

MINUTES OF THE 42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NSWVGA INC.

held at Bankstown Golf Club Wednesday 1st November

Meeting opened by President Ian Vidler with a warm welcome to all present especially past President Dick Farrant & ex- Councillor Col Darley by President Ian Vidler at 9.30 a.m.

Attendees: Garry Mason (Clr), Lance Fredericks (Clr), John Daley (Clr), David Gunner (Treasurer), John Dixon (Clr), Kel Pearce (V/Pres), Len Payne (Secretary), Dick Farrant (Life member & Group 3 Delegate), Les Knox (Clr), Col Darley (Delegate Group 2), Richard Doyle (V/Pres), Stuart Dossetor (Clr).

Apologies: Bob Coulson (Life member), Les Mann (Life member), Brian Graham (Delegate Group 21), Bob Smith (Delegate Group 3, Chris Evans (Delegate Group 20). Apologies accepted on motion of Clr. Kel Pearce Seconded Clr. David Gunner – carried.

Obituaries with Tributes: President Ian then asked all to stand and observe a minute's silence as respect for NSWVGA members deceased during the year. Secretary read out the names: Bill Poole (ex-V/Pres), Mike Newell (Gp 1 Secretary), Klaus Fox (Dubbo), Kevin Deep (Cootamundra), Ron Amos (Taree), Neville Forster (Taree), Kevin Turner (Tallwoods), Wayne Jeffrey (Gp12), Jim Lang (Dubbo).

Minutes of 41st AGM held Wednesday 2nd November ,2016 at Bankstown Golf Club, as circulated, were confirmed on motion of Dick Farrant (Delegate), seconded Clr Richard Doyle – carried.

Matters arising: Following discussion of the item referring to the appointment of a Patron, the following motion was moved by Clr Garry Mason seconded by Clr Les Knox

“that the appointment of a Patron be deferred”, motion declared carried.

Correspondence for AGM:

1. E-mail advice that NRVGA had confirmed that the nominations of John Daley, Peter Taylor & Kel Pearce have been endorsed by Group 14.

Motion to accept AGM Correspondence moved Clr Lance Fredericks, seconded Clr Stuart Dossetor – carried.

President's Annual Report: President Ian Vidler then read out his Annual Report:

President's Report to the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Veteran Golfers' Association Inc.

Veteran Members,

I have great pleasure in presenting my first report to the NSWVGA as your President. The last twelve months has seen the activities of this Association continue to develop and support veteran golf throughout the state due to the outstanding commitment of administrators at many levels from Executive Council, Group administrators and Club Committees.

Weeks of Golf continue to be the prime platform of our promotion, there being 52 of these in the programme for 2018 complemented by six Championships and the many events conducted at club, interclub and Group level. In addition, the NSWVGA Medal is conducted in many Groups in an attempt to encourage golfers at club level to become involved in NSWVGA sponsored events. Our aim is to expand this event to culminate in a state- wide championship, one of the proposed initiatives for 2018/2019.

2017 Executive Council Members

		Group	Years of service	Meetings attended
President:	Ian Vidler	13	8	6
Vice Presidents:	Richard Doyle	4	11	6
	Kel Pearce	14	5	5
Secretary:	Len Payne	6	5	6
Treasurer:	David Gunner	22	5	4
Councillors:	Stuart Dossetor	2	2	4
	John Dixon	29	5	5
	John Daley	14	1	3
	Les Knox	20	1	6
	Lance Fredericks	3	1	5
	Garry Mason	23	1	5

Six Council meetings were conducted at Bankstown Golf Club in December, February, April, June, August and October along with the AGM in November. This Association is indebted to Bankstown Golf Club members for their continuing support for the conduct of these meetings on its premises.

Membership: Our current membership stands at 13816, including approximately 1500 women. This year we have had to update the members' lists due to the transfer of the website to a commercial enterprise and Group Secretaries were required to supply new lists. Unfortunately, some Secretaries struggled with this task, many lists are incomplete and this is the reason for the reduction in numbers in the past twelve months. We hope to achieve more accurate and complete lists with the beginning of a new year.

