

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Council Meeting held at Kogarah Golf Club
Wednesday 7th June 2023

Meeting Opened: 10.15am

ATTENDEES: Attendees: Cllr Peter Guy, Bob Coulson (Life member), Dave Flatt (Gp 9), Richard Doyle (Life member), John Daley (V/ Pres), Cllr Penny Hudson, Clr Peter Taylor, Clr Robert Trembath, Clr Jim Shadlow, Clr Charlie Swyer, Cllr John Dixon (V/ Pres), Brenda Powell Gp 3), Dick Farrant (Life member), Col Darley (Gp 2), Cllr Stuart Dossetor, Clr Dick van Buuren (Treas), Clr Les Knox (Pres), Clr Aileen Williams (Sec), Steve Mitchell (Gp6), Stephen Wicks (Gp 3). Alan Chrisp (President AVGU) joined at 10.55

APOLOGIES: Life member Les Mann, Lance Fredericks, Paul Horton
Moved on motion Clr John Daley second Clr John Dixon - carried

OBITUARIES: Brian Barnes Dubbo Vets

Minutes of Previous meetings Wednesday 23rd March 2023 and Wednesday 12th April 2023 as previously circulated were confirmed on motion Clr Stu Dossetor second Clr Peter Guy - carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence In:

- 23.3.23 Email David Flat Group9 Secretary New member register
- 30.3.23 Email Penny Hudson Membership cards
- 28.4.23 Invoice for bulk update csv files Intercom computing systems
- 27.5.23 Confirmation received for Alan Chrisp re attendance to June meeting.
- 28.5.23 Email received from Group 7 Secretary – Changes to Constitution
- 29.05.23 Email received from Elwyn Ward- requesting direct affiliation for Cowra Vets
- 29.05.23 Email received from Lance Fredericks- a request to extend insurance cover Sydney Vets trip to NZ.

Correspondence Out:

- 11.3.23 Reply to Alan Chrisp AVGU regarding NSWVGA contacts list.
Invitation sent to Alan Chrisp, Dick Farrant and Dave Flatt
Group 9 secretary to attend the next meeting 7th June
- 27.5.23 List of questions for June meeting sent to Alan Chrisp
Moved on motion Clr Stu Dossetor Seconded Clr Peter Guy – carried.

Reports:

President's Report: from President Les Knox as circulated and read. Moved on motion Clr John Dixon Seconded Clr Dick van Buuren - carried.

President's Report for NSWVGA Executive Council Meeting 7th June, 2023

Welcome.

Welcome to all, especially special guests, Dick Farrant, David Flatt and Allan Chrisp (President AVGU)

Report.

The Executive Council of NSWVA are currently undertaking a review and update of the Constitution, Procedures and Policies that affect the day to day running of NSWVGA. Some of the updates are well overdue and necessary to bring the Association in line with current operations of the Association.

Many thanks must go to all Councillors for their dedication and enthusiasm in the manner they have carried out tasks assigned to them. Thanks, must also go to Dick Farrant and Lance Fredericks for the work they have carried out as part of the Constitution Sub-Committee, along with Councillor Peter Guy.

Proposed changes and amendments have resulted in robust discussions amongst Councillors with some differing views being expressed. In my view, this is a healthy situation for the Association, as long as when a vote is taken, all accept majority decisions and move forward.

Some of the matters under discussion and review include matters referred to hereunder:

- Amendment of the NSWVGA Constitution,
- Redesign and implementation of the New Members Register,
- Review and update of all NSWVGA Policies,
- Review and update of sponsorship of NSWVGA Championships and Weeks of Golf,
- Review of Perpetual Shields,
- NSWVGA membership with AVGU,
- AVGU National Championships to be held in NSW in 2027.

Proposed amendments to NSWVGA Constitution.

An extensive review of the NSWVGA Constitution has been carried out by the Constitution Sub-Committee, Peter Guy, Dick Farrant and Lance Fredericks.

The draft amended Constitution has been circulated to Councillors and Group Secretaries and is available on NSWVGA Website along with explanatory documents.

Much discussion took place prior to our last AGM in 2022 and it became clear that many of the proposed amendments were necessary to make the Constitution easier to understand and clarify essential information such as; voting rights and who can nominate for positions on the Executive Council.

