12 FEB 24
Interest payment frequency ON REVIEW


On behalf of Bendigo Bank
BENDIGO CENTRE
1300 661 455 3550



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 **Bendigo Bank**

Motion to adopt report moved Clr Dick van Buuren – seconded Stu Dossetor – Carried

Program Report Zoom 08/03/2023.

Introduction

The year is underway and it is encouraging to see the numbers that are attending the different weeks of golf.

From a programming point of view everything is progressing well with this years and next years program posted on the website. I think we are all receiving calls about some events that have been accessed through the wrong webpage but this is an education problem that will be ongoing. Most access the "Seniors Golf" site where the problems occur.

2023 Program

Some late changes have occurred that concerned Sawtell and Rich River week of Golf.

Sawtell.

I was contacted by Rachel Jacobsen , Club Manager Sawtell Golf Club who informed me that Sawtell will not go ahead this year because of course renovations. With this in mind I have offered the week after Yamba's week vacated by Coffs Harbour in late August. There has been no reply to this date but there are moves afoot to determine if this is a hiccup or may become permanent because Sawtell approached NSWVGA to move their week out of school holidays along with Nambucca Heads and the week offered will be this week in 2024. Will keep you posted.

Rich River

Golf Courses along the Murray around Rich River have been offered the NSW PGA Open for the next 10 years in March/ April. This has prompted Rich River to ask for an alternate date away from March / April. After discussions with the Vets and the Mother Club it was decided to go with late October or early September remembering we have scheduled events and Championships that need to be avoided. This year Rich River will go on 11th September – 15th September and be preceded by Barham Trial event in the week prior. The following year they will be joined by Tocumwal and Howlong/ Corowa.

Trials

Trials will be held at Muree in May, Barham in September, and Harden in November. Plans for these three events are well advanced with flyers for all events being distributed at weeks of golf and district veteran's clubs.

Boggabri two day trial event which was held their last year will hold their event between Tamworth and Narrabri weeks this year and it is hoped that they may fill a void prior to Tamworth next year. We will see how they fair before making this decision.

2024 Programs

Next years program has many changes especially effecting Tamworth, New England and North West weeks of golf. Their events will go in reverse to ovoid Easter and the colder months as well as school holidays.

As mentioned earlier this will also happen in the Riverina effecting Howlong/ Corowa, Tocumwal , Rich River and Barham. All events will move to October/early September. See program.

Policy Reviews

At the December meeting a committee consisting of Penny, Rob, Charlie and myself was formed and charged with reviewing all policies and regulating them into a common format that was simple, concise and self-explanatory.

Policy 2, the Bain of our lives was the guinea pig.

Charlie provided a template and all contributed different scenario's which ended in the one that has been sent to all councillors for comment. This policy is not written in "BLOOD" and can be changed after discussion.

A big thank you to the committee for their hard work in producing this.

Conclusion

We are in a time of many changes. I often wonder if we have too many weeks of golf and that maybe we should look at thinning the number of weeks in a Groups area and maybe looking at yearly alternating weeks.

I know the work that goes into a week of golf and because the numbers on the ground are thinning some what with volunteers that maybe clubs could combine for an alternating week.

This could be something to consider down the road.

John Daley

Program Co Ordinator

NSWVGA

Motion to adopt report moved Clr John Daley seconded Clr Penny Hudson – Carried

NSWVGA TECHNICAL REPORT – MAR 23

1. Membership Register development

The new register was re-loaded with the 'live' data in the last week of January, and since then all updates made to the old register have been applied to the new register on a regular basis (every 2-4 days).

A number of problems have been identified with both the system and the Excel templates. These have been addressed and currently the only known problem still outstanding is:

- If a Query file is uploaded without the genders set to valid values, the report file is corrupted. The developer is working on this and in the mean time all files must have the genders set.

The function List Members for a Club has not yet been implemented.

2. Membership Register implementation

A number of Councillors have attempted to use the Bulk Query function, with varying success. It is clear that to use the Bulk Query and Bulk Update functions, a good knowledge of Excel is required.

The functions to Search for a Member and Add a New Member do not seem to be causing any difficulties. Search for a Member allows renewing an individual membership or changing a member's details.