Vice President Richard Doyle continues to be pro active in dealing with the issues unique to Sydney veteran golfers. He has been supportive in assisting many clubs in publishing member lists on the website and I am certain those clubs appreciate his work. Thank you, Richard for your work on the many difficult issues you have addressed throughout the year.

Communication: Group Secretaries and supporting Club Secretaries are the pivotal links in the communication chain within our organisation. To those veterans who have fulfilled those roles of disseminating information to the membership during the year, NSWVGA Council and members thank you for your work. It can sometimes be an arduous task and your efforts are appreciated by all concerned.

The NSWVGA website, under the guidance of Stu Dossetor and his website committee of Garry Mason and John Dixon, is another factor in the communication chain and although it is still developing it plays an important role. Barry Malony, the website manager, has offered support on all levels and has carried out his task with professionalism and patience and we thank him for that. Stu Dossetor, in his report, will cover the status of the website in more detail.

Secretary Len Payne continues to be the hub of the communication wheel. His tasks are many and time consuming but he is always ahead of time in attending to the important matters of the Association. In addition to his secretarial duties, Len accepted responsibility for the compilation of the handbook and I am sure all veteran golfers would join with me in thanking him for his patience and dedication in his Secretarial role.

Sponsorship: Throughout the state there are many businesses supporting our mantra of promoting veterans golf. From the sponsors mentioned in the handbook to those supporting Weeks of Golf and, in addition, those who sponsor events at group and club level, the Veterans of NSW thank you for your generosity. Without the ongoing support of the many sponsors, NSWVGA events may not be as inviting as they currently are. NSWVGA thanks all sponsors for assisting us in achieving our aims of keeping golfers active in their post retirement years.

Finance: David Gunner, NSWVGA Treasurer, has experienced a difficult year with health his but has managed to keep a close eye on the finances and I thank him for his efforts. In his report David will show a loss for the year ended 30/09/17 of \$5236.85. Contributing factors for this loss are the additional expense of setting up the new Website, the purchase of Banners and the expenses incurred in conducting the information forum throughout the state in June.

David also has the responsibility of distributing Week of Golf vouchers, NSWVGA Medals and Championship vouchers and in doing so keeps close to his Budget estimates. Thank you, David, for your outstanding efforts in controlling the finances of NSWVGA.

In October 2018 the annual affiliation fee will increase to \$5. This step was taken following discussion on new initiatives, planned for 2019, at the information forum held in June. The increase in fees will enable us to proceed with planning and provide funds for these initiatives without having to seek further sponsorship from our already generous sponsors.

Programme and match Committee: Councillor John Daley, the person responsible for coordinating the Week of Golf programme, has worked tirelessly in his first year in the position to ensure the programme meets the needs of golfers, Tournament Directors and clubs. John has spent a large part of this year on the road, playing Weeks of Golf, and no doubt learning his new role but also passing on his experience as a Tournament Director himself.

John is also Match Committee chairman, supported Garry Mason, and in his report will no doubt give a clearer idea of the proposed initiatives which will begin in 2019. Congratulations John on your efforts, in both roles, which are appreciated by our members.

Australian Veterans Golf Union: The 2017 AVGU Championships were held recently on the Gold Coast in some of the wettest conditions for many years. Despite the weather the event was a resounding success and the involvement of Go Golfing was evident, providing great value for money for all participants. The scoring was “real time” with results available early in the evening of each days’ play. The Presentation Evening, held on the covered tennis courts at Royal Pines Resort, was outstanding. The menu was first class as was the service provided by the staff. In summary, the week was professionally run, well- coordinated and highly rated by participants. The efforts of Queensland VGA and Go Golfing should be applauded.

