

Minutes Half Yearly Meeting ... 22 June 2018

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Venue: Ocean Shores Country Club

Meeting Opened 9:27am

Chair: John Watt (President) from Coraki

Secretary: Ray Kent (Murwillumbah) (Captain)

Attendance: (As per Sign On Sheet)

Ballina	David Maxwell (Captain) John Swan (President) Dave Fraser (Secretary)
Byron Bay	Reg Wallis (Secretary) – Life Member NRVGA Greg Hammond (Captain)
Casino	Ron Porter (President) John Weaver (Secretary) Ron Thorne (Member)
Club Banora	Dave Harrod (Captain) Wayne Martlew (Vice Captain)
CoolTweed	Ross Lever (President) Bob Murdoch (Captain)
Coraki	Max Fairhall (President) Rick Vass (Vice President) Ted Browning (Acting Secretary)
Grafton	Ron Baker (Secretary) Brian Hewett (Committee) Snow Gannon (Committee)
Iluka	No Representatives
Kyogle	John McNaughton (Secretary) Peter Schipanski (Captain)
Lismore	Noel Bell (President) John Lowe (Secretary)
Maclean	Bob Harvey (President) Peter Hamilton (Secretary)
Mullumbimby	Wayne Rogers (President) Jim Smith (Captain)
Murwillumbah	Ray Kent (Captain)
Ocean Shores	Michael Cook (President) Bill Nichols (Secretary)
Pottsville	No Representatives
Woodburn-Evans	John Frederiksen (Secretary)
Woodenbong	Peter Taylor (NSWVGA Representative)
Yamba	John Daley (NSWVGA Representative)

Apologies: Dave Wallis (Club Banora)
Trevor Petty (Woodenbong)

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Eric Taylor (Woodenbong)
Bob Green (Murwillumbah)
Gary Fidler (Murwillumbah)
Alex Benham (Mullumbimby)
Graeme Smith (Grafton)
Warren Woodcock (Woodburn-Evans Head)

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Minute of Silence

John Watt asked all Delegates to be upstanding and observe a minute's silence for those Members who had passed away since our last meeting. Names were read out during the Minute of Silence

Dennis Northwood –	Mullumbimby
Lyndsay King –	Casino
Richard Crichton –	Mullumbimby
Bill Jurd –	Ballina
Robin Dadswell –	Lismore
Tony Palmer –	Lismore

Minutes of Last General Meeting:

These had been circulated by way of Website. All members had opportunity to read these. Business Arising was to be dealt with during Correspondence ... John asked that these be moved as a true and accurate record of proceedings ... Moved John Watt ... Seconded John Lowe. ... Carried unanimously

Correspondence Inward:

Copy of Letter from Coolangatta Tweed Heads to NSWVGA regarding 'Awarding of Prizes at Weeks of Golf'
Letter from concerned Veteran player relating incident which occurred at Iluka Vets Open Day
Email from John Lowe explain his recollection of the incident in question

Correspondence Outward:

As per Minutes of AGM 2017 the following Letters of Appreciation were written to:

Jim Kelly (Lismore)
Ted Browning (Coraki)
Warren Woodcock (Woodburn-Evans Head)
Reply by email to Casino Member acknowledging his letter
Email to Iluka requesting a response before our Half Yearly Meeting, mentioning that the issue would come up in discussion and expressed hope that Iluka would be represented at this meeting (No Reply came)
Email to John Lowe regarding what I had been told of the incident and my observation of the afternoon field pre-discussion before hit-off and Presentation
Correspondence Inward and Outward accepted
Moved Ray Kent ... Seconded Wayne Rogers ... carried unanimously

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President's Report

John presented his report. In essence, John praised Grafton for their inaugural Veteran Open Day held 189 June 2018; Casino for their excellent Trial Week Of Golf and the fact that they have now secured a permanent place on the Week Of Golf Calendar; Ocean Shores for running the 2017 NRVGA Championship with Fred Williams from Ocean Shores being crowned NRVGA Champion 2017; Ray Kent for his computing skills which has kept us as the most efficient group of Veterans in NSW.

John thanked our Councillor Representatives – John Daley (Yamba) and Peter Taylor (Woodenbong)

John mentioned our Constitution that has to be revisited at our AGM and encouraged discussion regarding the decision by Mullumbimby to put a limit on Club's number of entries. This would be discussed in General Business.

John thanked all Clubs and their Executives for making the Northern Rivers the place to play and enjoy relaxing golf.

See John's full report on our NRVGA Wenbsite

Moved John Watt ... Seconded John Frederiksen

Secretary's Report

Ray's report dealt with statistics from our first nine Veteran Open Days and, in particular, the percentage of Balls in the Ball Run-Down in relation to the numbers in the field. It is hoped that Clubs will look at the number of balls being handed out, especially as Clubs are charging the \$30.00 entrant fee.

Ray also stated that he would be overseas from 9 August to 29 September.

