

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting Via Zoom, Wednesday 7th February, 2024

Meeting Opened: 9.00AM

Attendees: Pres John Daley, Vice Pres John Dixon, Vice Pres Robert Trembath, Clr Gary King, Clr Peter Guy, Clr Peter Taylor, Clr Jim Shadlow, Clr Penny Hudson, Clr Charlie Swyer, Clr Catherine Pautsch, Clr Steve Mitchell and Clr Aileen Williams

Clr Peter Taylor joined the meeting at 9.20am

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023, as previously circulated. Moved on motion Clr Aileen Williams Seconded Pres John Daley - Carried

Matters arising:

Clr Peter Guy moved on motion that Clr Gary King be appointed Treasure of NSWVGA seconded Clr Charlie Swyer- Carried

Clr Aileen Williams moved on motion Clr Gary King and Vice Pres Robert Trembath be placed on the Bendigo Bank and Commonwealth Bank as signatories for all of NSWVGA accounts. Seconded Clr Steve Mitchell- Carried

Clr Aileen Williams moved on motion the Amendment to the December minutes that treasurer Gary King have complete and full internet access to all NSWVGA accounts held at the Commonwealth Bank. Seconded Clr Peter Guy - Carried

Clr Aileen Williams moved on motion to change heading of minutes from Agenda to Minutes Seconded Clr Penny Hudson - Carried

Correspondence in:

11.12.23 Email received from Ross Bird new secretary treasurer group 12

4.1.24 Request for Medal Rand Wilson Southern Riverina Vets group secretary (Mr Ron Huy) Tocumwal Vets

8.1.24 Request for Appreciation certificate Robert Minch Upper Hunter Vets

9.1.24 Email received from TD Steve Wicks regarding Data base being out of date

15.1.24 Letter sent to Commonwealth bank regarding signatories as well as the treasurer to have full and complete online access for accounts held by NSWVGA with the Commonwealth bank

16.1.24 Invoice Capitation Fees AVGU

17.1.24 Email Organisation chart for Insurance

24.1.24 Email requesting changes in courses for the Far South Coast Week of Golf

24.1.24 Email received from group 3 enquiring as to why a progress report for AVGU Nationals is requested

25.1.24 Email received Warwick Butler - Flyer for Tumut

26.1.24 Drop box files- 2024 License Agreement Adelaide and 2025 License Agreement Darwin

5.2.24 Email received from Group 14 Secretary Ray Kent

6.2.24 Email received from Griffith Vest regarding playing rights for NSWVGA members

Correspondence out:

11.12.23 request sent to webmaster for login to data base Ross Bird, also a copy of policy 1 to Ross Bird

9.1.24 Follow up on email received from Peter Crowder Medals for Brisbane Waters

9.1.24 reply email sent to Steve Wicks

17.1.24 Organisation chart sent to Lance Fredericks

23.1.24 Email sent to Steve Wicks - progress report on the AVGU Nationals

24.1.24 confirmation email sent to Southern Riverina Vets - Medal presentation

25.1.24 Reply to group 3/ AVGU Nationals progress report request

25.1.24 Reply email sent to Warwick Butler Tumut Tournament Director and copy of Policy 2

Clr Gary King Moved on motion to adopt the correspondence Seconded Clr John Dixon – Carried

## **REPORTS:**

### **NSWVGA Zoom Meeting February 7th, 2024.**

#### ***Presidents Report.***

##### ***Overview.***

This is my first report as President of NSWVGA. When I first took on the role as a Board member it was pointed out that the position was a privilege and should be treated as such. Anyone that is appointed to a Board position has a role to fill and not there just to warm a seat. This has been my objective for the last seven years and I hope that all of the elected Board members feel the same.

##### ***Incoming Board***

The newly appointed Board members bring a vast range of experience with Veterans Golf and their skills from a past working life. It should be remembered that we are all volunteers as well as all of the veterans in NSW holding positions at Group and Club level. It is our job as councillors to make their jobs as easy as possible by providing direction, the tools that they can use and a communication conduit that promotes a two-way conversation.

##### ***Direction and Communication***

We have just revised the Constitution and have nearly completed updating the Policies that provide direction to Veterans at Group and Club level. Before Christmas I undertook a project to divide the Groups between the Councillors on the Board with the aim of improving communication between the Board and the Groups. It has been pointed out that some of the tasks were not possible for a number of reasons such as distance, fuel costs etc.

While I agree with this, I still stand behind the concept and the constraints listed can be overcome by a phone call and if you are in the area either travelling through or to a week of golf make yourself known so as people can put a face to the name. Our past President, Ian Vidler excelled at this and that is why he was such a popular Councillor.

We have our newsletter, but this will only enhance our communication efforts.

##### ***Portfolios***

Our incoming Board have various skills that we should utilise. It is my aim to have all major positions on the Board covered with a backup so as any unforeseen circumstances are covered, and the Board will continue to function if any event should occur.

##### ***General Business***

Since the first Executive meeting in December there has been an enormous amount of work completed on Policies, Program, Finance and Communication. Those who have been involved over the Christmas break a big thank you.

##### ***Sandgreen Championships***

Over the break I received an email from Golf NSW asking NSWVGA to reduce the number and value of trophies presented at this event. My recollection is that we present the gross and nett winners and runners up. This is an agenda item to be discussed and resolved at this meeting, and our decision will then be relayed to Golf NSW.

### **AVGU Fees**

We have received an invoice from the AVGU for \$2500.

NSWVGA advised AVGU some time ago that this was the maximum we would pay, and nothing has changed. If you work on 16000 members in NSW, then \$2500 is cheaper than 16000 times seventeen cents per player. Our break-even number is 15294.

### **Weeks of Golf**

I attended a meeting on the 15th January at Yamba with their veterans committee. This was the result of the letter received last year from a disgruntled player at the event. While there was no foundation to the accusations made in the letter it left a bad taste so much so that the Tournament Director, Mike Grills, will not stand again and in fact has resigned from all further involvement with the veterans group. This left a gap that no one else was prepared to fill and as a result Yamba Veterans Week of Golf has been cancelled for 2024. The indications are it will be revisited in 2025 but my experience is that this will not occur.

I am arranging a meeting with Sawtell veterans who are in the same position as Yamba. The main problem looking from the outside in is the lack of Veteran Committee involvement in the week of golf, leaving it up to the Club CEO to organise (because they get the big bucks) I was informed. I will keep all informed of the results.

### **Website**

I have been talking to the Group Secretaries of Group 11 and 14. Mainly just touching base to see if we can help in any way. They are saying they are becoming increasingly frustrated with the new Members Register mainly because they cannot do their job. It was pointed out that

- golf link numbers cannot be updated
- players who have passed or moved out of the Group cannot be removed from their records
- group secretaries not able to correct golf link numbers

I have been monitoring the conversations between Rob Trembath and Dr Don from Bellingen (Coffs Harbour Vets Treasurer) and this is one of his problems as well. I understand that if access is granted to all Group Secretaries, then there is a chance that the new Register will end up like the one just closed. We should look at granting access to the more competent Group Secretaries and nurture the not so competent. Is this possible?

### **Councillor Week of Golf Representation**

Peter Taylor will introduce a segment at our meetings re the Week of Golf roster. This is intended to ensure all are on the same page about representing and that those representing are aware of what their duties are leading up, during and after the completion of the week of golf.

### **NSWVGA Insurance**

Lance Fredricks has kindly agreed to look after our insurance for this year. One due in February and two in April. We will need someone to take this on after this year. Lance will provide the information required so if you can assist let me know later at the Zoom meeting in February.

### **Weeks of Golf Parity**

Thanks to Charlie Swyer and the statistics he has collected over the last twelve months, it is very evident that the amount of money paid to week of golf has no relevance to the numbers attending. In some instances, a week with 35 players is receiving the same as a week with 150 players. It is time this system is overhauled so as new scales of payment reflect the numbers attending.

### ***Action Points from Previous Executive Meetings***

It is important that if you have an action point from the December meeting, please communicate the outcome to Aileen so as the result can be included in the upcoming meeting.