Whilst there has been some debate concerning voting rights, it is my personal view that all members should have the right to a vote and be able to nominate for positions on the Executive Council.

When considering proposed amendments to the Constitution I would urge all Delegates and

Councillors to make their decisions on facts and circumstances that currently exist and not think about what might or could happen at some stage in the future.

New member's register.

I would again like to acknowledge the incredible number of hours that Councillor Peter Guy has put into the creation and implementation of the New Members Register, ably assisted by those through perseverance, are now competent to operate the new system.

Access to the New Members Register for Group Secretaries and Tournament Director has been proceeding but I would like to see that implemented quicker in the hope that all who require access to the site can be given that access by the end of June, 2023.

To reach that goal could Councillors look at dividing those still requiring access, to be shared amongst those Councillors who feel they are in a position to assist with inquiries.

AVGU National Championships.

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.

We are fortunate to have David Flatt, Tournament Director of National Championships 2018, Life Member Dick Farrant and Alan Chrisp, President AVGU and Tournament Director of the National Championships to be held in ACT this year, agreeing to attend the June meeting. Their experience and guidance will be invaluable in planning for this tournament.

Documents containing details of previously conducted Championships and other relevant documents have been circulated to Councillors to assist with discussions.

Australian Veteran Golfer's Union (AVGU)

Sincere thanks and appreciation to Allan Chrisp, President of AVGU for giving up his time to attend the meeting of NSWVGA Executive Council on 7 June 2023 at Kogarah Golf Club to discuss AVGU membership.

Some concerns have been expressed about financial contributions made by NSWVGA members to AVGU compared to other States and the benefits to our members.

Sponsorship of NSW Championships and Weeks of Golf.

The number of players entering Weeks of Golf and Championship events can vary greatly therefore a review of sponsorship is necessary to:

- Create a new policy setting out cost of sponsorship of all events.
- With some events, including Championship, having low entries, consider including a minimum number of entries be set for a tournament to proceed.
- Vary the level of sponsorship according to the number of players entered for a tournament.

It is concerning that there has been a reduction in numbers participating in some tournaments. I am not sure of the reason for this, but Councillors should work with Tournament Directors, some of whom have little experience, to see how the Association can assist them to promote their

tournaments and hopefully attract more players.

Perpetual Shields.

A review is currently being undertaken to establish if all tournaments have perpetual shields for both male and female players.

When the review has been completed a decision will be made on how best to ensure all events have perpetual shields.

Les Knox
President NSWVGA
June 2023.

Motion to adopt report Clr Les Knox Seconded Clr Penny Hudson - carried.

Treasurer's Report: Circulated and read moved on motion Clr Peter Guy Seconded John Dixon - carried.

Treasurer's Report to NSWVGA's Executive Meeting 7th June 2023

- Firstly, I confirm my decision not to seek renomination at the December AGM as detailed in my email to all Councillors 22nd March.
- I note with great concern that the minutes of the December and January meetings have not been updated on our website despite having been confirmed (subject to corrections) at the 8th of March meeting. Such a delay is unprofessional & reflects very badly on our organisation and all of us. It is imperative that the minutes of our meetings are accurate and updated in a timely manner.
- Also reflecting badly on us is the unprofessional alterations to our WoG Presentation Folders that we have used in 2023. Makes us look like we are cutting costs, when that is certainly not the case!
- Whilst we do have Presentation Folders for our WOG we do not have a similar item for our Championships Vouchers/Gift Cards Prizes. This is an area that needs attention.
- Our message is not getting through regarding the \$2 Levy.
We received \$208 from Howlong/ Corowa's March WOG- which has been refunded.
We received \$188 from Greater Lakes' May WOG – has also been refunded.
- When Reps are depositing into our bank account can you please show a meaningful Bank Reference (e.g., Signups XYZ WoG). A short email advising me of the deposit and the reference used is extremely helpful.
- All insurances have now been paid. They increased by 10% to last year.

- The Members Register shows 15,453 financial members as at 20/5/2023. At that date fees received amount to \$78,879 or 15,775 members. The difference is 322 members paid but not registered.
- I recommend that we start to “advertise” that we will be seeking nominations to fill the vacating positions of President and Treasurer on our web page, in our newsletter and by our Reps at WoG Presentations as soon as possible.
- I recommend that the fees for 2023/24 remain at \$5.00.
- I have now purchased all the WoG Vouchers/Gift Cards returned to me in December which is reflected in the financial statements.

