

Minutes of the NSWVGA Special General Meeting held at Kogarah Golf Club, Wednesday 7th June 2023 commenced at 9.23am

To consider and if thought fit pass the following Special Resolution:

"That New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association adopts the revised Constitution"

Attendees: (Clr) Peter Guy Delegate Gp 4, Bob Coulson (Life member) Dave Flatt Delegate Gp 9, Richard Doyle (Life member), John Daley (V/ Pres) Gp 14 Delegate, (Clr) Penny Hudson Proxy Delegate 28, (Clr) Peter Taylor Gp 14 Delegate (Clr) Robert Trembath Proxy Delegate Gp 25, (Clr) Jim Shadlow Delegate Gp 15, (Clr) Charlie Swyer Proxy Delegate Gp 21, John Dixon (V/ Pres) Delegate Gp 29, Brenda Powell Delegate Gp 3, Dick Farrant (Life member) Delegate Gp 3, Col Darley Delegate Gp 2, (Clr) Stuart Dossetor Delegate Gp 2, Dick van Buuren (Treas) Delegate Gp 27, Les Knox (Pres) Delegate Gp 20, Aileen Williams (Sec) Delegate Gp 7, Steve Mitchell Delegate Gp 6.

Apologies: Lance Fredericks, Len Payne, Paul Horton (Life member), Les Mann (Life member)

Correspondence In:

26.05.23 Apology received from Life member Paul Horton attendance 7th June.
31.05.23 Email received from John Daley- Discussion points for special meeting.
01.06.23 Email received from Group Secretary 15 - voting Jim Shadlow
02.06.23 Email received from BWDVets -
02.06.23 Email received from Group 7 Secretary- voting Aileen Williams
04.06.23 Apology received from Paul Horton attendance 7th June.
04.06.23 Email received Group 20 President Les Knox- voting Les Knox
04.06.23 Email received Group 27 Secretary - voting Dick van Buuren.
04.06.23 Email received Mike Hedditch Griffith Vets
05.06.23 Email received Group 28 Secretary voting- Penny Hudson as Proxy Delegate Gp 28.
05.06.23 Email received Rick Jamieson Group 25 voting - Robert Trembath as Proxy Delegate Gp 25
05.06.23 Email received from Geoff Lawrence group 25- Robert Trembath - voting.
05.06.23 Email received Group 29 John Dixon -voting.
05.06.23 Email received Group 14 Ray Kent - voting John Daley and Peter Taylor
05.06.23 Email received from Graham Guest Gp 17 - voting Charlie Swyer as Proxy Delegate Gp 21
05.06.23 Email received Kevin Connell Secretary Cabramatta Vets -voting Charlie Swyer
05.06.23 Email received from Stu Dossetor confirming Col Darley and Stuart Dossetor Delegates for Group 2
06.06.23 Email received from Ian Shoulder President SVGA Gp 4-voting Peter Guy

Correspondence Out:

24.5.23 all Group Secretaries and Councillors and Life members were emailed a copy of the notice of the Special General Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 7th June commencing at 9.00am a copy of the Special Resolution was also included.

Meeting opened at 9.23am by President Les Knox with a very warm welcome to everyone for their attendance especially those that have travelled long distances. He also extended a very warm welcome to the Life Members Dick Farrant, Bob Coulson and Richard Doyle and thanked them for their attendance here today.

President Les stated.

I sent out an email to Executive Councillors, briefly outlining the position that there is no option to amend the proposed constitution at this Special General Meeting.

It can only be accepted exactly as it is or completely rejected.

This revision is a major step forward on the way to sort out the constitution. It does not have to be the final result. The most important thing is that it clears up all confusion over who can vote at general meetings.

It is very important that we do this at the earliest opportunity so we can have a solid basis moving forward. I acknowledge that those outside the Executive Council have not had the opportunity to make comments or suggestions in time to be considered at this meeting. I intend to ask for further comments in the next couple of months with the intention of holding an open discussion meeting say in August to consider any further changes.

The changes could then be brought to the December A.G.M.

It has been suggested that we could delay a vote on the Amended Constitution until further changes are considered and possibly inserted in the final amended constitution. I have real concerns that if this procedure is adopted, we could find ourselves in the same position at the A.G.M considering further amendments to the constitution in 2024.

I proposed to have someone move that the constitution, which has been widely circulated and commented on, moved and if I have a seconder for it then I will open it up for people to either speak for the motion or against the motion and then we will take a vote.

The voting must come down to delegates. The secretary stated that she had received proxies from group secretaries stating that they wanted to give their votes to Cllr Penny Hudson, Cllr Robert Trembath and Cllr Charlie Swyer and have the councillors represent them at the meeting. The President then asked if he could have a motion to accept the revised constitution.

Cllr Peter Guy moved that The NSWVGA adopt the revised constitution notice which has been circulated. Seconded Cllr Peter Taylor

The President then asked if Cllr Peter Guy wanted to speak for or against the

motion as the mover of the motion.

Cllr Peter Guy stated that he didn't think that he had anything to add to what you said Les. President Les then asked if anyone wanted to speak against the motion. Cllr John Daley spoke against the motion. Cllr Robert Trembath spoke on the issues that he found concerning with the motion. Life members Richard Doyle and Dick Farrant also commented.

Cllr Robert Trembath stated the amount of work that has been done on the proposed constitution is extraordinary and the subcommittee are to be congratulated.

President Les asked if anyone else wanted to speak for or against the motion. The Executive Council needed to have two thirds of the attendees who were present and allowed to vote in favour of the motion. There were nine in favour and six against the motion. Two abstained. The motion was lost.

The NSWVGA Special General Meeting closed at 10.15am.