### ***Conclusion***

We have a busy year ahead. There will be challenges, not the least the declining veteran numbers in some areas, and the difficulties in staging some of our weeks of golf. Some Golf Club boards now see social golf as greater revenue earner than the week of golf and as such are now reluctant to allow a full week especially as it impacts on membership and their golf days. We need to be vigilant in this area and be prepared to negotiate to achieve an outcome that is acceptable to both the Club and NSWVGA.

John Daley  
President  
NSWVGA

President John Daley moved on motion to adopt the President report Seconded John Dixon - Carried

### **Treasurer:**

For my first Report as Treasurer I have decided to play it safe and report in a similar format to previous Treasurer, Dick Van Buuren.

For your assistance in reading, first is an extract from CBA showing Balance as at 31 January; this is followed by an extract of Bendigo Bank account also as at 31 January. These are then followed by some tables which hopefully are familiar, the first a summary of the position Year To Date (YTD), the second a slightly more detailed breakdown of the respective Income and Expenditure items by account classification.

I would appreciate any feedback as to how you would like future Financial Information presented, including whether the report would benefit from any additional information.

I take this opportunity to record my wholehearted thanks to the Executive members, as well as Dick the outgoing Treasurer for their assistance to date. Dick has been very helpful and instructive in enabling transition to myself as the new Treasurer. Aileen Williams has also done some tremendous work in satisfying the CBA as to change of signatories, full internet access etc.

There are a couple of other matters I would like to raise as part of this report:-

- NSWVGA holds two separate accounts one CBA and one Bendigo Bank. I understand the history of opening the second account results from a couple of factors, one being a better interest rate

being payable by Bendigo, another being lack of local branch access by one of the former Treasurers. Irrespective of the reasons, holding two accounts is inefficient. I believe that of the two, Bendigo offers greater flexibility in payments from the account whilst still offering protection of two required signatories, I also believe it pays a higher interest rate with no fees to speak of. Payments from CBA account require a cheque signed by two authorising signatories, these signatories at the moment are geographically separated and therefore any issue of cheque relies on postal services which are both slow and expensive if tracking of postage is required to protect the fact that a signed cheque is in the mail. Additionally, the CBA along with most Banks in Australia have advised they are phasing out cheques. Although quite a long lead time, cheques will no longer be processed after 2027 by CBA as I understand, the writing is clearly on the wall. I propose we begin to transition from CBA to Bendigo, or similar in the short term. I note that the transition period may take 12 to 15 months given many NSWVGA Group Secretaries and other depositors have been using the CBA account for some time and old habits can take a while to change.

- We do have a duty of care to members to consistently review Banking arrangements to offer best value and utility, with Executive Council's agreement I will undertake this process over coming months and report findings. I am mindful though that we simply do not want to be regularly changing accounts as this is clumsy and confusing for all. Therefore unless a compelling case for change presents I believe we should remain with Bendigo Bank.
- Value of Membership to NSWVGA members. I have reviewed last years expenditure and see that at the moment our Admin and Travel Expenses account for 52 cents per dollar of membership. This does include reimbursement/payment to NSWVGA Reps attending Weeks of Golf (WOG). Note the figure is based on historical amount of \$200 per Rep per WOG, I understand this has now increased to \$300. Based on 53 events this will add a further \$5,300.00 to total expenditure and this represents a further 6 cents per dollar of Affiliation fee by member. As a further note, at \$300 compared to current \$370 in sponsorship of most WOG, the payment to NSWVGA Reps appears out of proportion.
- Weeks of Golf up to Blue Mountains commencing on 26 February have received NSWVGA monies for Vouchers

**Cheque A/c** 062-234 2800 2400

Available	\$66,686.52
Pending	\$0.00
Balance	\$66,686.52

Pay or transfer

Showing 40 transactions

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
Thu 01 Feb 2024	Credit Interest		+\$21.06	\$66,686.52
Tue 30 Jan 2024	Direct Credit 128594 BRIAN AXFORD GROUP 51 Kareela		+\$130.00	\$66,665.46