One Group Secretary, Dave Flatt (Grp 9) has started using the new register for updating memberships.

Action: When do we want to bring on other GSs?

3. Membership Register maintenance

The developer of the new Register has quoted \$1200p.a. for on-going maintenance of the system. This covers underlying system upgrades, hosting charges and includes an allowance for minor changes. Significant upgrades would be quoted separately. Any errors will be corrected free of charge.

Action: Can we agree to an annual contract for this maintenance?

4. Membership statistics

There have been a number of comments regarding the group affiliations of members. Some GSs have complained about people "adding unauthorised players to their group", others have complained about "stealing our players".

In the new Membership Register, we are keeping a record of every renewal, not just the current membership status. For each renewal we keep the following data:

- Year valid
- Date paid
- Affiliation Group

The Affiliation Group is set by the User. In the normal case of a member joining through their local Group, this would be set to that Group. Where a member joins or renews through some other channel - e.g. at a tournament – the Affiliation Group may be set to 99 (None).

The Affiliation Group for a member may change from year to year.

The Affiliation Group is used to generate membership statistics both by Group and by Home Club, identifying the make-up of each Group and Home Club.

5. Payment tracking

Every user operation on the Register is logged with the id of the User who entered it and the date and time of entry. We can download these logs and analyse them.

Particularly for Renew Membership and Add New Member (the operations for which payment is due), identifying the User means that we can generate lists of what monies should have been received from whom for what and when.

It is clear that some GSs are very slow in updating the old register. I hope that when they become familiar with the new register, it will be easier for them to keep the register up to date.

It appears that some GSs only transfer fees to the Treasurer once a year. It seems to me that we should require fees to be transferred within (say) 4 weeks of receipt.

6. Public website

The public website is now running smoothly, although there still seem to be members who are unaware of it or are looking at alternative sites. We must continue to get the message out that the official website is the only one that is guaranteed to be up to date and also features results and news.

The survey of Group Secretaries has ensured that nearly all the contact details are up to date. We must encourage them to let us know any changes.

7. Technical administration

As there were no suitable candidates for assisting with management of domain name and email addresses, I was asked to see if we could outsource this activity. The developer of our new Membership Register, Jo Hunter has provided a quotation of \$20 per month, plus registration fees. We have approx. 6 domain names and registration fees will be \$35p.a. per domain. This gives a total quotation of \$450 per year.

8. Zoom subscription

The free Zoom package only allows 40 minutes for a meeting and originally had a limit of 10 participants. I therefore purchased a Zoom Pro license. The participant limit has subsequently been raised to 100, but the 40 minute restriction remains.

I recently renewed the Pro licence at a cost of \$230.89.

Action: I ask the Council to give retrospective approval for this expenditure. If so, is it required that approval is sought each year?

Peter Guy

7 Mar 23

Motion to adopt report moved Clr Peter Guy seconded Clr John Dixon – Carried

NSWVGA Constitution – discussion points

4 Mar 23

This document identifies the major points that require discussion in developing a new version of the Constitution.

1 Terminology

The terms Member, Delegate, Councillor, Financial Member, Playing Member are used with apparently different meanings in different clauses in the Constitution, with significant potential for confusion.

It is proposed to delete all references to Governing Council and to exclusively use the following terms in the Constitution:

- Delegate. A person who is nominated by a Group or Directly Affiliated Club to vote at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting.
- Councillor. A member of the Executive Council. The Executive Council comprises the President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and seven other Councillors.
- Playing Member. A person who has paid a current annual subscription to NSWVGA.

Note: in the Constitution a Life Member has all the rights and privileges of a Playing Member but does not have to pay an annual subscription.

2 Councillor voting rights

The Constitution does not explicitly mention that Councillors have voting rights at General Meetings, although this has always been the practice. Councillors are not necessarily Delegates. It is proposed that Councillors should have the same voting rights at General Meetings as Delegates.

3 Life Member voting rights

It is proposed that Life Members should have the same voting rights at General Meetings as Delegates. Note: In most cases Life Members have not been Delegates and so would otherwise have no voting rights.