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Available	\$51,108.71
Pending	\$0.00
Balance	\$51,108.71

Pay or transfer

Showing 40 transactions

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
Thu 01 Jun 2023	Credit Interest		+\$19.38	\$51,108.71
Wed 31 May 2023	Fast Transfer From MID SOUTH COAST VETER Group 2 MSCVGA Affiliation fees		+\$55.00	\$51,089.33
Tue 30 May 2023	Fast Transfer From N M & A RICHARDSON Group 8 payment, new member, Nikki Ri... Group 8		+\$5.00	\$51,034.33
Tue 30 May 2023	Fast Transfer From NRWGA 35 Registrations for Yamba Week Of Go... Yamba Week Of Golf REG 2023 x35		+\$175.00	\$51,029.33
Sat 27 May 2023	Fast Transfer From KENNETH MALPASS Wingham Vets x 2		+\$10.00	\$50,854.33
Thu 25 May 2023	Fast Transfer From DALLAS LESLIE BIBBY Barham Barham		+\$45.00	\$50,844.33
Wed 24 May 2023	Direct Credit 199249 RICH RIVER GOLF RRG		+\$160.00	\$50,799.33

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\$13,055.50

Available balance

\$13,055.50

Current balance

Activity

		Debit	Credit	Running balance
June 1, 2023	Interest		\$0.13	\$13,055.50
May 27, 2023	Aileen Williams Great Lakes WOG Travel Subsidy	\$200.00		\$13,055.37
May 24, 2023	Forster Tuncurry Vet Refund re \$2 levy	\$188.00		\$13,255.37
May 22, 2023	Mid South Coast VGA Medal Vouchers as per K Pinka>	\$250.00		\$13,443.37
May 17, 2023	PD & RA Taylor Travel Subsidy as claimed	\$500.00		\$13,693.37
	Aileen Williams Trav Subsidy Muree WoG	\$200.00		\$14,193.37
May 12, 2023	Inbound web solution Inv 0889	\$1,925.00		\$14,393.37
May 10, 2023	Shoalhaven Heads Gol	\$2,060.00		\$16,318.37

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YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1-Oct-22 to

31-May-23

PAYMENTS	56,183.76	OPENING BALANCE as at 1.10.2022	78,142.29
BANK BALANCE as detailed below	104,144.70	INCOME	82,186.17
TOTALS	<u>160,328.46</u>		<u>160,328.46</u>
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED AS AT:-			
LESS O/S (CHEQUES) / DEPOSITS		31/05/2023 CBA	51,089.33
		31/05/2023 Bendigo	13,055.37
		Bendigo Bank Term Deposit matures 13/2/2024 Rate 4.1%	40,000.00
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE			<u>104,144.70</u>

EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2023	2022 year
Administration Fees	1,715.07	2,595.50
Affiliation fees	2,500.00	
Audit Fees	330.00	330.00
Donations	-	500.00
Insurances	11,955.97	10,941.98
Postage Print & Stat	573.62	721.33
Sponsorship	4,540.00	6,240.00
Vouchers	14,379.07	13,780.00
Trav Exes Meetings	5,380.93	3,178.35
Miscellaneous Travel Exes	519.78	
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders	2,045.00	2,274.20
Website	6,875.00	7,095.00
Grassroots	-	7,550.00
Grants	-	5,100.00
Tournament Expenses	4,500.00	7,641.60
Honorariums	-	2,700.00
Meetings Lunch & Cabs	473.32	450.23
Journal	396.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	56,183.76	71,098.19

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2023	2022 year
Affiliation Fees	79,169.00	79,520.00
WOG Player Rego Fees	2,058.00	8,518.00
Interest	167.17	275.98
Sponsorship	-	1,800.00
Administration Income	-	
Unidentified Deposits	26.00	10.00
Book Sales	-	100.00
Sale of Vouchers	370.00	
Journal	396.00	
TOTAL INCOME	82,186.17	90,223.98

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Details of year to date Income & expenses