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**\$13,478.66**

Available balance

**\$13,478.66**

Current balance

**Activity**

	Debit	Credit	Running balance
February 1, 2024			
Interest		\$0.15	\$13,478.66
January 29, 2024			
Inbound Web Solution NSWVGA Web Maint	\$1,386.00		\$13,478.51

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association						
YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT						
1-Oct-23 to 31-Jan-24						
PAYMENTS		22,432.30	OPENING BALANCE as at 1.10.2023		91,248.52	
BANK BALANCE		120,143.97	As per Audit Certificate			
as detailed below			INCOME		51,327.75	
TOTALS		142,576.27			142,576.27	
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED AS AT:-			31/01/2024 CBA		66,665.46	
LESS O/S (CHEQUES) / DEPOSITS			31/01/2024 Bendigo		13,478.51	
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit matures 13/2/2024 Rate 4.1%					40,000.00	
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE					120,143.97	
ASSET REGISTER						
Purchased March 2023 Office works / Microsoft Office Home & Student 2021			POSA		S/N ....100009	
Purchased Nov 23 Exact Computers			HP Laptop S/N 5CD312QFBW		1,574.00	
EXPENSES						
DESCRIPTION		YTD 2024	2023 year	INCOME		
Administration Fees		296.78	4,145.12	DESCRIPTION		YTD 2024
Affiliation fees		2,500.00	2,500.00	Affiliation Fees		50,235.00
Audit Fees		352.00	330.00	WOG Player Rego Fees		-
Donations		-		Interest		47.75
Insurances		-	12,163.87	Sponsorship		800.00
Postage Print & Stat		287.44	641.42	Administration Income		-
Sponsorship		-	8,440.00	Unidentified Deposits		-
Vouchers		6,490.00	18,640.00	Book Sales		-
Trav Exes Meetings		4,017.75	6,937.17	Sale of Vouchers		-
Miscellaneous Travel Exes		-	579.78	Journal		245.00
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders		921.25	3,254.07	Insurance Contribution		-
Website		2,780.20	6,875.00			
Grassroots		-				
Grants		-		TOTAL INCOME		51,327.75
WOG Travel Subsidy		2,600.00	6,300.00			87,565.72
Honorariums		-	2,700.00			
Meetings Lunch & Cabs		367.88	557.06			
HP Laptop		1,574.00				
Journal		245.00	396.00			
TOTAL PAYMENTS		22,432.30	74,459.49			
Bank Statements Attached						
					CBA	66,665.46
					Bendigo	13,478.51
						80,143.97

Clr Gary King moved on motion to adopt the treasurer report Seconded Clr Peter Guy - Carried



Program Coordinator:

### **NSWVGA - Program Update**

The following update has been prepared for NSWVGA Councillors and discussion at the Executive Council meeting to be held 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

#### **2023 WOG Participant Analysis**

The participation numbers for WOG events conducted in 2023 was collated. Data identified the total numbers of players, split between male & female participants and split between local and visitor participants. The NSWVGA prizemoney donated was also assigned to each event.

Of note, some events provided with higher prize monies have fallen to or below threshold numbers. Other events are approaching or exceeding threshold participants, warranting increased prize money allocation.

Also noted NSWVGA championships are highly supported for prize monies, with relatively low playing numbers.

Thanks to the NSWVGA reps for obtaining playing numbers at events. Please continue for 2024 so that we can analyse for any positive/negative trends.

#### **NSWVGA Matchplay Championships 2024/2025.**

The tournament director of NSWVGA Matchplay Championships raised with me the prospect that the club may not be in a position to hold 2025 due to lower than expected playing numbers in 2023. There has been no decision as yet at the club board level, though it is noted that the club president stated to the board that 'if we committed to three years it will reflect poorly on the club if we don't meet the commitment'. I have urged the club at a number of levels to prioritise promotion of the 2024 event, including providing details for the NSWVGA website.

#### **2024 Program Changes.**

The Yamba WOG has been cancelled.

Guyra 3-day trial event has been approved and documentation on NSWVGA website.

#### **2025 Program Development.**

The draft 2025 will be released in March 2024 for comment & feedback on assigned dates and key tournament contact details.

