

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting, Wednesday 4th December 2024,
Kogarah Golf Club commencing after the AGM

Meeting Opened: 10.02 am

Attendees:

Pres John Daley; Vice Pres John Dixon; Vice Pres Robert Trembath.
Councillors Gary King, Peter Guy, Peter Taylor, Jim Shadlow, Penny Hudson, Charlie Swyer, Catherine Pautsch, Steve Mitchell, Aileen Williams.
Life Members Robert Coulson, Richard Doyle and Richard Farrant. Brenda Powell delegate of Illawarra Vets

Apologies:

Life Members Len Payne, Paul Horton, Les Mann.
Group Delegates Norm McInnes Group 31, Peter Stephenson Group 11, Les Knox Group 20, Rand Wilson Group 26, Maree Ciavarella Group 27,

Apologies accepted on motion of Peter Taylor seconded Peter Guy- carried

Minutes of previous NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Wednesday 16th October 2024, as previously circulated were accepted on motion of Catherine Pautsch seconded John Dixon.

Matters arising: Nil

Email Correspondence in:

- 17.10.24 NSWVGA Prize Money Review
- 17.10.24 Harden Vets - host NSWVGA Stroke Championships 26, 27 and 28
- 18.10.24 Penny Hudson, concerns with Harden proposed date to hosting NSWVGA Stroke Championship
- 19.10.24 Colin Thorniley sent out the notice of AVGU Annual General Meeting and relevant reports
- 19.10.24 Terry Flint Group 21 Insurance cart incident
- 20.10.24 Gary King regarding insurance for cart incident
- 21.10.24 Trend Micro Australia virus protection
- 23.10.24 Gary King Letter sent to insurance regarding Incident group 21
- 23.10.24 Pravin Website Upgrade Opportunity
- 21.10.24 Colin Thorniley, AVGU Annual General Meeting Minutes
- 21.10.24 Peter Guy AGM Procedures
- 25.10.24 Charlie Swyer Catalina Vets inquiry on NSWVGA Championships maybe.
- 28.10.24 Copies of Presentation Photos AVGU Nationals held in SA
- 28.10.24 group 6, members not joining at club level but being able to join NSWVGA at a week of golf.
- 28.10.24 Update on group 8 contact details
- 30.10.24 Group 6 - issues with members of groups not rejoining at group level but are still able to join at a week of golf.
- 31.10.24 Group 27 Maree Ciavarella issues with updating a member on members register
- 31.10.24 Cootamundra Country Club Amalgamation with Wyong Rugby Leagues Club
- 31.10.24 Penny Hudson, Cerberus Golf Club is a Social Club

31.10.24 Cerberus Golf Club, affiliated with Golf Australia
 01.11.24 Peter Guy Cerberus Golf Club listed in members register
 02.11.24 Howlong Paul Steiner Howlong dates 2025 booked in and will confirm Corowa when attending joint meeting.
 04.11.24 Rand Wilson group 26 requesting a copy of NSWVGA Logo
 05.11.24 Lyal Twyford June members paid up until December 24
 07.11.24 Patricia Morrison Vets inquiry regarding her membership renewal
 09.11.24 Ian Brown acknowledging EOI for Catalina
 12.11.24 Email received from Richard Farrant - Dave Flatt
 12.11.24 Email received from John Hall Northern Territory Vets inquiring Organisational structure of Vet Clubs in NSW
 13.11.24 Email received from Richard Montgomery updating executive for SVGA
 16.11.24 Steve Mitchell- not able to open
 17.11.24 Thank from Northern Territory Vets
 19.11.24 Phil Spence (Captain Catalina Vets) regarding EOI NSWVGA Championship Meeting Thursday 21.11.24
 24.11.24 Group 31 Secretary Norm McInnes unable to attend AGM
 24.11.24 Group 11 Secretary Peter Stephenson unable to attend AGM
 24.11.24 Paul Steiner /Howlong Golf Club confirming the weeks of golf dates for 2025 and 2026
 25.11.24 Vincentia Golf Club closure
 25.11.24 Nomination form received for Penny Hudson
 26.11.24 Directly Affiliated Helen Gauci new representative for Beverly Park
 26.11.24 Group 6 Secretary Peter Crowder- NSWVGA Medal winners
 26.11.24 Group 1, End of year report
 27.11.24 Gary King, ECM treasurer report&
 27.11.24 John Hall Darwin Vets President requesting copy of AVGU National Championships flyer to be sent out to all groups
 27.11.24 WDVGA Annual General Meeting Minutes
 27.11.24 Kogarah regarding room availability for future meetings
 02.12.24 Golf NSW on room availability for our meetings