1/10/2022 to 31/05/2023

PAYMENTS

DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev YTD
Administration fees	1,715.07	732.00
Affiliation Fees	2,500.00	-
Audit Fees	330.00	330.00
Donations	-	500.00
Insurances	11,955.97	10,941.98
Postage Printing & Stationery	573.62	643.23
Sponsorship	4,540.00	5,140.00
Vouchers	14,379.07	8,490.00

Misc Travel	519.78	
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Council Meeting Tx	Swyer	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Daley	823.46	260.80
Council Meeting Tx	Knox	85.36	-
Council Meeting Tx	Williams	896.95	-
Council Meeting Tx	van Buuren	1,444.71	315.00
Council Meeting Tx	Trembath	552.77	-
Council Meeting Tx	Dossetor	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Taylor	58.80	242.39
Council Meeting Tx	Guy	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Hudson	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Shadlow	750.00	-
Council Meeting Tx	Dixon	768.88	398.02
Council Meeting Tx Former Councillors			
Council Meeting Tx	TOTAL	5,380.93	1,216.21

Trophies Shields & Presentation Folders	2,045.00	2,274.20
Website	6,875.00	7,095.00

Grassroots		-
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Grants for Cancelled WOG	-	5,100.00
Honorariums	-	-

WOG Travel Subsidy	Swyer	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy	Daley	1,000.00	1,428.70
WOG Travel Subsidy	Knox	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy	Williams	1,400.00	1,443.00
WOG Travel Subsidy	van Buuren	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy	Trembath	200.00	-
WOG Travel Subsidy	Dossetor	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy	Taylor	1,100.00	200.00
WOG Travel Subsidy	Guy	-	658.10
WOG Travel Subsidy	Hudson	-	-
WOG Travel Subsidy	Shadlow	600.00	790.00
WOG Travel Subsidy	Dixon	200.00	490.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Former Councillors			631.80
WOG Travel Subsidy	TOTAL	4,500.00	5,641.60

Meetings Lunch & Cabs	473.32	-
Journal	396.00	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	56,183.76	48,104.22

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev YTD
Affiliation Fees Group 1	250.00	250.00
Affiliation Fees Group 2	6,580.00	6,480.00
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	2,115.00	1,800.00
Affiliation Fees Group 7	3,365.00	3,995.00
Affiliation Fees Group 8	1,095.00	1,690.00
Affiliation Fees Group 9	2,890.00	2,090.00
Affiliation Fees Group 10	1,115.00	1,120.00
Affiliation Fees Group 11	3,030.00	2,120.00
Affiliation Fees Group 12	5,314.00	5,305.00
Affiliation Fees Group 13	1,530.00	1,780.00
Affiliation Fees Group 14	10,740.00	10,775.00
Affiliation Fees Group 15	2,560.00	2,525.00
Affiliation Fees Group 16	4,430.00	2,220.00
Affiliation Fees Group 17	325.00	455.00
Affiliation Fees Group 18	410.00	470.00
Affiliation Fees Group 19	-	535.00
Affiliation Fees Group 20	2,435.00	2,345.00
Affiliation Fees Group 21	805.00	755.00
Affiliation Fees Group 22	865.00	80.00
Affiliation Fees Group 23	2,370.00	2,690.00
NO Group 24	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 25	415.00	605.00
Affiliation Fees Group 26	965.00	1,340.00
Affiliation Fees Group 27	2,890.00	2,415.00
Affiliation Fees Group 28	1,080.00	1,365.00
Affiliation Fees Group 29	2,135.00	2,190.00
Affiliation Fees Group 30	1,075.00	1,235.00
Affiliation Fees Group 31	900.00	980.00
No Group 32	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 33	-	400.00
WoG Sign ups	1,960.00	-
Affiliation Fees Group 51	3,370.00	2,960.00
Affiliation Fees TOTAL	79,169.00	75,190.00

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	5,225.00

Interest	167.17	170.39
Sponsorship	-	800.00
Affiliation Fees	-	-
Unidentified Deposits	26.00	10.00
Book Sales	-	100.00
Journal	396.00	-
Sale of Vouchers	370.00	-
TOTAL INCOME	82,186.17	81,495.39

I move the adoption of my Treasurer's Report and the recommendations contained therein Dick van Buuren Treasurer Seconded Clr Penny Hudson – Carried

Clr Stu Dossetor noted the recommendations of the fees to stay at \$5.00.