Tura Beach requested that 2025 NSWVGA 4BBB Championship event be rescheduled one week later than originally proposed due to a clash with a Group Championship that Tura Beach has also been awarded. The request was granted even though there will be a concurrent NSWVGA event. There is greater than 900km separation between the events.

Wauchope is proposed as standalone 4-day WOG event in 2025. Port Macquarie declined to extend their 2-day event. Emerald Downs near Port Macquarie are fully committed to social golf on Thursdays & Fridays and declined interest in filling the gap resulting from Wauchope event changes.

### **Opening Events on NSWVGA Website**

Most tournament directors of events not yet open on NSWVGA website have been contacted by phone re documentation process/flow via Program Coordinator before request to webmaster. The discussion has assisted early relationship development and provided opportunity to promote NSWVGA as 'assisting' rather than 'policing'. Most tournament directors have been receptive.

Many of the tournament directors I have spoken with, have not read the most recent version of Policy 2 and initial documentation provided is 'cut & paste' of previous years.

Charlie Swyer

NSWVGA Program Coordinator

Clr Charlie asked that the reps attending the weeks of golf please continue to do your spreadsheet break down, this really helps with the analyze to show the trends.

When entering an event on line, weeks of golf there needs to be a link that is easy to find with the conditions of entry and also an avenue for those that do not have access to the online lodgment.

Clr Charlie is still in consultation with Warwick Butler

Clr Peter Guy is waiting on flyers from Boggabri WOG, NSWVGA Mixed sand green Championships Walcha as well as Ballina WOG- Clr Charlie is having issues with the link to download the printable document. Clr Peter Guy stated that he was successful in downloading it and will send it through to Clr Charlie Swyer

Clr Charlie Swyer moved on motion to adopt the coordinator report Seconded Clr Jim Shallow - Carried

# NSWVGA TECHNICAL REPORT – FEB 24

## Membership Register take up

New users seem generally to be able to start using the system without any support. 7 users did a financial transaction for the first time during January – none required any support.

5 users did a Bulk transaction for the first time during January – 3 of whom didn't require any help.

Of the 30 groups, only Group 17 - Upper Hunter hasn't done any updates. In the GS survey that Stu did, they said that their main renewal period is November. They applied for and were sent a login in May last year.

Of the 12 Directly Affiliated Clubs, all have got a login and members have been renewed except Cumberland.

Rob Trembath is following these up and has been helping the clubs where needed.

The most common data problem experienced is incorrect GolfLink numbers brought over from the old register – these are being resolved as they are identified.

When a user encounters a GL number that needs to be changed for any reason, they should send all the relevant details to [webmaster@nswvga.com.au](mailto:webmaster@nswvga.com.au)

## Membership Register development

I have asked the developer for a quote for List Members for an Affiliation Group, but haven't received this yet. It is expected very shortly and I will pass it on to Councillors for consideration.

A number of problems have been found in the system and these have been passed to the developer for resolution.

There is some confusion over some aspects of our membership, particularly Membership validity, Payment date, Affiliation Group. I suggest that I produce a Q&A document covering the issues that come up and that this document should be made available for download from the Register website. The download would require an update to the website.

Currently all changes to GolfLink numbers and deletions of invalid records are carried out by myself using direct access to the underlying databases. This is a very sensitive operation and should not be widely available. However, additional functions could be developed to allow a small number of trusted users to make these changes without accessing the underlying databases.

I would like to ask for a quote to develop these additional functions.

## Membership reconciliation

There is an outstanding action to develop procedures to reconcile register updates against payments received and to assist Group and Club Secretaries to reconcile their records.

## Public website

The public website is now running smoothly, although there are still members unaware of it or looking at other sites. We must continue to get the message out that the official website is the place to go for event info, results and news.

Gerry Cox is continuing to handle News and Results items.

Catherine Pautsch is working on adapting Dick Farrant's history of Group Secs and Tournament Directors so that it can be loaded onto two new pages under the About Us menu. The intricacies and limitations of the WordPress editor makes this a very difficult process, and we may need to ask MiClub to assist us.

We have been asked if the website can be used for publicity for the 2027 AVGU Championships. The Council has agreed that we should do this, but there is a question of how it should be achieved.

