

Minutes of the NSWVGA Executive Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th April, 2018 commencing at 9.30a.m. at Bankstown Golf Club.

Meeting opened by Senior Vice President Richard Doyle at 9.25 a.m.

Apologies: Ian Vidler (President, NSWVGA), John Dixon (Clr), Norm McInnes (Gp 31 Secretary), Col Darley (Gp2 delegate). Motion to accept apologies moved Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr. John Daley - carried.

Attendees: John Daley (Clr), Garry Mason (Clr), Les Mann (Gp 31 delegate), Peter Taylor(Clr), David Gunner (Treasurer), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Les Knox(V/Pres), Stuart Dossetor(Clr), Richard Doyle(V/Pres), Brian Graham (Gp21 delegate), Gerry Cox (Clr. Elect), Len Payne (Secretary).

Obituaries: Eddie Cram (Jamberoo), Bob Wallace(Highlands).

Minutes of Special General & Ordinary Meeting of Wednesday 31/01/2018, as previously circulated were confirmed on motion of Les Knox seconded Stuart Dossetor - carried

Business Arising:

1. I.A.W 10.2 of Constitution, Appointment & Welcome to new appointed Councillor. Moved Len Payne seconded John Daley that Gerry Cox be appointed as a new Councillor -carried unanimously.
2. Amendments proposed for Guidelines 2 &4. Moved that this item be dealt with in matters with Notice. Moved Garry Mason seconded Lance Fredericks – carried.

Correspondence:

In:

1-26.2.2018 – Letter from Secretary, Forster/Tuncurry veterans Golf Club advising of verbal acceptance from Group 11 and application to conduct a separate W.O.G. Tournament from 23rd September to 27th September 2019. Secretary also advised that verbal confirmation received from T/Director Manning Valley that they had no objection to Forster/Tuncurry conducting a separate Trial Week of golf provided that it did not clash with theirs & they could remain in their current slot. Following consideration, it was moved by John Daley seconded Garry Mason “that Forster/Tuncurry be offered the dates of 27th May 2019 to 31st May 2019 to conduct a trial Week of Golf, this would precede the Bucketts Way tournament at Gloucester. If accepted the trial would be monitored to ascertain its success & determine if it has any impact on existing tournaments”. Motion – carried.

Out:

- 1- 5.2.2018 – Letter to President, Bingara Sporting Club advising of decision of NSWVGA Executive to rescind the cancellation of their tournament & allow a Trial Event to proceed on the dates allocated for 2018. (Subsequently, an e-mail response received informing that they would go alone & conduct their own tournament not under our auspices).
- 2- 5.2.2018 – E-mail letter to Chairperson, Parkes Veteran Golfers Committee, re-confirming our decision to delete Parkes from our W.O.G. Program with reasons attached.

- 3- 21.2.2018 – E-mail letter from President NSWVGA to President Forster/Tuncurry Veterans Golf Committee detailing criteria required for consideration by NSWVGA of their request to conduct a separate W.O.G. from the current Manning Valley/Great Lakes one.
Motion to adopt Inward & endorse Outward Correspondence moved Stuart Dossetor seconded John Daley– carried.

Reports:

President's & Sponsorship Report: In absence of President Ian no President's nor Sponsorship report was presented.

Treasurer's Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 23.1.18 to 27.3.18

Opening Balance as at 23.1.18 \$38,102.47

Income	
Affiliation Fees	\$2,070.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$2,046.00
Interest	\$319.94
Sponsorship	\$750.00

Total income \$5,185.94

Expenses		total expenses to date	total expenses for last year
Councillors to meetings	\$1,615.01	\$6,338.64	\$10,293.90
Councillors to Tournaments		\$4,758.26	\$8,404.75
Meeting Exp	\$209.00	\$305.00	\$1,068.50
Postage	\$205.30	\$1,464.40	\$1,687.76
Web Site		\$250.00	\$4,017.99
Vouchers		\$4,570.00	\$11,350.00
Sponsorship	\$500.00		
Presentation Cards	\$560.00		\$420.00
Insurance	\$5,866.30		\$7,894.43

Total Expenses \$8,955.61

Closing Balance as at 27.3.18 \$34,332.80

Cash Assests as at 27.3.18

Greater Building Society \$30,000.00
matures on 6.8.18 at 2.35%

Vouchers for W.O.G events

Total Assets \$30,000.00

Treasurer's report accepted on motion of David Gunner seconded Lance Fredericks – carried.

Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report:

NSWVGA Program Report April 2018

Overview

We are into the swing of Weeks of Golf 2018.

We have completed 8 weeks and sadly only one report has been placed on our website to date. I will cover this point later.

Easter 2019 and 2020 will cause some concerns as the dates of Easter impact on the smooth progression from one venue to another and also the dates events are held in the proximity to Easter.

Easter in 2019 is 19th-22nd April and in 2020 10th-13th April

2019 Program

This program is almost complete.