Life member Dick Farrant inquired as to where the Affiliation fees for the ungrouped clubs is recorded on the treasurer report, just an observation, as they are not a club. Clr Dick replied that it is listed down the bottom of the page under group 51 and that he would be happy to change it.

Sponsorship Report:

Clr John Dixon informed the committee that Baptist care is the sponsor for the Ladies Championships at Dubbo later this year.

Penny has tried to contact Ingenia Holiday group but to no avail. Clr Peter Guy will liaise with Clr Penny Hudson regarding contact details for the Ingenia Group.

Program Report: Circulated and read moved on motion Clr Dick van Buuren Seconded Clr Charlie Swyer - carried.

Program Report June 2023 **Overview**

This year's program is progressing well. With half the year completed there have been a few bumps along the way with cancellations of events in this and next year's program but in the main things are moving smoothly.

2023

Numbers to some events have been down while others have escalated dramatically. Events such as Narrabri and Moree had lower numbers due to a few factors namely ill health, medical appointments and escalating costs while other events such as Nambucca Heads, Coolangatta -Tweed Heads and Southwest Rocks have posted the "House Full" signs.

Once again Tamworth, Inverell, and Uralla had very successful weeks. Armidale week of golf was, to put it in the words of our counsellor attending, a disaster. This event has deteriorated over the last four years. After each year counsellors talked to the TD and his committee on ways to improve this event and each year it fell on deaf ears. Once again, after this year's event our counsellor talked to the TD and his committee, outlining the fact that the decreasing numbers, atmosphere, and the general running of the event needed to be completely revamped. This did not go down well with the result that Armidale will not proceed in 2024.

This year saw a new championship venue for our Sand Greens Mixed Fourball event. Walcha was the venue, and it was an outstanding success. It is a great course, and the presentation of the event was excellent.

Muree held their Trial event and while the numbers were not great all the processes were in place for a very successful event in the future. Secretary Aileen is to be congratulated on the hard work done with TD Betty Ritchie in bringing this event to fruition.

Brisbane Waters cancelled along with Sawtell this year. Brisbane Waters is

looking to slot into a new time slot early in the calendar of towards the end of the year. This is being looked at.

Nomination Packs Outstanding

Barham Trial - Awaiting return of TD from Overseas

Glen Innes - Awaiting return of printing from Services Club Staff

Howlong - Nothing heard.

Tenterfield Finalising May Tournament (Local Week of Golf) then concentrate on October.

Harden - Will be ready the week of 5th June.

Seaside Classic - Nothing heard.

2024

This will see the introduction of a new programming strategy for New England-Northwest. The circuit will traverse the reverse to the normal program because of Easter, School Holidays etc. This will be a trial for these weeks of golf to try and evade that mentioned and the cooler weather.

The same will happen with the weeks of golf in the Mid and Far North Coast.

Both Sawtell and Nambucca Heads expressed a wish to hold their events outside school holidays. To meet this Maclean has accepted an earlier week and will commence the Far North weeks of golf in mid-July with Sawtell and Nambucca moving from July to mid to late August.

Where Armidale has left a vacant week in 2024 it is too late to reprogram for 2024 but Glen Innis has expressed an interest in filling this spot in 2025. More on this as it comes to hand.

2025

The first draft of the 2025 program has been sent to Tournament Directors for comment. I am hoping we don't get to draft No 7 before all agree with the program. I will keep all informed on this in later reports.

Summary

There is a growing trend with some weeks of golf that their numbers are either static or starting to dwindle. They may struggle to build their numbers in the foreseeable future and if this is the case, we should look at numbers and the amount of monetary support we give to such events. An example of this is a week that has 60 - 80 starters should not be supported to the extent that one that has 100 -120 starters. Allow the week to continue, review the monetary support given. Food for thought.

John Daley

Program Co Coordinator

NSWVGA

Armidale numbers have been slowly declining each year.

Clr Peter Taylor and Clr John Daley did give advice and support to the Armidale Vets to try and address the concerns of players that attended. There were some comments made by players attending this year's tournament that they would not be attending again next year.

Armidale have decided not to continue with their WOG in 2024. Clr John Daley

stated that he was very disappointed with their decision as it is a very good golf course.