November 2018 sees the Championships move to Port Stephens and will be conducted under the guidance of Tournament Director David Flatt and a very active committee. David has retained Regis as a naming rights sponsor and has also co-opted Go Golfing to assist with much of the infrastructure. Nomination forms are on the Go Golfing website with an entry fee of \$350 if registered before 31st December 2017. David was able to negotiate with the AVGU to conduct a Ladies Championship at the 2017 event. After experiencing this year’s event I look forward to a first class event in 2018 and seeing it supported by a large number of veteran golfers from NSW.

Conclusion: 2017 was an interesting and successful year from the point of view of the Executive Council. Through the commitment and dedication of the members of the Council we have been able to maintain the level of golfing activities set by previous Councils and are now beginning to develop and expand those activities in an attempt to involve more members at club level.

Throughout the year I was fortunate to be able to attend twenty Weeks of Golf and the AVGU Championships on the Gold Coast. At all those events I heard not one valid complaint and, indeed, I received many bouquets on behalf of the Executive Council from golfers from NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and New Zealand. Veterans from interstate are quite envious of our Week of Golf programme. Given the positive feedback from those present at the seminars in June, and the players at the Weeks of Golf, we seem to be ticking all the boxes.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Council members who have devoted so much energy and time in ensuring veterans golf continues to thrive in NSW. I would also like to pass on our thanks to the

Group and Club Secretaries, Tournament Directors and the committees who support them with the hope that these administrators continue to receive support from the veteran golfing community in 2018.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Council, I thank you all for supporting NSWVGA and trust that you experience an enjoyable Festive season and a safe, healthy New Year.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA

October 31st 2017

President Ian Vidler then moved acceptance of his Annual Report which was seconded by Clr John Dixon -carried.

Business Arising: A discussion then followed on the status of women playing the AVGU National Championships, it was pointed out by President Ian that Western Australia still don't admit women as Veteran Golfers. He also said that in 2018 there will be a National Women's Veterans championship competition at Port Stephens, but due to this problem it won't be called the AVGU Womens Championship.

President also reported that to overcome concerns expressed by other states delegates he had agreed to a \$100 increase in payment by NSW , making it \$2,500.00.

Treasurer's Annual Report: Treasurer David Gunner presented his report thus:

Detailed Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended
30.9.17

Income.	2017	2016
Affiliation Fees Received	\$46,601.25	\$46,247.50
Week of Golf Player Registration Fees	\$12,190.00	\$13,014.00
Interest Received	\$1,181.30	\$950.93
Sponsorship Income	\$6,150.00	\$8,000.00
Administration Income	\$2,500.86	\$541.00

Total Income	\$68,623.41	\$68,753.43
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Expenses		
Administration fees	\$4,851.50	\$3,054.00
Affiliation fees	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Audit fees	\$350.00	\$350.00
Depreciation	\$219.00	
Donations	\$800.00	\$800.00
Insurances	\$7,894.43	\$7,691.48
Printing of Program Books	\$6,864.00	\$6,622.00
Postages,Printing & Stationery	\$2,171.76	\$2,479.63
S/Ship	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
Telephones	\$50.00	\$600.00
Tournament Expenses	\$8,404.75	\$7,990.50
Travel Expenses to attend NSWVGA	\$15,261.94	\$13,209.42
Trophies,Shields & Presentation folders	\$20,692.48	\$18,055.70
Website	\$4,017.99	\$1,912.17
Banners	\$2,756.36	
Forum	\$4,936.80	

Total Expenses	\$73,860.26	\$67,164.90
Net gain for year ending 30th September 2016		\$1,588.53
Net loss for year ending 30th September 2017	\$5,236.85	

Balance Sheet for NSWVGA year ending 39th September 2017

Current Assets.

Bank	\$6,986.20
Term Deposit at The Greater at 2.55%	\$38,000.00
Stock of Vouchers	\$1,730.00
Total Current Assets	\$46,716.20
Non-Current Assets @written down value	\$438.00
Total Assets	\$47,154.20

Members Funds

Accumulated Members Funds	\$59,680.10
Loss for the year	\$5,236.85

Total Equity \$54,443.25

Treasurer David Gunner then moved acceptance of his Annual Financial Report which was seconded by Secretary Len Payne – carried.