In addition to the standard News items, the possibilities for the Home page are:

We can display up to 6 scrolling slides at the top of the page. Each can have superimposed a main title, a sub-title and a caption. We can also include a button to link to any web page.

Previously we used this for 6 photos of clubs around the state, but currently this shows a single slide with the NSWVGA name and objective.

Under the scrolling images, we can display up to 6 scrolling sponsor logos. These can each include a name and clicking on them can lead to any web page. We currently have two logos displayed.

We need to establish the policies for how we use these two facilities and agree what we should do for the 2027 Champs.

We have received a request from the Over80's Australian Championships at Harrington Waters for their tournament to be added to our calendar.

What should our response be?

### **Email addresses**

I am trying to set up some generic email addresses with automatic re-direction to individuals. These will allow us to change which individuals receive each different category of email without needing to inform everyone of changes of addresses.

These will also be used to provide an email list capability, for example Group Secretaries or Councillors.

I have made no progress on this since the last meeting.

Peter Guy  
6 Feb 24

Clr Peter Guy moved on motion to acquire a quote to update the members register to be able to perform the above additional faculties Seconded Clr Robert Trembath – carried

There have been no updates to the members register for the Upper Hunter Veterans, Clr Steve Mitchell will contact Bruce to offer support on updating the members register and report back to the committee

Clr Peter Guy moved on motion to adopt his report Seconded Clr Peter Taylor.

### **Progress report on AVGU Championships to be held in 2027:**

A very informative report was supplied by the organizing committee to the NSWVGA Executive committee. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Pres John Daley moved on motion Seconded Clr Peter Guyt as Clr Jim Shadlow and Clr Gary King along with their spouses will be attending the Shoalhaven Week of Golf in the next couple of weeks they will meet with the organizing committee and inspect the venue that is going to host the dinner (HARS) which is based in Albion Park.

Pres John Daley moved on motion a progress report will be required from the Illawarra Vets organizing committee to the NSWVGA Executive Committee by monthly until the event in 2027, these may then be increased as the event grows closer. Seconded Clr Peter Guy – carried

President John Daley moved on motion to adopt the progress report from Illawarra Vets organizing committee Seconded Clr John Dixon– Carried

### **General Business:**

Finance Sub Committee:

A finance subcommittee was formed to guide and streamline the process of costing for NSWVGA events and expenditure

Pres John Daley moved on motion to adopt a Finance Sub Committee Seconded Clr Peter Guy- Carried

They will make recommendations and report back to the executive committee via email

Revise the tiers 1, 2 and 3 – number of players attending against the number and amount of the prizes awarded.

Number of players and amount of the trophies at weeks of golf, Clr Peter Taylor will also liaise with values for Week of Golf Trophies.

Grass roots

The finance committee consist of Treasure Gary King, Vice Pres John Dixon and Vice Pres Robert Trembath.

Clr Gary King advised the committee that he was not able to acquire an auditor for NSWVGA. The constitution states that we have an auditor but NSW legislation does not. We may need to give consideration to a Special General Meeting to make a change to the constitution. Clr Gary's strong recommendation is that we look to change the constitution and if we need to add to the constitution that we have the finance committee provide a secondary overview of the books, that being enough and take that to a Special General Meeting. Pres John Daley moved on motion to refer this issue to the

finance committee for their recommendation and that the executive committee be guided by their recommendation. The finance committee will make these recommendations to the April meeting. If a Special General Meeting is required then this should be held at the June meeting when we are all together. Seconded Clr John Dixon – Carried

#### Membership Committee-

Clr Penny requested that she should have visual access to the bank statements. Treasure Gary King stated that due to the requirements of the bank, Clr Gary would share the statements with her so she can balance the numbers inwards with the membership register.

#### Policies:

##### Policy 1-

Remove - and all affiliation fees for the ensuring year are due and payable in advance by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Add item 8. Renewals made in the second half of the year are valid until the end of the following year

Clr Robert Trembath is in the process of producing a calendar as to when each group/ club pays their renewals, so that a reminder can then be sent out to them.