The numbers were down at the match play this year. It was mentioned that as there are no events in proximity leading up to the match play it could be an issue which could reflect the numbers attending the event. Clr John Daley suggested that maybe the Match Play could possibly be moved to a different time of the year.

Move to adopt the report Clr John Daley Seconded Clr Peter Guy- carried.

Website Report: Circulated and read moved on motion Clr Robert Trembath Seconded Clr John Dixon - carried.

NSWVGA TECHNICAL REPORT – JUN 23

1. Membership Register implementation

The following are the user activity statistics up to the end of May. Financial transactions refer to Add new member or Renew membership. We do not have statistics on simple searches, where there is no change to the data.

	Feb/Mar			Apr			May		
	regist'd	active	fin txns	regist'd	active	fin txns	regist'd	active	fin txns
Group reps	3	3	375	7	3	16	13	6	83
Tournament reps	0	0	0	7	1	3	10	1	9
Councillors	10	3	140	10	6	387	10	5	189
from old Register	3504	tot	515	675	tot	406	139	tot	281

There have been no difficulties reported with using the system itself. New users seem generally to be able to start using the system without any support, however this is still available if required.

One user reported problems with their malware protection app denying access – this is dependent on the specific setup and no-one else seems to have a similar problem.

A total of 6 users have used either the Bulk Query or Bulk Update functions.

As more users are using the new Register, problems are being uncovered in the data brought across from the old Register. The most common problem is incorrect GolfLink numbers, and these can only be resolved by detailed analysis of each situation.

Because the take-up by users seems to be going smoothly, I would like to see the transfer of users from the old Register to the new Register to be speeded up.

Action: Appoint someone to talk to each Group and each Dir. Affil. Club to check where they are at.

2. Membership statistics

The following are the gross membership stats as at 2 Jun. As noted above, we are regularly finding errors or duplications in the data brought over from the old Register. As we progress through renewals, these problems will work their way out of the system.

Membership as at 2 Jun 23	Total	Male	Female
current members (2023 or later)	15542	13258	2284
new for 2023	2482	1829	653
renewed from 2022	11834	10309	1525
renewed from an earlier year	1226	1120	106
not renewed from 2022	4330	3612	718
not renewed from an earlier year	6921	6638	283
total records	26793	23508	3285

We have statistics by Group and by Club within Group, but I am not sufficiently confident of the accuracy to publish these at the moment.

3. Membership validity

There have been problems because each Group may have a different start to their membership year. We cannot force Groups into a standard position – there will always be outside influences that constrain them. In some cases, the membership fees are collected by the club's administration in line with the club's year.

When some of these were identified in January, it was decided to treat each as a 'special case' and manually change the valid years for the affected members.

I think this will simply lead to continuing confusion. I believe that the majority of the problems are where the Group (or club) year runs from 1 July to 30 June.

Action: I therefore propose that we should change our rules to say that any membership renewed on or after 1 July should be valid until the end of the following year.

If we agree to this, the system can be updated to default to this rule.

4. Payment tracking and reconciliation

We now have statistics for each user to show how many renewals or additions they have entered and hence what dollar value should be transferred to the Treasurer.

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 many GSs only transfer fees to the Treasurer once a year, indeed this is encouraged by the current rules.

These two factors make it very difficult to do a timely reconciliation of memberships against moneys received.

Action: I therefore propose that we should change our rules to say that Group Secretaries and other persons renewing memberships should be required to ensure that the Membership Register is updated and that the fees are transferred within (say) 4 weeks of the renewal.

Note that if anyone has problems doing the update, they can submit a spreadsheet giving the membership details and the update can be done centrally.

5. 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 that it also features results and news.

It is pleasing that we seem to be notified of changes to Group and Club contact details at regular intervals, so I am more confident that the Groups & Clubs page is accurate.

6. Technical administration

Previously there were no suitable candidates for assisting with management of our domain names and email addresses, and we were considering outsourcing this activity. However, I feel that there may still be some possibilities amongst our members - if anyone can identify them, please let me know. We will not take action on this until we are ready to close down the old Register, but we do need to prepare for it.