Secretary advised that he has six “Pull-up Banners” on hand for sale cost \$140.00.

Program Co-Ordinator’s Report:

AGM REPORT WEEK OF GOLF AND MATCH COMMITTEE

Week of Golf Report

2017 has been a very eventful year with the weeks of golf .We have had June withdraw but we had the inclusion of Deniliquin and there will be discussions with Casino this month to determine if they will be a possible inclusion for 2018. Also

Lower South has re-entered the WOG arena with a date in early August.

I feel we have reached our maximum as far as numbers for weeks of golf go and we should now consolidate the one's we have and closely scrutinise their validity.

Venues such as Bingara, Parkes and Grafton should be looked at from the point of validity and their sustainability. It is quite noticeable on my trips around the state that "one man band shows" are the most vulnerable.

Next years program has been out for some time and most the bugs have been fixed..The following two years , 2019 and 2020 have been completed in their rough outline and will firm up as next year gets under way.

From my trips around the state there is a growing frustration of Tournament Directors gaining access to our website and actually populating their area's. It was also embarrassing to stand up and say the website is up and running when results are not being published and the home page has areas that cannot be opened. We need to support our Tournament Directors and one way is to make sure the tools provided actually work and are easily accessible.

Next year I would like to see more councillors travel over the mountains to the Central West, Western and Western Riverina areas. We need to be visible at these venue,s and show our support.

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

In general most things have run smoothly this year. I am of the opinion that the match committee should be a separate portfolio with a dedicated councillor in charge. I have not given it the attention it deserves where as if one councillor looks after this area it will be far better served

The only problem area is the sand green stroke play championships. The allocation of this event is done by NSWGA and as such we play “second fiddle” in the organisation and execution of this event.

Holbrook was well attended but we had no idea of the vets involved and as pointed out to me there was no place to indicate that you were a vet on the nomination form.

Next years event is at Hay and already Dick Van Buuren has highlighted this short fall and wants it added to the nomination form. I have spoken to Dick over the last weeks and the Hay vets are keen to run with next years event.

This year we have a new Tournament Director's for the Match play championships at Newcastle. A big thank you to Mick Dodd and Rod Carrathers for taking on the championships.

THIS YEARS WINNERS

NSWVGA STROKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stroke: Laurie Cupples Nett :Stephen Jones

NSWVGA MIXED SANDGREEN CHAMPIOSHIPS

Pauline Paylier and Michael Sykes

NSWVGA 4BALL SANDGREEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

R McLean and G Wilkin

NSWVGA MIXED 4BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Val Davidson and Bob Gallagher

NSWVGA SANDGREEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Steve Beattie

NSWVGA MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

5th - 9th November

Next Years Initiatives

State Medal

As stated at an earlier meeting the next stage to consider is the progression from Group Medal to State Medal. I have spoken to group secretaries who favour the idea.

We have a sponsor, we now have to decide on a venue and location.

If we have a person who looks after the Match Committee along with our six championships, this could be the seventh championship.

In summary this has been a most interesting first year on the board and with this portfolio. There has been and will be challenges with the weeks of golf , but nothing that can't be overcome.

John Daley

Councillor

Some discussion then took place on various aspects of Tournament Co-Ordinators report, at conclusion of which President Ian Vidler thanked him for his outstanding work in his first year in the position. Motion to receive Tournament Co-Ordinators Report moved Clr John Daley seconded Clr Garry Mason – carried.

Website Co-Ordinator's Report: Clr. Stuart Dossetor presented this report:

WEBSITE REPORT

The first full year of operation of the site has processed steadily with a generally positive response from users. There have been challenges in getting TD and Group Secretaries up to speed. Most have with assistance and guidance from Barry been able carry out the necessary uploading and checks.

However there are still concerns around the traps that results are not always available thus causing frustration. A review of the site shows that only approximately half the WOG have results posted. This needs to be addressed with the TDs to ensure they are posted.