As Treasurer, Ray also gave the Interim Financial Report. Funds available - \$5361.36 and a Term Deposit of \$6000.00. Ray has also deposited into ALL remaining host Vet Open Day Clubs' Bank Account the NRVGA Trophy prize of \$50.00.

The full Secretary / Treasurer's report can be downloaded from the NRVGA Website.

NSWVGA Councillors' Report

Both John Daley and Peter Taylor, our Northern Rivers' Councillors gave an outline of initiatives and directions of NSWVGA.

Confirmation of Week Of Golf at Grafton

Trial Week Of Golf for Brisbane Waters

Grafton to reinstate their Week Of Golf

New Guideline Policies 2 and 4

Proformas for Tournament Directors

2019 Program now on NSWVGA Website

AVGU 2019 in Launceston

NRVGA Championships Report – Monday 19 November 2018 at Byron Bay

Reg Wallis, Byron Bay, stated that everything will be ready and in place depending on the field size for this year's Championships.

General Business:

- John Weaver, Tournament Director Casino Week Of Golf gave a brief report on the Trial Week Of Golf held 14-18 May. Average field each day was 65.
- Ray talked about Social Golf Clubs ... although having Golf Link Numbers, these players are not permitted to join any Veteran Organisation. (AVGU Annual Meeting 2016) as they do not belong to an affiliated Club.
- NRVGA Constitution ... This will be revisited at our AGM. In the meantime, Delegates are asked to download a copy of the Constitution from the NRVGA Website and note any changes, deletions or additions that may be warranted. The Executive will in the meantime look at the existing Constitution which was last ratified on 16 October 2006.
- Ray distributed to each Club a print-out of their Membership as at 20 June 2018 and also a Statement of each Club's payment of Fees Due and Paid during the current season. All Club Secretaries were asked to check these names as each player has been registered with NSWVGA.
- Discussion took place around the decision by Mullumbimby to limit the number of entries from each Club at their Open Day. Wayne Rogers spoke and listened to the various Delegates' responses. Various scenarios were put forward. Reg Wallis reminded everyone when, some time ago, a limit was put on Clubs for Open Day Entries and that this became unmanageable and the limitation was dropped. John Lowe said that it would not be right to prevent individuals from competing as this disadvantaged those in the running for the NSWVGA Medal. ... Should we make the 4BBB Qualifying Round a separate day? Should there be a third qualifying Round at a different venue? After much discussion, Wayne stated that Clubs should get their numbers in by Monday's Closing Date and that he hoped that there would be no culling as some Clubs would not be sending any Entries.
We will relook at this issue when determining the Year's Open Day Program at our AGM in October
- Moved John Lowe and seconded John Watt, that a letter of Appreciation be forwarded to Kel Pearce for his contribution to Golf in NRVGA.
- The situation earlier in the year at Iluka that prompted the letter to be written was discussed. It was decided that this situation happened because of the demeanour and actions of just one individual and hopefully this attitude will change. On another issue discussed was the fact that Iluka has not been coming to Meetings for some time, nor had they been supporting Veteran Open Days, Some Clubs have decided that they would not be supporting Iluka Vets if they did not start reciprocating visits. it was moved Bob Harvey and Seconded John Frederiksen that the Secretary write a letter to Iluka Veterans Golf Club explaining expectations of a Member Club of the Northern Rivers.
- Discussion took place regarding Divisions for Competitions in Veteran Open Days, similar to that just held at Grafton. Delegates agreed that the Veteran Days were excellent and had no issues with the Handicapping System. It was decided that the way the Competition are run on the Vet Day be left up to the Host Club.

- Secretary asked Delegates if they wanted the “Affiliation NRVGA” Cards printed again for 2019. There was unanimous agreement YES. It was noted that only three Clubs - Club Banora, Ocean Shores and Murwillumbah have Plastic Cards from their parent Club with the word Veterans on them for proof of membership.
- Reminder from Treasurer that Fees will be increased to \$7.50 per player as from 1 October 2018. This has been advertised and reminders sent out to all Clubs for the past 18 months. The \$\$\$ increase is in line with the NSWVGA Registration Fee increase effective 1 October 2018
- There are no FREE Membership to NRVGA irrespective if Clubs offer FREE Membership to their Life Members or the OBE’s (over eighties). That is there in-house decision. Every member must be registered with NRVGA and affiliated payment sent to NSWVGA.
- A question was asked if Bonalbo could be included in our Veteran open Days. The Secretary stated that Bonalbo Members could play in Open days as Visitors as long as they are Veterans affiliated with NSWVGA. If Bonalbo wanted to affiliate itself with NRVGA , they would have to seek permission from NSWVGA and go through the regular process for joining a Group (as did Pottsville and Grafton).
- Apologies have been pre-sent for our AGM on 12 October at Byron Bay from our two Councillors. Both will be ‘On Duty’ for NSWVGA and away from this area.

John Watt thanked Delegates for attending and invited them to the Main Area for some Nibbles, and a safe journey home.

Meeting Closed at 11.38am

**Ray Kent
Secretary
NRVGA
22 June 2018**