4 Single vote

If one person has more than one of the roles of Delegate, Councillor, Life Member, they will only have a single vote.

5 Process for electing Councillors

- a. Each Group or Directly Affiliated Club may nominate Delegates to each General Meeting by notifying the NSWVGA Secretary. See below for discussion of quotas for nominating Delegates.
- b. If a Delegate is unable to attend a General Meeting, the relevant Club or Directly Affiliated Club may nominate an Alternate Delegate who may vote in their place.

- c. Each Group and Directly Affiliated Club may propose any number of candidates for Councillor by notifying the NSWVGA Secretary. A candidate must be a Playing Member.
- d. At each AGM, Delegates, Councillors and Life Members vote to appoint Councillors from the candidates to serve until the following AGM.
- e. If a casual vacancy occurs on the Executive Council, a replacement Councillor may be appointed by the Executive Council.

6 Quotas for electing Delegates

A number of alternative schemes have been discussed as to how many Delegates may be nominated by each Group or Directly Affiliated Club. To provide a basis for discussion, four possibilities are detailed here. The Council may choose to select one of these or may come up with another alternative.

Option a - Current Constitution:

- Each Group (including Ungrouped Clubs) with less than 150 Playing Members – no Delegate
- Each Group (including Ungrouped Clubs) with between 150 and 1000 Playing Members – 1 Delegate
- Each Group (including Ungrouped Clubs) with over 1000 Playing Members – 2 Delegates

Option b - Alternative 1:

- Each Group with up to 1000 Playing Members – 1 Delegate
- Each Group with over 1000 Playing Members – 2 Delegates
- Directly Affiliated Clubs collectively – 1 Delegate

Option c - Alternative 2:

- Each Group irrespective of size – 1 Delegate
- Each Directly Affiliated Club irrespective of size – 1 Delegate

Option d - Alternative 3:

- Each Group irrespective of size – 3 Delegates
- Each Directly Affiliated Club irrespective of size – 1 Delegate

7 Requirements for a Registered Club

The Constitution currently requires a Registered Golf Club:

- to be affiliated with Golf NSW or Golf Australia
- to have a constitution
- to own, lease or have a formal or tacit agreement for occupancy of a golf course and/or clubhouse, the facilities of which have been approved for that use by a local Council authority, and in respect of which that Club holds legal and insurable responsibilities to its membership.

These requirements are colloquially termed 'Bricks and Mortar' and are intended to exclude 'social' clubs. The reasoning is that members of Bricks and Mortar clubs are making a significant financial contribution to the game of golf whereas members of 'social' clubs are not.

There are a number of reasons to re-visit whether we want to continue these requirements:

- It is very difficult to identify which clubs actually conform to these requirements.
- It is difficult to identify players who are 'country' or 'social golfing' members of a Bricks and Mortar club, paying substantially lower fees in exchange for very few playing rights.
- There have been substantial movements in direction, with Golf Australia actively promoting 'social' clubs and encouraging participation by a wider player base.

8 Points already discussed and resolved

The change to remove Zones has already been approved at the AGM on 2020-12-02, but the relevant changes have not yet been applied to the Constitution. This will be included in the revision of the Constitution.

The following three changes have already been agreed at Executive Council meetings but have not been put to an AGM. These will be put to the next General Meeting.

- Delete references to Patron (ECM_2020-12-02)
- Remove requirement for Secretaries to hold addresses and remove specifics of where registers are to be held (ECM_2020-12-02)
- Differentiate between Financial year and Membership year. Membership year is calendar year and Financial year is 1st October to 30th September the following year. (ECM_2021-02-24)

Dick Farrant
Lance Fredericks
Peter Guy

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The above paper was discussed. The following conclusions were reached on each point:

1. It was agreed that the Governing Council should be abolished and the terminology proposed would be adopted.
2. It was agreed that Councillor voting rights should be formally recognised.
3. It was agreed that Life Members should have voting rights.
4. It was agreed that one person would have a single voting right even if they have more than one role.
5. The process for electing Councillors was agreed as set out in the paper.
6. It was agreed to adopt option c (alternative 2) - one delegate per Group and one Delegate per Directly Affiliated Club.
7. It was agreed to not change the definition of a Registered Golf Club - i.e. retain the 'Bricks and Mortar' requirement.
8. The previously agreed points were noted.