Barry has commented:

“I think the majority of the database updates are flowing smoothly. The new financial year for the NSWVGA membership is upon us and will test the systems fully. As long as the secretaries tick and untick members according to their financial status we will gain an appropriate list of members.

The wog section must be working ok as I have had not many enquiries.

I think we are on a winner and most are handling the system well”.

Notwithstanding there are some individuals who continue to have difficulties. I am working with them and Barry to sort out the problems and difficulties.

There are 13,843 members listed on the data base. Members have been listed from all Groups including the ungrouped clubs except for Group 1 Far South Coast. I am following up with their group Secretary. Notwithstanding I understand they were financial this year.

There have been a couple of requests for the site to be expanded to include Club request. The Website sub-committee with concurrence of the President have responded that this will not be included at this time. The aim being to keep things as simple as possible.

Two drop boxes, GROUPS/CLUBS and NEWS are not yet in operation. The plan is that GROUPS/CLUBS should come on line after the current round of membership lists have been updated.

In summary a good start and gaining general acceptance with the major difficulty being validating eligibility.

Stuart Dossetor

For the Website Subcommittee

Motion to receive Website Co-Ordinator's report moved Clr Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr John Dixon –carried.

Business Arising from report:

The need to ensure that NSWVGA Group Medal winners names are posted on the website.

Website manager's contract issue. It was moved Clr Lance Fredericks seconded Clr John Daley "that the Website manager's contract be renewed for a further 12 months" Motion carried.

Group Annual Reports received: Reports were received from following Groups: Group 11, Group 20 & Group 30.

Group 11 reported that all 8 clubs continue to provide great fellowship to members ut some individual open days do not attract the usual numbers. Most of our courses badly need good soaking rains which seem to be avoiding our area.

Our 2 weeks of golf (Gloucester and Great Lakes/Manning) continue to attract good fields & are able to highlight the tourist attractions of our area.

Keith Gibbs, Group 11 Secretary.

Group 20 Western Sydney Region Veteran Golfers Association

Annual Report 2017

Chris Evans (Hon.Sec.)

2017 was our eighth full year of operation as the Western Sydney Region Veterans Group.

WSRVGA comprises eight Clubs, being Dunheved, Glenmore, Leonay, Penrith, Richmond, Springwood, Stonecutters and Wallacia.

At the November 2016 AGM, the following members were re-elected as the Executive:

President: Les Knox (Leonay) Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Evans (Richmond)

Vice Presidents: Noel Byles (Rich), John Lovatt (Glenmore), Kim Stockbridge (Stonecutters)

We aim to encourage golf to be played in a spirit of keen competition and good fellowship with a strong emphasis on social interchange. Many members tell us that they enjoy the high levels of camaraderie at each interclub event and our Council is well supported by all member clubs.

Membership growth remained strong during the year with total player numbers at 715.

Eight interclub events were held in 2017 and we were delighted to achieve full playing fields of 144 (all shotgun starts). Guardian Funerals continued as major sponsors and we played for the annual Guardian Funerals Club Cup, a team competition based on the best four individual scores by each club at each event. Jayco Sydney joined us as a new sponsor and provided fabulous motorhome holiday experiences for some lucky members. Frasers Property Australia, the Richmond Club and One Point Health continued as generous sponsors.

The highlight of the year was again Western Sydney hosting the NSWVGA State Strokeplay Championships. The tournament, in its 25th year, was dogged by heavy rains in the lead up to the event, yet miraculously was played in fine weather at Richmond, Glenmore and Stonecutters Ridge. Amid thunderous applause, Leonay veteran Laurie Cupples became the first local to win the Championship with rounds of 72, 80 and 76 (228), four strokes clear of prolific champion Col Kenning (Kiama) and Geoff Shute (Dunheved). Nett winner was Stephen Jones (Dunheved) from Nick Korotkich (Shortland).