Correspondence out:

18.10.24 Email sent to Harden Vets acknowledging their submission
 19.10.24 Reply email sent to Group 31 Terry Flint cc sent to Lance Fredericks
 27.10.24 Report to all councillors regarding AVGU Annual General Meeting and a breakdown on the AVGU Championships
 29.10.24 Reply email sent to Group 6 members not rejoining at group level
 30.10.24 Reply email reminding group 6 - When a member joins at a week of golf then they can play in a week of golf, but they will require the groups approval to be able to play in a local club event.
 30.10.24 Email sent to Webmaster- requesting historical information Howlong Golf Club
 31.10.24 Email forwarded to Peter Guy - member updating issues
 31.10.24 Email from Cootamundra sent to Gary- enquiring Cootamundra affiliation fees.
 02.11.24 Email to Catalina Vets copy of EOI for NSWVGA Championships
 04.11.24 Logo request sent to webmaster
 07.11.24 Notification of Patricia Morrison member renewal at Young
 8.11.24 Nomination form sent to all councillors and Group Secretaries
 8.11.24 Email sent to Ian Brown regarding Catalina EOI
 9.11.24 Nomination form sent to Richard Montgomery and Dave Flatt
 12.11.24 Email sent to Richard Farrant - Dave Flatt contact details

- 13.11.24 Reply letter sent to Northern Territory Vets on Organisational structure of Vet Clubs in NSW
- 16.11.24 Reply email sent to Steve Mitchell notifying him that unless the documents are in word then I cannot open them.
- 19.11.24 Emails sent to Phil Spence and Charlie Swyer - NSWVGA EOI for Championships
- 19.11.24 Reply email sent to Phil Spence Catalina Golf Club
- 27.11.24 Reply thank you sent to Helen Gauci
- 27.11.24 Copy of AVGU Nationals Championships sent to all groups
- 02.12.24 Reply email sent to Len Payne

Accepted on motion of Steve Mitchell to adopt the correspondence seconded Gary King – carried

Action Points from previous meeting:

1. Penny Hudson to send Steve Mitchell a copy of her recommendations for the Essential Elements your nomination pack. - **Completed**
2. Penny Hudson to revamp Policy 2 and report back to the committee for approval. **To be covered in General Business**
3. Penny Hudson to contact Lyal Twyford regarding Cootamundra not being able to form a Vets Committee. - **Completed**
4. Peter Guy to send an email to councillors what format to use when sending Gerry information. - Information on relevant pages
5. Aileen Williams to send email to BWDVGC thanking them for their notification of the changes to their constitution. - **Completed**
6. Peter Guy to send out to all councillors a list of requirements to be nominated for a councillor position NSWVGA. - **Completed**
7. President John Daley and Aileen Williams will liaise together on a letter to notify Golf NSW regarding NSWVGA going alone for the Sandgreen Championships. **Ready to go** just waiting on Walcha to confirm their dates. Format- Sandgreen Championships will be combined into 1 week -Mixed foursomes and 36 Hole Stroke event.
8. Gary King to complete the paperwork offline for Peter Taylor to be a signatory for Bendigo Bank. **Still to be completed.**
9. Gary King to share with existing prize pool allocation with all councillors- **Completed**
10. Steve Mitchell will send Peter Guy the contact information regarding the new Tournament Director for Narrabri. - **Completed**
11. Catherine Pautsch to put notice on the website- Wednesday 4th December at Kogarah Golf Club commencing at 9.00am.- **Completed**
12. Steve Mitchell to contact the Tournament directors for the possibility of changing Young and Southern Highland dates. This was a definite no from Young due to the Cherry Festival. - **Completed**