Clr Peter Guy will relay these decisions to the sub-committee and they will be incorporated in the proposed revised constitution.

Sponsorship

Clr John Dixon presented an update on a number of proposals.

General Business:

New members register:

Concerns were raised regarding the length of time in roll out the Register

Several Councillors voiced their strong concerns that they believed that the Bulk Query facility was just too complicated and they believed that GS & TD would have great difficulty in using this option

Comment was also made that the "List members for a Club" option was not available

Clr Jim Shadlow suggested that he would make a note in his next newsletter that the rollout be placed on hold

Clr Robert Trembath commented that we should continue with the New Members Register.

Clr Peter Guy advised that he would do a printed list of instructions to be sent out to the councillors on how to use excel program when using the new members registers.

All councillors work through the new members register with the list of instructions provided by Peter Guy. We will then have another Zoom meeting on Wednesday 12th April 3.00pm.

When the pro license for the Zoom meetings becomes due each year Clr Peter Guy will renew it without applying for approval from the Committee, as it is a requirement of normal operations to be able to hold zoom meetings.

Moved on motion Peter Guy Seconded Clr Penny Hudson - carried

Updated Policies:

Policy 2 has been updated and sent out to the councillors. Some councillors felt that it was a little too prescriptive towards the Tournament directors and need to be reworded prior to been posted on the web.

Nomination Packs need to be sent to Clr John Daley and Clr Jim Shadlow to be vetted prior to posting on the web.

Moved on motion Clr John Daley Seconded Clr Robert Trembath – Carried

Perpetual shield and expenditure:

Clr Jim Shadlow will contact the tournament directors to inquire if they have a Perpetual shields for WOG and how many spaces that they have available on them.

Secretary to purchase the latest version of excel

Moved on Motion Clr John Dixon Seconded Clr John Dixon – Carried

Zoom meetings to continue to start at 9.00am

Moved on motion Clr Peter Guy Seconded Peter Taylor - Carried

We have had extensive discussion on the \$5.00 membership. This is to be discussed further at the June meeting.

Moved on motion Clr Peter Taylor -seconded Clr John Dixon - Carried

NSWVGA Mixed 4BBB Championships- The 4BBB Championships will be held in Wagga this year. Due to low numbers the Championship may need to be cancelled. Clr Robert Trembath will liaise with Wagga about numbers and then we will make a decision. We would require 40 couples to make the Championship viable.

Moved on motion Clr John Dixon Seconded Clr Peter Taylor -Carried

Sponsors Logo on the NSWVGA Web site

Watson caravans to be removed

Clr John Dixon will contact David Gunner to inquire if we have any left over NSWVGA Banners for the new Councillors.

Dick van Buuren requested that the Newsletter be sent to Club Secretaries as well as Group Secretaries. Clr Peter Guy's can provide a file of club secretaries' email addresses.

Meeting closed at:1.17PM

Next Meeting Via Zoom Wednesday 7th June commencing at 9.00am

Action Points

1. Clr Peter Guy will send Secretary the appropriate wording regarding anyone wanting to access our members via the group secretaries and club secretaries information
2. Secretary to reply to Mr Alan Chrisp (President of the AVGU) email requesting permission to access our members via the group secretaries.
3. Clr Stu Dossetor will liaise with Ray Kent regarding his concerns that he raised in his letter to the Executive. The \$5.00 membership will be discussed further at the June meeting. Also remind him that he does have access to the new members register.
4. Clr Peter Guy will do a list of instructions for the new members register to make it easier to use.
5. Clr Peter Guy will send out a reminder to Group 14 secretary Ray Kent so he can access the New Members Register
6. Clr Jim Shadlow will do a template for the Councillors to use at the WOG. This will include
The Name of the Tournament director

The details about the registration

The courses that were played

The weather

The number of male and female players

Number of clubs represented

Presentation dinner

The Winners

As well as the Stats of who are locals and visitors attending the tournament. Clr Charlie Swyer will collate the information.