At our final Club of the Year event at Wallacia Golf Club on Monday 30 October, Dunheved secured the Club of the Year trophy for the second year in a row, this time by just 9 points from runners-up Richmond. Lady Player of the Year was Elaine Williams (Dunheved) (113 pts) from Jo-Ellen Thorpe (Wallacia) (107 pts). The Men's Player of the Year was Joe Sainsbury (Dunheved) (121 pts) from John Lawrance (Richmond) (119 pts).

Chris Evans, Hon. Sec. 30/10/17

NSW VGA Group 30 Report for 2017 .

1) Membership :-

a) Moree -----	100 members . (100)
b) Bingara -----	13 " (17)
c) Goondiwindi --	40 " (50)
d) Warialda -----	35 " (45)
 Total	 188 " (212)

2) Moree Week of Golf :- The fourteenth edition of this tournament was a great success . 219 players (226) from about 60 Clubs played 845 (864) rounds of golf over the 4 days . We again had very good support for the A Grade Mens competition with 39 players . 115 Men and 104 ladies .

3) Moree Open Day was held on 7th September and saw 95 players from ours and neighboring clubs enjoy a very pleasant day . This year we ran the day as a Memorial Day for Passed Veterans . The Vickers family provided a Wall Clock for the best score of the day . This was won by Jan Morley from Moree with 41 c/b pts . Harborne Financial Services / Colonial First State , Campbell's Fuel and Suncorp Bank were very good sponsors of the day .

4) Regular Thursday fields average of 33.9 (20 to 51) [34.2] . The Fifth Group Championship was conducted in November over 2 rounds . Bill Walker won A grade and John Gourlay won B grade . The nett winners were Phil Smith and Brian Cheetham , A & B grade respectively .

5) Warialda reported another good year although with reduced numbers . The Open Day was marred by rain .Winner was B.Lanz r/u Ken Cattnach . (9 holes)

6) Goondiwindi reported another successful year . Their membership has dropped to 40 .The Open Day on 2nd August attracted a field of 90 on an ordinary day weatherwise .Players enjoyed themselves The winner was Hugh McKinnon (Goondi) 41 pts The Club had players from Tenterfield ,Glen Innes , Inverell , Moree & a visitor from Tasmania .

7) Bingara reported that the " Fossickers Way " Week of Golf " was again staged successfully . The course was good despite drought conditions , enjoyed by all

8) The Group 30 Medal . This new innovation by the NSW VGA was contested for the second time this year . The winner was determined by addition of players scores from the Warialda , Goondiwindi and Moree Open Days . The result was that Robert Webb (Goondiwindi) defeated John Reynolds (Moree) by one point . 91 to 90 .

P.A.Gough (Secretary Group 30)

Notices of Motion of which due notice received: Secretary Len advised that no Notices of Motion with notice had been received.

Election of Returning Officer: With President Ian Vidler re-elected unopposed, there was no need to elect a Returning Officer, with Secretary remaining in the position.

Appointment of Scrutineers: Life member Dick Farrant & ex-Clr Col Darley accepted appointment as Scrutineers.

President Ian then declared all positions vacant.

President Ian Vidler was declared re-elected unopposed as President of NSWVGA.

Nominations (as provided at closing date) received for following positions:

President; Vice-Presidents (2positions, 3 nominations); Treasurer; Secretary; Councillors (7 positions, 9 nominations).

A ballot was then held for two positions of Vice-President there being 3 nominations. Result of ballot was that Clrs'. Richard Doyle and Les Knox were declared as Vice-Presidents. President Ian Vidler congratulated both & thanked Clr Kelvin Pearce for his work in the role.

Positions of Secretary & Public Officer: Clr Len Payne, re-elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Clr David Gunner, re-elected unopposed.

As Clrs Richard Doyle & Les Knox had been elected as V/Presidents, their names were removed from nominations for Councillor, resulting in all nominees being elected. They are:

Clr John Dixon, Clr John Daley, Clr Stuart Dossetor, Clr Lance Fredericks,

Clr Garry Mason, Clr Kelvin Pearce & Clr Peter Taylor. All were congratulated & thanked for their support of Veterans golf in NSW by President Ian Vidler.

Returning Officer announced all positions filled & invited Incoming President to assume chair.

Motion to destroy all ballot papers moved Col Darley seconded Clr Richard Doyle – carried.

Matters with notice:

1.. Determination & election of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Secretary Len Payne explained the duties & role involved.

Clr Lance Fredericks offered & was accepted to fulfil the role of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

2.Election of Program Co-Ordinator. Clr John Daley was asked & agreed to continue with this role.

It was then agreed to appoint a Match Committee Chairman, with Clr Garry Mason accepting the appointment as Match Committee Chairman, to be assisted by newly elected Clr Peter Taylor.

3.Election of Auditor. Treasurer David Gunner moved seconded by Dick Farrant that Hans Juerken (Orange) be re-appointed as Auditor- motion carried.

4. Website Co-Ordinator: Clr Stuart Dossetor agreed to continue this role , assisted by Clr John Dixon.

The position of Liaison Officer with Golf NSW & Veteran Women's Golf NSW was considered and V/Pres. Clr Les Knox accepted to continue these roles.

Due to concerns of some issues it was resolved to invite the WVGA President Lyn Walker & Nancy Cullen to our meeting in January 2018.

General Business:

President Ian Vidler then informed the meeting that at the AVGU AGM, Past President of NSWVGA & AVGU, Dick Farrant was nominated & inducted into the AVGU Honour Roll. Dick was congratulated with acclamation.

President then detailed the meeting dates for 2018 (all Wednesdays) as follows:

January 31st, April 4th, June 6th, August 1st, October 3rd, November 7th (AGM), & December 5th.

Councillors were asked to look at their availability to travel to Week of Golf Tournaments in 2018, so that early planning and advice to T/Directors could be made.

Secretary Len Payne then advised the meeting that on October 19th he had received n e-mail from Michael McKay, secretary/treasurer of Warren Veteran

Golfers Club, seeking a grant under the provisions of our Natural Disaster Welfare funding as they had lost their 12 grass greens due severe flooding. This resulted in no play for over 6 months & expensive greens rehabilitation, with most work done by Veterans. Secretary had responded seeking further information which was provided as to the type of event & promotion of it. Clr John Dixon also advised that they had also lost their greenkeeper in this time. As they are conducting the WDVGA 4BBB in May 2018, they sought assistance to use this event as a fundraiser for their club with financial help from NSWVGA.

Following debate, it was moved Clr Richard Doyle seconded Clr John Dixon" that we sponsor them \$500 financial assistance with Warren to determine allocation" - motion passed unanimously.

The issue of the current review of Guideline no.2 was raised & Clr John Daley also asked that Guideline no.4 be reviewed.

President Ian said that at the next meeting we need to look at the format for the NSWVGA 4BBB Medal & it's introduction.

V/President Les Knox then advised that Golf NSW AGM is on 28th November & asked that any items relevant be passed onto him. He stated that their CEO is Stuart Fraser & it was resolved that he also be invited to our January 31st meeting. Clr. Les Knox agreed to invite Stuart & the two women of WVGA to our January 31st Meeting.

The issue of Group 4 (Sydney) having social club members was raised & it was pointed out these included The Ridge (Barden Ridge), Qantas social golf club, Bushrangers social golf club, Social Golf Australia (GSM)& Taxi social golf club. The issue of golf clubs (Leeton) owned by other clubs (RSL etc.) or Local Councils was discussed. After debate, it was resolved that as an interim measure that Veteran membership of The Ridge & Leeton be accepted. It was also agreed that liaison with Golf NSW was needed to determine the status of social golf clubs, as there are Veterans who belong to these clubs.

Secretary Len Payne then detailed progress on the handbook which is going to the printers tomorrow & cost versus Advertising revenue income.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to hold a workshop following our January meeting to resolve any outstanding issues/concerns.

Meeting closed: With no further business, President Ian Vidler declared the 42nd Annual General Meeting closed at 12.20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Executive Council meeting Wednesday 6th December, 2017.