##### Policy 3 – Acceptance as a Participating Veteran Golf Club

Remove item 10.

##### Policy 6- Conduct of NSWVGA Sandgreen Championships

Championships Remove NSWVGA is a now a gender-neutral group. Add that NSWVGA is Gender equality

Merge the 6 championships into a single policy that should refer to policy 2 for general rules and conditions. This combined policy should only cover the additional rules for the six championships which come into effect for the championships only.

Clr Peter Guy moved on motion Seconded Clr Gary King – Carried

##### Policy 11 Gold Medal

Remove gender neutral and insert Gender equality, change the dates of the signatures to match

Policy 13 will need to be reworded to cover the rules on placing items on the web site, Pres John Daley will liaise with both Clr Penny Hudson and Clr Peter Guy

Clr Gary King will take on the insurance policies. One policy is due in February and the other two in April

Pres John Daley has done a report on the number and value of trophies presented at weeks of golf.

As numbers are decreasing at some weeks of golf the amount of funds that the group receive will need to change.

Clr Gary King will make the necessary adjustments to the value of the trophies and to the number of players attending.

Championships:

Allocate the value of trophies in comparison to the number of players and this may vary for the Championship being held at the time

Location of the event could also have an impact on the numbers

Stroke play or Stableford along with the number of grades

Clr John Dixon moved on motion to revise Tier One, Two, and Three. Seconded Clr Peter Taylor

Pres John Daley, Vice Pres John Dixon, Vice Pres Robert Trembath and Clr Peter Taylor to discuss after the meeting and report back to the committee. This is to include the NSWVGA Sandgreen Championships.

Implementation of Grassroots Program:

A discussion took place on how to allocate and balance the amount of the program with the number of the members in a Group. Clr Gary King stated that he would like to make sure that we give back funds to the members responsibly. Pres John Daley suggested that this should be handled by the finance committee and they will make recommendations back to the committee. Clr Jim Shadlow will liaise with the finance committee in this matter.

Letter received from Group 14 Group Secretary.

Membership cards will only apply to group 14 Pres John Daley will reply to Ray Kent.

Letter received from Griffith Vets

NSWVGA does not control how and when a group conducts their competitions. Each group has their own constitution at club level.

When a player pays \$5 and is signed up at a week of golf this entitles the player to play in all weeks of golf, but at an individual club competition you need to check with the individual club first.

NSWVGA allocate clubs to groups we do not tell a group how to operate their own competitions or how they run their group.

Pres John Daley will reply to Ray Kent

Clr Aileen Williams moved on motion for Clr Jim Shadlow to order 5 new banners at a cost of \$195.00 each. Seconded Clr Jim Shadlow - Carried

Clr Jim Shadlow will then distribute to the councilors especially the new councilors.

All Weeks of golf have reps attending in the first part of the year. In May Clr Peter Taylor will be asking for reps to attend the remaining weeks of golf.

Clr Peter Taylor suggested to Reps the requirements when attending weeks of golf.

Clr Peter Taylor then thanked Clr Jim for suppling the reps with a break down on what is required when doing a report.

Listen to concerns from competitors, make a note and bring it to the relevant Tournament Directors attention in a pleasant manner

Maybe suggest another way to do something if required

Make yourself known to all and sundry

At competition of the proceedings please Thank and congratulate the TD, him or her and ask if they have any concerns. If you have any suggestions just run it by them.

Remind TD that they are required to do a report and results for the results page

Clr Penny Hudson asked that each rep emphasize the nswvga web site address when doing their speech.

Clr Penny Hudson stated that it may be necessary for the councilors to come the day prior to the meeting due to the possibility of cancelations of air flights.

Meeting in June can all councilors please wear their nswvga shirt for new photos to be placed on the web site so we all look uniform.

A new venue maybe required if Kogarah Golf Club is no longer available.