I have been in contact with tournament directors along the Murray and further up at Tumut-Gundagai, Cootamundra, Forbes and Grenfell. They have agreed with the dates for next year with all events to be completed before Easter because of commitments at Easter and at the end of April.

The Northern Tablelands have in the main slotted in to a logical progression with Inverell having to make a decision as to what week they will take -either directly after Moree or following on from Uralla. This means either the week leading up to Easter or the last week in April. Inverell committee are meeting and will get back to me.

Northern Rivers hold five (5) weeks of golf at present. With the inclusion of Grafton there will be six. Is this too many, should we look at maybe spreading these events over

a longer period or revamp the program to include events on the lower and mid north coast.

In the Northern Rivers in May there is Casino, and Grafton have indicated they wish to return to the week of golf program, Trevor Townsend has indicated Grafton's willingness to hold the event away from Grafton Ladies open event and there is a week there to be used between Casino and Gloucester. Grafton will have to be monitored and helped with their organisation and presentation for this event.

However later in the year with the advent of a split in the Manning River it will impact on Kew who have had the last week of October since its inception. I am loathe to put a trial event at the expense of an established week and there would be a possibility that these trial events appear elsewhere in the program, after Kew. (see tentative program)

Maybe the Manning should be coupled with Northern Rivers in May/June .

See the Alternative program.

Later in the year the weeks are in logical progression from Nambucca Heads to Port Macquarie – Wauchope.

In Western and Western Riverina the weeks are in logical progression. There is a week between Broken Hill and Deniliquin. This week includes the Country and Western week at Mildura and the Great Ute Rally at Deniliquin.

I have placed the Sand Greens Championships at Hay in a tentative position awaiting confirmation from Golf NSW on this.

Leeton and Griffith will follow Deniliquin.

Web Page Results

The web page is not being populated with the results of weeks of golf. I was also asked where the minutes of our meetings are posted.

Do we need to revisit this and get information to the TD concerning how this should be completed. My guess is they don't know how . Would it be easier to send them to one of us to place on the website.

Questions that need to be addressed:

- 1) What will happen in the Manning Valley in 2019-there are alternatives to look at.
- 2) In the future we may or should revamp our program to make sure that logical progression takes place with all WOG's. An example of this would be monitoring the dates that include lower, middle and far north coast events. Also South Coast, Murray and Riverina.

This will be a work in progress as it is not a case of reinventing the wheel rather updating the processes.

John Daley

Program Co ordinator

NSWVGA

John advised that he has contacted Inverell T/Dir. Jim Shadlow who has agreed to having their Tournament in the week prior to Easter 2019, commencing on the Sunday & with a rest day on the Tuesday & concluding on the Thursday before Easter. This then allows a natural progression of Moree, Inverell & then Uralla starting on the Easter Monday.

Regarding the issue of non-placement of final results promptly on the website, Stuart Dossetor agreed to develop a methodology & template to assist T/D's in this & also to act as a contact for them to facilitate this.

Les Knox advised he will contact Golf NSW to try & ensure that their Strokeplay tournament is not conducted the week prior to NSWVGA Strokeplay championship to try & maximise playing numbers, also to ask them about Hay conducting the Sandgreen Championships in 2019.

Motion to receive the Tournament Co-ordinators report moved John Daley seconded Garry Mason – carried.

Match Committee Report:

Match Committee Chairman Garry Mason reported that the Tournament Directors survey form compiled is working out well, with T/Directors sending their participants' information to Peter Taylor.

The issue now is to develop a spreadsheet to translate their numbers into a more meaningful format, hopefully operational by our June meeting. Thanks to T/Directors who have already complied.

He has compiled proposed changes to Guidelines 2 which will also incorporate Guideline 4 relating to awarding of trophies at Tournaments. After extensive debate the proposed changes were modified & an agreed implementation date of 1st January, 2019 was set. Motion to adopt new Guideline no 2 (incorporating Guideline no 4) was moved Garry Mason seconded Peter Taylor – carried.

A motion was then moved accepting the Match Committee Report moved Garry Mason seconded Peter Taylor – carried.

Website Co-Ordinator's Report:

WEBSITE REPORT APRIL 2018

The past couple of months have been quiet in respect to website changes. The two issues continuing to cause concern are:

- a. Membership updates. There have been two or three Groups which have experienced difficulties in putting their members on to the site and one that has refused. This generally happens when a member pays his affiliation fee direct to the group and not via one of the Group Clubs. There are different reasons for this. This has resulted in the proposal to change the database.
- b. Tournament and Program changes. Many TDs are not adding results. This may be due to inability or lack of knowledge. Action is necessary to further educate and or train TDs. I have helped where asked [and will continue to do so] but do not want to become another Paul and do it all.