Peter Guy
6 Jun 23

Move to adopt the report Clr Peter Guy Seconded Clr Dick van Buuren - Carried

General Business:

Moved on motion by Clr Peter Guy that NSWVGA ask Lance to include the extended insurance for group 4 to travel to New Zealand provided that the cost of the extended insurance is covered by group4. Seconded by Clr Dick van Burren - carried

Clr Peter Guy suggested we contact Group Secretaries to see what they require to be able to move over to the new members register prior to doing the members renewal. The groups that have their membership due in the middle of the year will be contacted first.

Clr Stu Dossetor will contact the group secretaries outlining what is required to obtain a login for the new member register.
First and last name along with their phone number and email address.

President Les then set the agenda aside to give Alan Chrisp from the AVGU a warm welcome and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Alan Chrisp outlined the role and benefits of the AVGU that flow between the states and territories.

The AVGU has an executive which meets once a year. Each state has one delegate that attends the meeting. All decisions are by consensus. The delegate then reports back to their relevant state body so that they can then make decisions.

Age limit for vets which is set to 55years of age for male and female was agreed to by all states. A partner of an eligible player who holds a current GA handicap is eligible to enter the championships but are not able to win the gross or nett championships.

Agreement on a National Championship for both the Men and Ladies with equal prizes money.

Past President of NSWVGA Ian Vidler was a great supporter of the AVGU as a Vice President. Ian was instrumental in changing how the National Championships were run.

Commercial entities became involved in running the event which then changed the event from volunteers putting in their time to an organisation that knew how to run an event. This meant that costs were then starting to escalate.

Keeping the cost of the entry fees of the Championships down to a reasonable level is a concern.

Establishing formal agreement when hosting the championships (Guidelines).

The Championship is not meant to be a money making proposition. It is meant to be a competition to cater for all grades and standards for

Men and Ladies at a reasonable and affordable price. The partners need to be catered for as well. To address these issues the AVGU has now implemented a contract between the state running the event and the AVGU.

A licence is signed between the state hosting the event and the AVGU. This licence is then passed onto the group that will host the event.

President Les enquired if the capitation fees for NSWVGA would increase. He also enquired on the amount of the honorariums that the AVGU Executive members received.

The AVGU budget is set each year at the meeting in November.

Alan replied that as far as he was aware there is no intention to increase the capitation fees for NSW and the AVGU Committee have slashed the amount of the honorariums that the executive members now receive.

Treasurer Dick asked how we could justify to our rank and file the Affiliation Fees paid to the AVGU. Allan explained that like our Weeks of Golf, the National Championships were open to all NSWVGA members.

Alan also supplied the secretary with a copy of the Championship agreement and guidelines as well as some helpful suggestions and information for the conduct of the Championship in 2027.

President Les thanked Alan on behalf of all for joining us and addressing our concerns.

Meeting broke for lunch with the Executive Meeting to reconvene after a 30 minute break.

Executive meeting reconvened at 12.45pm.

Moved on motion Clr Peter Guy that we should change our rules to say that any membership renewed on or after 1 July should be valid until the end of the following year. Seconded Clr Robert Trembath – carried.

Moved on motion Clr Peter Guy that we change our procedure when monies for

registration are received. The recipient should ensure that the information is entered into the members register and that the funds are transferred to the treasurer within 2 weeks. Seconded Clr Robert Trembath – carried.

Stroke Play Championships:

Clr John Dixon stated that there needs to be some discretionary powers used when awarding the monetary value for trophies to the number of players that have entered the event.

Policies:

Suspend any trophy amount on the policies until further parameters have been decided.

Clr Peter Guy asked if anyone had any suggestions for the members register that they would like to see implemented.

Due to the lack of interest, there will no longer be a Final for the 4BBB. Players will still be able to compete for the NSWVGA Medal and 4BBB.

Membership Cards: Clr Jim Shadlow will send out to councillors a template that he is using for the membership card issued to members at Registration.

Clr Jim Shadlow also supplied the committee with a list of clubs at WOG that had perpetual trophies.

President Les Knox and Treasurer Dick van Buuren are not seeking re-election at the AGM to be held in Dec 2023.

As NSW will be hosting the AVGU Nationals in 2027 a sub-committee of Richard Farrant, Jim Shadlow, Peter Taylor, John Daley and Aileen Williams was formed to seek expressions of interest for those groups/clubs that are interested in hosting this event.

Meeting closed at 1.49pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th August which will be a Zoom commencing at 9.00am.