Clr Jim Shadlow has 12 new shields, which will be distributed among Leeton, Rich River, Muree Barham and Boggabri, at a cost of \$51.50 each

Clr Steve Mitchell thanked Councilor's Catherine and Gary for their assistance at Hawks Nest

Meeting Closed at 11.55am

Next meeting date 3<sup>rd</sup> of April Zoom Meeting

### **Action Points:**

1. Clr Charlie to contact Warwick Butler Tumut TD regarding complying with policy 2 on WOG flyer
2. Clr Aileen Williams to send Clr Steve Mitchell contact details for Bruce Robinson
3. Clr Steve Mitchell to contact Bruce Robinson with regards to helping Upper Hunter with bulk updates
4. Clr Peter Guy to obtain a quote on extra functions required by the website
5. Clr Gary King and Clr Peter Taylor to liaise and discuss the prize money awarded at weeks of golf
6. Clr Peter Guy to send Clr Charlie send a copy of the printable document for Ballina WOG
7. Clr Penny to rewrite the Policies to include the changes suggested here today
8. Pres John Daley, Clr Peter Guy, Clr Penny Hudson to rewrite Policy #13 to cover to how we advertise outside tournaments on the web site
9. Clr Gary King will take on the role of looking after the insurances

10. Pres John Daley, Vice Pres John Dixon, Vice Pres Robert Trembath, Clr Peter Taylor Review Tiers one, two and three.
11. Pres John Daley will reply to the letter received from Ray Kent
12. Clr Robert Trembath will reply to Griffith Vets letter
13. Finance committee make recommendations on the requirement of an Auditor
14. Clr Aileen Williams to notify Richard Farrant on the requirement of a progress report on the championships in 2027. Also, that Clr Gary King and Clr Jim Shadlow to inspect the venue.
15. Clr Aileen Williams to send Clr Gary King the details for Lance Fredericks details

## **2027 AVGU CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2027 in the Illawarra Region of NSW**

### **Progress Report No. 1 to NSWVGA and AVGU**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**

It is the turn of NSW to host the annual AVGU Championships in 2027. After calling for nominations, the NSWVGA Council awarded the running of this championship to Illawarra Group 3, geographically located just south of Greater Sydney.

The following venues have been booked for the tournament with times subject to variation as matters arise.

#### **Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Registration Day at HARS Aviation Museum at Albion Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The AVGU AGM will also be held at this venue commencing at 10 a.m. in the Board Room.

#### **Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Medley 4BBB at The Grange Golf Club and Kiama Golf Club with separate AM and PM events.

#### **Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Three rounds of the AVGU Championships, for eligible men and women, to be conducted at Port Kembla Golf Club, Links Shell Cove Golf Club and Wollongong Golf Club.

#### **Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> Evening**

Presentation Dinner in Hanger No.1 at HARS Aviation Museum from 7 p.m. onwards. This venue can hold up to 800 patrons together with presentation stage, musical entertainment and dance floor. Catering will be carried out by Culinarius, professional caterers in Wollongong.

Any necessary changes to the above organisation will be dictated by the number of entries received.

### **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

At a recent meeting of the Illawarra VGA the initial organising committee was formed with the power to add when necessary. Chairman is Steve Wicks and initial representatives from each of the participating clubs are Larry How (Links SC), Paul Lynch (Port Kembla), Chris Reid (Wollongong), Jeff Lynch (Kiama) and Scott McCoy (Grange). Richard Farrant will also be part of this committee in an advisory capacity due to his extensive experience with the NSWVGA and AVGU. It is anticipated that over time

others may attend meetings such as local government representatives and major sponsors. Input over time will be sought from contact with other recent and future tournament directors around Australia.

A motion was passed to set up a bank account for the Championship with the Oak Flats branch of the Bendigo Bank. This account will be completely separate from other veteran golf accounts in the district. The Bendigo Bank was chosen because of its branches in all states and territories and its record in sponsoring this event in previous years.

The first meeting of this organising committee will address issues such as levels of sponsorship, publicity, local government participation considering that the Illawarra contains three LGAs, hospitality and conduct of the actual tournament.

The initial need is the design of tournament documents to distribute to possible sponsors. It is anticipated that sponsorship will be looked at in three levels with the initial emphasis placed on determining the naming sponsor.

It is the intention of this committee to regularly provide progress reports to the state and national veteran golf entities.

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Note: HARS refers to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society based at Albion Park in the Illawarra.