Barry has continued to be responsive to our needs. He can be abrupt when asked for help from a group or TD. This comes back to I feel some group Secretaries and TD not understanding their responsibilities or not knowing how to do an action. There is an increasing need to upload 'ad hoc' information e.g. Hole in one's. Most are of interest but have no home location. Consideration is being given to making use of the NEWS drop down box for this.

It is still a work in progress but we are progressing.

Stuart Dossetor

Website Coordinator

3 April 2018

Motion to adopt Website Co-ordinators Report moved Stuart Dossetor seconded Peter Taylor -carried.

Secretary Len advised that all Week of golf reports had been received with the exception of the Macquarie Challenge tournament. Chairman advised that he wishes to add some further comments & supportive promotional material to the report he has.

It was then noted that adoption in principle of the presented 2019 Program of Weeks of Golf as submitted was required. John Daley moved & Stuart Dossetor seconded that the program as submitted be adopted in Principle, with John Daley to circulated to all Councillors motion – carried.

Matters on Notice:

1. Application from Forster/Tuncurry for a separate W.O.G. Tournament commencing in 2019. As this issue was dealt with & a motion adopted in Correspondence, no further action was required.
2. Consideration of issues concerning status of Veteran Members from Group 1 Far South Coast. Issues canvassed included:
 - (A) Status of current Week of Golf. It was agreed that this Week of Golf is being conducted properly & no intervention by NSWVGA is required.
 - (B) Membership of FSCVGA Executive Committee. This issue was discussed at length & it was generally felt that NSWVGA members of the various Far South Veteran Golfers Clubs ought to actively involve themselves in the conduct of their FSCVGA Executive Committee. This includes reviewing & updating their current Constitution to reflect membership of NSWVGA.
 - (C) Payment of affiliation fees to enable these members to participate in Weeks of golf. This is an issue as NSWVGA is fielding expressed concerns by those members that affiliation fees are not being remitted or remitted late which impacts on their ability to compete in these tournaments.
 - (D) Communications between FSCVGA & NSWVGA. This is an area of concern as some FSCVGA members have complained about lack of information being communicated to them on issues. To seek improvement in this, it was felt that a delegation from NSWVGA (as previously mooted), may help to improve necessary communication channels.
 - (E) Governance, Transparency & Compliance matters. These relate to adherence to Dept. Fair Trading requirements in respect of Committee structure & audit responsibilities. This is an area that requires information be provided to any delegation of NSWVGA.

After further discussion it was agreed that our next meeting in June will review any progress made in this issue.

Matters without Notice:

Lance Fredericks & David Gunner raised the issue of the ungrouped clubs not being listed in the handbook, especially for insurance purposes. It was advised that the finalization of these ungrouped clubs was not completed until after the handbook went for printing. However, they are listed in our 2018 listing of clubs & group officials.

Lance Fredericks also raised the issue of our Association Liability coverage policy which is due for renewal. It was felt that the level of current coverage is adequate & doesn't require raising.

Lance Fredericks moved & Garry Mason seconded that the current level of coverage remain the same,
Motion -carried.

At our last meeting attended by Executive members of NSWVGA, the matter of investigating whether there may be some financial advantage in a joint insurance cover policy for members of both NSWVGA & NSWVGA. This will be further investigated.

General Business:

1. Chairman Richard Doyle raised the matter of trying to further assist the grassroots level of vets. club membership. After extensive consideration, it was agreed that Councillors further consider whether a feasible & reasonably equitable method could be gained with regard to our financial capability.

2. Secretary advised Gerry Cox that he would now automatically be a zone Councillor along with Garry Mason in zone 7 Southwestern. It was then canvassed as to what area of responsibility he would undertake & it was agreed that with his technology expertise that he would work with Stuart Dossetor in Website Co-ordination. That would allow John Dixon to join with John Daley in Tournament Co-ordination.

3. With Richard Doyle may be unable to represent NSWVGA at Grenfell Mixed Sandgreen 4BBB tournament, Garry Mason offered to attend in his place, should the need arise.

4. Brian Graham (Gp21 delegate) advised that Gp 21 Secretary has had to stand down, so Brian will fill the role until further notice. In addition, Group 21 no longer play at Moss Vale due to increased green fees.

Matters for next NSWVGA Executive meeting:

Les Knox suggested we consider moving the venue for the NSWVGA Strokeplay Championship after 2020 to a suitable Regional venue.

David Gunner raised the issue of Holbrook (Gp24) paying affiliation fees through Gp23 due to small number of members in Gp24 & no Group Secretary currently. It was agreed that this issue be considered at the next meeting. NOTE: Subsequently, President of Gp24 Rick Murphy phoned David & Secretary Len re this issue & is favourably disposed to them joining with Gp 23.

With no further business , Chairman Richard Doyle declared meeting closed at 1.35p.m.

Next meeting: Executive meeting Wednesday 6th June, 2018.

Meeting Closure:

Next Meeting: