



NRVGA

Northern Rivers Veterans Golf Association

<http://nrvga.com>

Minutes Half Yearly Meeting ... Friday, 14 June 2019

Venue: Ocean Shores Country Club

Meeting Opened at 9.26 am

President John Lowe presiding

Attendance:

Ballina	John Swan
Byron Bay	Reg Wallis (Patron NRVGA)
Casino	Wayne Nowland, Bob Reiche
Club Banora	Dave Wallis, Wayne Martlew
Coolangatta Tweed	Gary Rose, Ross Lever, Ron Sammons, Roy Stephen
Coraki	Rick Vass, Steve Ormond, John Watt
Grafton	Ron Baker, Brian Hewitt
Iluka	No Representatives – No Apologies
Kyogle	No Representatives – Two Apologies
Lismore	Ian Leake, Denis Thomson, John Lowe (President NRVGA)
Macleay	Bob Harvey, Peter Hamilton
Mullumbimby	Wayne Rogers, Neil Farquhar
Murwillumbah	Bob Green, Rob Bradford, Ray Kent (Secretary/Treas. NRVGA)
Ocean Shores	Bill Nichols, Russ Handyside, Michael Cook (V/Pres NRVGA)
Pottsville	John Needham, Paul McGavin
Woodburn Evans Head	John Frederiksen, Graham Ireland
Woodenbong	Peter Taylor (Councillor NSWVGA)
Yamba	Ted Tutchin, John Daley (Councillor NSWVGA)

Apologies:

Ballina ... David Fraser, David Maxwell
 Club Banora ... Dave Harrod
 Byron Bay ... Paul McCann
 Grafton ... Graeme Smith, Jeff Hackett)
 Lismore ... Jim Kelly (Life Member NRVGA)
 Yamba ... Greg Starr
 Casino ... John Weaver

New Delegates:

President John Lowe welcomed the following new delegates to their first meeting.

Ocean Shores – Russ Handyside, WEH – Graham Ireland, Mullumbimby – Neil Farquhar, Coolangatta Tweed Heads – Roy Stephen, Gary Rose, Lismore – Ian Leake, Denis Thomson

Reflection of Past Members:

The following members have passed away, sometime between our Last Meeting AGM and this one (October 2018 – June 2019)

Mullumbimby ... Paul Defina, Doug Le Clare

Casino ... James Donnelly

Coraki ... John Hyde

Maclean ... Gerry Robinson

Ballina ... Eddie Linden, Doug Hyslop, Alan Sampson

Club Banora ... Paul Adams, Barry Jurd

Ocean Shores ... Alex Ross

Woodburn Evans Head ... Warren Woodcock

“Our thoughts go out to their loved ones and golfing buddies.”

Minutes of Previous Meeting ... AGM 25 October 2018:

These had been circulated to all Club Secretaries and placed on our Association Website.

Moved, John Frederiksen, Seconded Ron Baker that these are taken as read and that they represent a true and accurate record of the AGM (Last Meeting) ... **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Minutes ... Adoption of NRVGA Constitution to be held over to General Business. Change of Date for NRVGA Championships was changed from that mentioned in Program Discussion at AGM and all Secretaries had been notified of Correct Date in the printed Minutes ... Ray Kent – Secretary

Reports: These Reports are all posted on our Association Website

President’s Report ... John Lowe read his first report as President. In essence, the report covered ...

- 2018 NRVGA Championships and Congratulations to Greg Starr (Yamba), our Gross Champion and Runner-Up Paul McCann (Byron Bay)
- 2019 Open Days and the need to support the struggling little Clubs like Woodenbong. John also spoke about wearing Veteran Shirts with Names and Clubs and staying for Presentation
- Veteran Weeks Of Golf in the Northern Rivers
- Special thanks to Secretary / Treasurer
- Thanks to our two NSWVGA Councillors
- Thanks to Executive and all members of the 18 NRVGA Clubs

Moved John Lowe, Seconded John Watt ... **CARRIED**

Secretary’s Report ... In essence, the report covered ...

- Membership of Northern Rivers Veterans Golf Association
- Five largest Clubs
- Financial Situation - \$6646.11 with Term Investment of \$6000.00
- NRVGA two Vouchers for Open Days
- Players MUST ring and book Carts for Open Days
- Depositing Funds by Direct Deposit to Home Club
- Noel Bell – Lismore – having Life Membership bestowed upon him
- NSWVGA State Final – Gross and 4BBB – 30 Sept and 1 Oct 2019 in Port Macquarie

- NRVGA Constitution to be adopted **with one alteration (see Business Arising below)**
Moved Ray Kent, Seconded Rick Vass ... CARRIED

Business Arising from Secretary's Report: A motion was put "that Article 26.1 be amended to read, 'These Operating Procedures and Rules shall not be altered except by resolution passed by two-thirds majority of Delegates present and entitled to vote at an AGM, **Half Yearly General Meeting or a Specially Convened General Meeting**'."

Moved John Watt, Seconded Wayne Rogers ... CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors' Report ... presented by John Daley. In essence, the report covered ...

- State Medal – Port Macquarie (30 Sept / 1 Oct 2019). Final details will be confirmed at the August Meeting
- Club Veterans Voucher Program ... NSWVGA to supply Vouchers based on Club Membership to each Club (Once per Year) to assist with the running of a daily trophy in an event to be determined by that Club, as part of their yearly programme.
- 2020 Week Of Golf Program ... to be posted on the NSWVGA Website this month. There are 6 Weeks Of Golf in the Northern Rivers and Grafton, this year, is conducting a trial week. Please support Grafton
- Eligibility at Open Days ... all NSWVGA financial members eligible to participate – Male or Female – no discrimination. Visiting Vets from affiliated State Veteran Organisations are also welcomed. New South Wales Lady Vets are not affiliated with NSWVGA, as their membership age is 50 years old.

Moved John Daley, Seconded Peter Taylor ... CARRIED

Business Arising from Councillors' Report: A discussion took place regarding Ladies playing at Open Days. There is to be no discrimination as the NSWVGA Constitution reflects this.

Ray explained the process ... A lady can join NSWVGA if they are 55 years old or over, and that they join through their own Veteran Club. The Secretary passes these names on to NRVGA Secretary (with payment \$7.50 per player), who in turns registers them with NSWVGA via the on-line process.

Clubs are to make sure that the Open Day Event is advertised as a Medley Stableford. Ladies play off their Red Tees and Score as per their Hole Rating. Their returned score is amalgamated with the Men's scores (playing off the White Tees). They are playing as a NRVGA Veteran, affiliated with NSWVGA, NOT a Lady playing a separate Competition. Because the Ladies are playing a rated course, their cards go into GolfLink and are adjusted accordingly.

Just make sure that the Competition is set up in the computer for men and ladies playing the same competition, so that a Computer Printout is achieved showing the positional scores in descending order.

General Business:

- NRVGA Membership Cards – Secretaries are reminded that the cards given out at the start of the year should be distributed to your Veterans, as this is proof of ID that they belong to the NRVGA and hence NSWVGA. Especially when these Veterans play at Weeks Of Golf, proof of Veteran membership is requested.
- Ray explained the process of Registering players with NSWVGA. Please send the details of new members as soon as they join your Veteran Club. Payment is to

follow. There have been a number of Clubs having unregistered players, playing in the Veteran Open Days. These are being picked up as Ray allocates points for playing on these Open Days which go towards the Veteran medals presented annually.

- NSWVGA State Veteran Medal – held this year in Port Macquarie 30 Sept & 1 Oct.
 - Ray sort endorsement from the Delegates to nominate the Gross Winner and Runner-Up Veterans from the NRVGA 2018 Championships, as well as the 4BBB Winners and the 4BBB Runners-Up to be the NRVGA participants at this Event. This will be the Process of Nomination for future years as well. This was CARRIED.
 - Championship Winner, Greg Starr (Yamba) and Runner-Up, Paul McCann (Byron Bay) along with 4BBB Champions Tony Waller and Merv Evans (Club Banora) and 4BBB Runners-Up Ian Leake and Robert Farmer (Lismore) will be written to and ask if they will represent NRVGA. If unavailable, alternate participants will be chosen by their place in the Championship field.
 - Delegates were asked to discuss financial assistance to these nominated players. Moved Reg Wallis, Seconded John Watt, that NRVGA contribute \$100.00 to each nominee to assist with travel and accommodation cost.
CARRIED
- Wayne Rogers (Mullumbimby) discussed the idea of the Shorter Daylight Hour Months being given to those Clubs who only have a one field Veteran Open Day. This is to be discussed at the AGM after Delegates take this issue back to their Committees
- Bill Nichols (Ocean Shores) discussed the possibility of having the 4BBB qualifying date with a Club that offered an afternoon field. This would allow those players who did not want to play on an early start, the opportunity to qualify. Discussion took place and it was decided that the Final had to be played in the Morning at the Championship Event, so therefore, it was not an issue. Status Quo remains.
- Ray to write to Stuart Dossetor to enquire how Secretaries can check bone fides of Open Day participants on the NSWVGA Website. Ray to inform Secretaries once an answer is received.
- Ray to write to Len Payne, Secretary NSWVGA, regarding Nominations for NSWVGA State Veteran Medal
- Ray to write to Len Payne regarding Club Membership Numbers so that Vouchers can be forwarded to NRVGA for distribution to affiliated Veteran Clubs
- Ray to post NRVGA Constitution onto our official NRVGA Website
- Secretaries are to encourage their Veteran membership to acquaint themselves with the NRVGA Website. This site has a hell of a lot of very useful information on it, including the Draw for the current Veteran Open Day about to be played and the Results of all Veteran Open Days
- Delegates are asked to come along to the AGM on 25 October with dates for their 2010 Veteran Open Day. Please keep in mind the idea put forward by Wayne Rogers regarding One Field Veteran Open Days using the shorter daylight hour months, with the larger Clubs offering two fields scheduling for the longer daylight hour months.

Meeting Closed 10.55 am

Ray Kent ... Secretary / Treasurer