Reports

President: As per AGM

Treasurer's Report NSWVGA Executive Council Meeting 4 December 2024

Update on matters arising Executive Council meeting 16 October 2024 –

Microsoft 365: - Following confirmation from Microsoft that NSWVGA does not qualify from its grants program which offers free access to a suite of programs, one family group has been set up in place of my personal Microsoft 365 account. At this stage, the cost/benefit of the Family Group is still being investigated. To this end Councilors Trembath, Dixon and Pautsch have been invited into this family group. If suitability confirmed I will seek reimbursement and a second family group will be set up with relative Councilor also to be reimbursed for establishment, The Family accounts will then remain the property of the NSWVGA with Councilors having to arrange replacement Administration prior to relinquishing Councilor role. Catherine Pautsch has volunteered to explore the cost/benefit and will report back at a later stage to the Executive Council.

Finance Committee: - The finance committee held Zoom meeting on 7 November to review Week of Golf Prize Money and Championship sponsorship levels. The meeting canvassed a broad range of options, thank you to those councilors offering their thoughts. After a prolonged discussion about the various methods currently applied by Tournament Directors (T/D's) in relation to the promotion, or otherwise of the NSWVGA Shield, the following was agreed as the Finance Committee recommendation for consideration by the EC.

The number of Tiers for Week of Golf Sponsorship be reduced from 4 to 3 as outlined below. It was also agreed that to maximise the impact of NSWVGA sponsorship the spread of prizemoney given by the NSWVGA be reduced to First and Runner Up only. The Committee, however, felt it was appropriate to allow T/Ds to add third place prizemoney from Sponsorship and or nomination fee funds if they wish (I am aware that some T/D's currently supplement NSWVGA prizemoney with additional funds). This would be voluntary and entirely at T/D's discretion. The allocation of the NSWVGA Sponsorship should be as follows: -

Player numbers	NSWVGA Prizemoney	First Place Male and Female	Runner Up Male and Female
<100	\$300	\$90	\$60
101 to 160	\$400	\$120	\$80
>160	\$500	\$150	\$100

Update of ABN Registration Details and completion of Not-for-Profit Annual Self-Assessment Return: - I have followed up in a series of phone calls with the ATO to ensure ABN update form was received and acted upon. Now that this has been completed, relevant information for lodgment of Self-Assessment return is now being mailed to me. Once to hand I will lodge return, and we will be compliant with the new legislative requirement.

Treasurers Comments Financials Year to Date – 30 November 2024: - As can be seen from the following report we remain in a sound financial position with total funds at call of \$68,284.20 plus Term Deposit of \$21,634.99. Whilst still early in the new Financial Year some matters of note are that Expenses are down \$2,893.92 compared for the same period last year. This is largely due to the non-recurring expense of the purchase of the Laptop computer; Travel expenses to meetings are also down by \$3,050.40 this is largely a timing difference with all councilors expected to claim travel expenses in coming weeks; Week of Golf Travel Subsidies are up by \$2,000 on previous year reflecting \$100 per week of golf increase (this item is now due for review by Councilors I intend to raise this in general business later in this meeting); Expenditure on Trophies, Shields and Presentation Folders is up by \$1,014.38 this is the result of the receipt of another batch of 40 NSWVGA Medals to be awarded in the future; Week of Golf Voucher payments are up by \$430 on previous year this is reflective of the current(previous) change of sponsorship levels based on 4 tiers according to number of players; Website expenses are down \$1,394.20 on the previous year due to non-recurring expense relating to Club Search function in the Members Register. On the Income side, Income Year on Year is down by \$9,553.66 this is due to a reduction in Affiliation fees of \$8,748 compared to the same period for the previous year. The reduction is likely to be a timing difference for some groups in the remittance of Affiliation fees, the most notable of these are Gr 2 of \$6,535, \$1,260 for Gr 27, \$1,200 for Gr 29. I will check this over the coming month and, if necessary, contact relevant Group Secretaries; Sponsorship is also down \$800 on previous year, I am not aware of status of Sponsors intentions for continued sponsorship.

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association					
Details of year to date Income & expenses					
		1/10/2024	to	30/09/2025	
PAYMENTS			INCOME		
DESCRIPTION		YTD	Prev YTD	DESCRIPTION	YTD Prev YTD
Administration fees		115.00	75.00	Affiliation Fees Group 1	- -
Affiliation Fees		-		Affiliation Fees Group 2	- 6,535.00
Audit Fees		-	352.00	Affiliation Fees Group 3	- -
Donations		-		Affiliation Fees Group 4	60.00 -
Insurances		-		Affiliation Fees Group 5	- -
Postage Printing & Stationery		243.10	150.80	Affiliation Fees Group 6	- -
Sponsorship		500.00	600.00	Affiliation Fees Group 7	- 250.00
Vouchers		5,020.00	4,590.00	Affiliation Fees Group 8	110.00 -
			-	Affiliation Fees Group 9	30.00 560.00
Misc Travel		-		Affiliation Fees Group 10	- -
			-	Affiliation Fees Group 11	1,610.00 325.00
Council Meeting Tx Swyer	Swyer	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 12	1,840.00 785.00
Council Meeting Tx Daley	Daley	-	388.73	Affiliation Fees Group 13	- -
Council Meeting Tx Knox	Knox	-	85.48	Affiliation Fees Group 14	- -
Council Meeting Tx Williams	Williams	-	393.50	Affiliation Fees Group 15	- -
Council Meeting Tx King	King	-	695.56	Affiliation Fees Group 16	10.00 630.00
Council Meeting Tx Trembath	Trembath	-	636.00	Affiliation Fees Group 17	- -
Council Meeting Tx Mitchell	Mitchell	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 18	- -
Council Meeting Tx Taylor	Taylor	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 19	- -
Council Meeting Tx Guy	Guy	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 20	- -
Council Meeting Tx Hudson	Hudson	-	388.01	Affiliation Fees Group 21	35.00 -
Council Meeting Tx Shadlow	Shadlow	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 22	- -
Council Meeting Tx Dixon	Dixon	-	463.12	Affiliation Fees Group 23	410.00 320.00
Council Meeting Tx Former Councillors			-	NO Group 24	- -
Council Meeting Tx TOTAL	TOTAL	-	3,050.40	Affiliation Fees Group 25	- -
				Affiliation Fees Group 26	30.00 -
Trophies Shields & Presentation Folders		1,370.63	356.25	Affiliation Fees Group 27	1,245.00 2,505.00
Website		-	1,394.20	Affiliation Fees Group 28	- -
			-	Affiliation Fees Group 29	10.00 1,210.00
Grassroots 2024		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 30	- 630.00
			-	Affiliation Fees Group 31	900.00 1,010.00
Grants for Cancelled WOG		-	-	No Group 32	- -
Honorariums		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 33	- 10.00
				Directly Affiliated Clubs	590.00 898.00
				Affiliation Fees TOTAL	6,880.00 15,668.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Swyer	Swyer	-	-	WOG Player Registration Fees	
WOG Travel Subsidy Daley	Daley	300.00		Deniliquin	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Pautsch	Pautsch	900.00	-	Dubbo	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Williams	Williams	600.00	600.00	Great lakes	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy King	King	-	-	Kew	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Trembath	Trembath	-		Leeton	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Mitchell	Mitchell	900.00	-	Manning Valley	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Taylor	Taylor	600.00	600.00	Port Stephens	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Guy	Guy	-	-	Seaside Valley Kiama	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Hudson	Hudson	600.00	800.00	Silver City	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Shadlow	Shadlow	-	200.00	Southern highlands	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Dixon	Dixon	300.00		Tenterfield	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Former Councillors			-	Griffith	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy TOTAL	TOTAL	4,200.00	2,200.00	Young WOG	- -
				WoG Sign ups	530.00 490.00
Meetings Lunch & Cabs		-		WOG Player Registration Fees TOTAL	530.00 490.00
HP Laptop		-	1,574.00		
Journal		-		Interest	17.49 23.15
TOTAL PAYMENTS		11,448.73	14,342.65	Sponsorship	- 800.00
				Administration Income	- -
				Unidentified Deposits	- -
				Book Sales	- -
				Journal	- -
				Sale of Vouchers	- -
				Insurance Contribution	- -
				TOTAL INCOME	7,427.49 16,981.15

THE NSW VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOC INC

01 December 2024

Dear THE NSW VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOC INC,
Here's your account information and a list of transactions from 29/11/24-30/11/24.

Account name

BSB

Account number

Account type

Date opened

THE NSW VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOC INC

Cheque A/c

28/07/1995

Date	Transaction details	Amount	Balance
29 Nov 2024	DEPOSIT CASH \$345.00 CHEQUE \$0.00 Branch COWRA 99 cowra 2794	\$345.00	\$28,951.02
29 Nov 2024	Direct Credit 106600 Yenda Golf Club Vets members regis	\$130.00	\$29,081.02



GARY ROGER KING

NSWVGA

Account title

BSB

Account number

Account opening date

THE NEW SOUTH WALES
VETERAN GOLFERS'

October 29, 2021

Proof of Account
Bendigo Bank is pleased to confirm your account details
and the following transactions:

\$39,203.52

Current balance

Transactions from 30/11/2024 - 30/11/2024

This Proof of Account was generated by Bendigo e-banking on December 01, 2024 at 10:56am

Date	Transaction	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
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Matters arising treasurers report.

On motion of Gary King to adopt Treasurer's Report, seconded President John Daley carried.

NSWVGA TECHNICAL REPORT – DEC 24

Email addresses

The following 'incoming' email addresses have been set up and appear to be operating correctly:

- * webmaster@nswvga.com.au - for all matters concerning the public website
- * membreg@nswvga.com.au - for all matters concerning the Membership Register
- * president@nswvga.com.au
- * secretary@nswvga.com.au
- * treasurer@nswvga.com.au

After a final check, these addresses will be put onto the Home page of the website and will replace the personal addresses on the Executive Council page.

We have not yet been able to set up automatic re-direction for emails to Group Secretaries, Club Secretaries and Tournament Directors.

Catherine is maintaining a master list of email addresses and anyone who wants to send emails to these categories should get the up-to-date list from Catherine each time. Please do not use privately maintained lists.

File sharing

File sharing has two objectives:

- to allow multiple people to work on a single central copy of certain files.
- to ensure that all NSWVGA files are securely archived and available for whoever needs them without dependence on individuals and specific devices.

Gary King has purchased a Microsoft 365 Family pack. We now believe that only one package is needed to cater for all of our needs.

Catherine and Gary will test out the product in the coming weeks.

We are developing procedures for using the file and folder structures.

Membership Register

New users seem generally to be able to start using the system without any support, and there have been several new users who have done Bulk transactions.

There have been quite a number of cases where the Affiliation Group was not set correctly for renewals. This was easily overlooked because the system offered a default to the Affiliation Group from the previous year. The system has been changed to have no default, so the user now has to explicitly set the value. This means an extra couple of keystrokes for users, but hopefully will minimise the number of incorrect settings.

When a user finds a GL number that needs to be changed for any reason or deleted, they must send the full details to membreg@nswvga.com.au. Please do not just add the member again with the new number – this results in duplicate records which then need correcting.

The Q&A document is still in preparation. It will cover the areas that are giving rise to questions (membership validity, affiliation groups, changing GL numbers). When it is completed, we will distribute it to all users and make it available for download from the Register website.

We are still in discussions on what is the best way to proceed with development of additional functions, taking account both costs and providing a good basis for future changes. Additional functions are required to make it easier for administrators to correct errors.

We have a spreadsheet to produce lists by Affiliation Group or by Club when requested by Group Secretaries.

Public website

Gerry Cox is continuing to handle News and Results items.

Catherine is handling most of the updating of the public website.

The 2026 program is being prepared and will be uploaded early in the New Year.

Catherine Pautsch

Peter Guy

28 Nov 24

Matters arising from Technical Report

Catherine Pautsch has sent a test email and requested a response from each councilor to ensure the email reaches all intended recipients. If working as intended

It was explained that such a group email address for the Group Secretaries would create an additional workload to maintain the mailing list. Rather, it was determined that a current list of Group Secretary emails would be maintained by Catherine Pautsch and should be used whenever outbound email to Group Secretaries was required.

Councilors were reminded that when sending email to bulk recipients to include intended recipients in "BCC" rather than "To" label. This would assist in working around spam filters by various email client servers and also prevent bulk replies to all recipients.

Q and A sheet for Members Register is now complete and will be circulated to Rob Trembath and Gary King for review in the coming days.

In addressing concerns from some Group Secretaries about additional functionality, we are currently exploring alternative contractors to maintain the Members Register. This is the result of quotes from existing developer, which appear excessive for any future amendments to the Register. A suggestion was made that John Swan from Grafton may also be worth contacting in this regard.

A change has also been made to recording the affiliation group process which may require a couple of additional keystrokes group secretaries when renewing membership. Previously information incorrectly entered would be carried forward. Now when the group secretary does a renewal then the affiliation group needs to be entered each year.

Given a large number of Errors entered by some users, it was determined that we should give some thought to limiting the number of users that are able to access a financial update. All users would still be able to correct spelling or gender errors, do a general or even a bulk inquiry.

A list of names relating to a deposit could be sent to the treasurer along with the funds. This list could then be forwarded on for updating the members register. This may be proposed as a service that we provide to group secretaries in assisting them to maintain membership records.

In future, when a councillor does a bulk inquiry could they please send him a copy. This will allow Guy to build up stats on who is attending the weeks of golf. This would further assist in determining value for members affiliation fees.

Accepted on motion of Peter Guy to adopt the technical report Seconded Jim Shadlow- carried.

Program Coordinator:

Over the last year we have been lucky to have had reasonably good weather with minimal lost days due to rain, but we did have a couple of cancellations in Boggabri and Yamba.

With 2024 now complete and having mainly full fields, the exceptions being some of our regional weeks of golf struggling to get over 30 players a problem that we must address.

The 2025 Program is filling as we speak. I am awaiting several weeks to Nominate as they are having troubles holding onto their current TD's due to Management changes and natural attrition with nobody willing to step up and have a go. Moree have already cancelled 2025 and I believe Boggabri will do the same. We picked up Foster/ Tuncurry.

A request from our week of golf travellers that Young and Southern Highlands switch weeks so the order of weeks would be Harden, Young and Southern Highlands. This request was rejected by both clubs (emails attached).

Policy 2 is a work in progress and has several changes as had "Essential Elements". I believe that the Essential Elements paper has assisted all TD's in complying their Nomination Packs.

The 2026 Draft has been accepted across the board with minimal changes at this time.

I thank the Councillors for their assistance throughout the year with updates from weeks of golf. Our drop in numbers is a worry that must be addressed, and a minimal number must be established to run/hold a week of golf.

Thank you for receiving my report, travel safe, enjoy your golf have a Merry Christmas and New Year. See you in Hawks Nest 2025.

Steve Mitchell NSWVGA Program Co-Ordinator

Steve Mitchell moved on motion to adopt the 2026 program and be posted on the website Seconded Charlie Swyer – carried

Matters arising from Program Coordinators Report

Kevin Walsh will be the new tournament director for Foster Tuncurry.

John Daley informed the meeting that Wauchope would like to revert back to the 2 days after Port Macquarie. Wauchope have been asked to formulate requirements and send to Program Coordinator.

Proposed pricing of Foster/Tuncurry was discussed, the meeting agreed the market should decide whether pricing is appropriate. This is beyond the remit of NSWVGA.

Accepted on motion of Steve Mitchell to adopt the program report Seconded Robert Trembath - carried.

General Business

AVGU Championships 2027:

For background the Licence agreement covers 3 parties: -

1. The Owner (AVGU)
2. The Licensee (NSWVGA)
3. Regional Division (Group 3 - Illawarra Vets)

It was noted by Richard Farrant that there had been at least two changes made to the original contract.

1. Item 8 Owner approval - *At Least 18 months prior to the conduct of the championship the licensee will provide details to the Owner of the proposed golf courses to be used, prices to be charged, a copy of the draft budget, proposed dates for the championship and details and cost for the Presentation dinner and details of any involvement and intended use of a major third party for approval by the Executive Committee of the Owner. Progress reports must be provided at least every six months thereafter.*

2. Item 10- *Player Eligibility*

To be eligible a player must be:

- . a financial member of a state or territory association affiliated with the Owner,*
- . an amateur golfer having attained the age of 55 years*

And

- . hold a current Golf Australia Handicap.*

A partner of an eligible player who holds a current GA Handicap is eligible to enter the championship. Where the partner is less than 55 years of age, they will be eligible to win daily prizes only.

The Licensee must verify with the relevant state or territory associations that entrants are current financial members of that association.

Discussions ensued regarding these points which ultimately led to the need for NSWVGA to complete its own assessment of amended contract and clarify any identified matters with the Owner.

Richard Farrant submitted an undated copy of Licence Agreement signed on behalf of Regional Division in confirmation of the Regional Division's acceptance of Licence Agreement. Mr Farrant noted that future changes to the Licence agreement may be possible in consultation with the owner.

Richard Farrant presented a report on the progress towards AVGU Championships to be hosted by Illawarra in 2027.

Mr Farrant would not be drawn on budgets, proposed sponsorships or anticipated profits from the event indicating it was simply too early at this stage. To illustrate Mr Farrant indicated that although early approaches to prospective sponsors had been encouraging, none were in a position to commit until their respective 2027 Financial years when budgets would be finalised.

Mr Farrant did say that based on a number of arbitrary assumptions that initial indications as to entry fee was at or above \$400. This figure was based on 400 to 500 entrants.

Mr Farrant confirmed that venues for Welcome Reception, AVGU AGM and Championship Dinner have been booked. The nominated venue was HARS (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society Inc.)

Courses to be used for the event are

- 4BBB- Shoalhaven Heads along with The Grange.
- 54 Hole Championship Kiama- 3 days

Mr Farrant advised that based on advice received the organisers are in the process of registering a not-for-profit Incorporated Association. Amongst other things this should allow for the claim of GST paid to various suppliers which in turn will assist overall profitability of the event. This will necessitate an Inaugural meeting to formally appoint Office Bearers and to resolve to open Bank account(s). Suitable candidates and sub-committee representatives, across both male and female have been identified.

Mr Farrant indicated a desire for a Memorandum of Understanding to be established between the Regional Division and the Licensee (NSWVGA). This was considered essential given long lead time, that is office bearers may come and go but need to be aware of mutually agreed rights and obligations between all parties to the Licence Agreement.

A request that the Licensee have a position on the Board/Council of the Regional Division was accepted by Mr Farrant.

Mr Farrant sought a commitment to advertise the Championships on the NSWVGA website and that a suitable space be allocated to the Championships in the 2027 Calendar.

Mr Farrant believed the existing Insurance extended to the Regional Division by the NSWVGA under existing Insurance Policies would cover the event. Mr Farrant requested the NSWVGA confirm this with Insurance Brokers and suggested Candice Gilchrist as a point of contact.

Mr Farrant sought a commitment from the NSWVGA as Licensee to provide Seed Capital to at least \$10,000 in terms of the Licence Agreement. Mr Farrant noted that he felt this would bring the total commitment by NSWVGA to a total of \$15,000 as the payment of Licence fee had been agreed to 12 months ago.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Licence Fee was to be retrospectively within 60 days of completion of the event and therefore the total commitment sought from the NSWVGA was more appropriately \$10,000.

It was further agreed that the NSWVGA as Licensee was assuming all of the short-term risk and the provision of seed capital that some form of compensation for this funding would be appropriate. Subsequent discussion canvassed several alternatives however no agreement being reached it was agreed to pursue this through memorandum of Agreement.

Gary King that NSWVGA as Licensee, defer signing the agreement until we seek clarification on all points identified as a result of completion of due diligence.

On motion Clr Gary King Seconded President John Daley - carried

NSWVGA Stroke Play Championships

Clarification was sought on comment by representatives for 2027 AVGU Championships Committee that they had already been awarded NSWVGA Stroke Play Championships from 2026 for 3 years. Following some further discussion amongst Councillors and Delegates it was resolved to further investigate historical minutes to clarify and to notify all affected parties, including recent EOI submission.

Review of Policy 2

Discussions covered:

- Standardised format
- Definition of "Major" prizes as stated in Policy 2
- Elevation of NSWVGA Shield to a more prestigious status

During these discussions some historical references to former Policy 2 directives regarding format were made. Additionally, several examples of different approaches to the awarding of prizes at various weeks of golf were provided. These examples discussed a wide range from interpretation of "major" prizes to how the NSWVGA shield was promoted by various Tournament Directors as a means of establishing relative status of shield event.

It was resolved that Penny Hudson and Jim Shadlow would look at re-drafting Policy for review by Executive Council at a future meeting.

Policy 5

An apparent exception to Policy 5 in the timing of trial Guyra Week of Golf was raised. In response a review of the timing of several events in the future Calendar of events may be appropriate.

NSWVGA Matchplay Championships 2026 to 2028

As the only application received for the Match Play Championships was received from Port Stephens, it was agreed to award to Port Stephens. Some adjustment to dates may be required to allow for flow onto to nearby events such as Foster/Tuncurry.

NSWVGA Fourball Sandgreen Championships 2026 to 2028

As the only application received for the 4BBB Sandgreen Championships was received from Narromine, it was agreed to award to Narromine.

Week of Golf Prize Money Review

Revised prizemoney allocation as contained in Treasurer's report above was accepted.

Review Week of Golf Travel Subsidy

Reduced travel reimbursement of \$250 to NSWVGA Representative attending Week of Golf was moved accepted on motion proposed by Jim Shadlow, Seconded by Clr Aileen Williams - carried

Review of Golf along the Murray

Jim Shadlow advised that his approach reschedule September events at Tocumwal and Rich River had been rejected. Possible additions to the Week of Golf Program to replace a circuit of events along the Murray previously held in March were being explored.

Vincentia Golf Club

Difficulties being faced by the club with possible closure were noted.

Committee Meeting Dates for 2025

Wednesday 12th February 2025, Zoom, commencing 9.00am

Wednesday 9th April Zoom, commencing 9.00am

Wednesday 11th June TBA face to face commencing at 9.00am

Wednesday 13th August Zoom commencing at 9.00am

Wednesday 15th October Zoom commencing at 9.00am

AGM Wednesday 10th December TBA face to face commencing at 9.00am

With an executive meeting to follow

Action Points Arising

1. Each Councillor to do a Handover Checklist covering list of the duties for their positions on the council.
2. Jim Shadlow to out the newsletter for review via councillors@nswvga.com.au email address. Councillors to acknowledge as test of email address. Newsletter to contain a request for review of Tee placements for Ladies.
3. Catherine Pautsch, Peter Guy Gary King and to set up a meeting to complete the Microsoft issues
4. Secretary to send Steve Mitchell a copy of the AVGU Championships 2025 and cc Brenda Powell.
5. Jim Shadlow and Penny Hudson to compile a draft on lifting the value of the NSWVGA Trophy
6. Clr Jim Shadlow to remind TD to keep Ladies in kind when setting tee placements
7. Gary King and Rob Trembath to review Insurances in terms of Treasurers report. Review to incorporate confirmation of insurance coverage AVGU Championships 2027.
8. Clr Jim Shadlow to obtain contact for Bingara Vets

Meeting closed at 1.15pm

Next Meeting Via Zoom

Wednesday, 12th Feb, 2025

commencing 9.00am

