

2019 AGM ... 25 October 2019

Venue Byron Bay Golf Club

Meeting Opened: 9.30am

Chair: John Lowe President NRVGA

Attendance:

Ballina: Bill Nardi (Vice President), David Maxwell (Captain), David Fraser (Secretary)

Byron Bay: Reg Wallis (Secretary), David Rutherford (President)

Casino: Bob Reiche (Vice President), John Weaver (Secretary)

Club Banora: David Harrod (Captain), Dave Wallis (Delegated Rep)

Cool/Tweed: Ross Lever (President), Grant Evans (Captain), Roy Stephen (Secretary)

Coraki: Rick Vass (President), David Vagne (Treasurer), Steve Ormond (Secretary), John Watt (Handicapper)

Grafton: Ron Baker (Captain), Graeme Smith (Secretary)

Iluka: Jeff Turner (Treasurer)

Kyogle: No Representatives (see apologies)

Lismore: John Lowe (President NRVGA), Jim Kelly (Life Member NRVGA), Ian Leake (Vice President)

Maclean: Bob Harvey (President), Doug Hudson (Vice Captain)

Mullumbimby: Wayne Rogers (President), Neil Farquhar (Secretary)

Murwillumbah: Ray Kent (Secretary NRVGA), Gary Fidler (Captain), John Belshaw (Vice Captain)

Ocean Shores: Peter Kiernan (President)

Pottsville: John Needham (President), Paul McGavin (Secretary)

Woodburn Evans Head: John Frederiksen (Secretary), Graham Ireland (President)

Woodenbong: No Representatives (See Apologies)

Yamba: Greg Starr (President), Ted Tuchin (Secretary/Treasurer)

Apologies:

Ballina: John Swan

Casino: Wayne Nowland

Grafton: Geoff Hackett

Iluka: Geoff Prentice

Kyogle: Peter Schipanski, Barry Little

Lismore: Denis Thomson

Woodenbong: Eric Taylor, Trevor Petty, Peter Taylor (Councillor NSWVGA)

Yamba: John Daley (Councillor NSWVGA)

John Lowe (President) asked for everyone to be upstanding and reflect upon past colleagues.

Casino: Jim Donnelly

Yamba: Lucy Thompson

Club Banora: Ray Tume

Murwillumbah: Alan Bryce

Coraki: Peter Boland

Lismore: Noel Bell, Noel Lynn

Minutes of Half Yearly Meeting: (Held Ocean Shores 14 June 2019)

These being distributed before Meeting ... Taken as Read

Moved: Ron Baker (Grafton), Seconded: John Frederiksen (WEH) ... Carried

Business Arising:

Report about NSWVGA Medal to be reported upon in General Business by both Greg Starr and Ian Leake

Correspondence:

IN ... Grafton – Request for a Change of Venue to be more central to a Geographical Area.

Grafton – Request for a Change Of Date for Veteran Open Day

CTH – Request for Change Of Date for Veteran Open Day

Nomination Forms for President, Secretary/Treasurer, Both Councillors

Letter and Cheque (\$1300.00) from NSWVGA for Vouchers for each NRVGA Club

OUT... Usual emails to Clubs and posting of all NSWVGA Minutes on Website

Reports:

Presidents Report: John Lowe read his Report (see attached)

In essence, the Report covered ...

- John's first Report as President
- Congratulated every Club for running their respective Vet Open Day
- Thanked all Clubs for the hospitality afforded to himself at these days
- The Heart of NRVGA is our Clubs and their Membership
- His challenge in 2020 is to get Iluka's Executive to take an active role in NRVGA Meetings

A round of applause was given to Iluka's Representative at this year's AGM ... May their presence continue! Thank you, Jeff.

- NRVGA Weeks of Golf showcase Northern Rivers strength as a Golfing Destination
- Congratulated participants at NSWVGA State Medal Event
- Thanked NSWVGA for their support for Grass Roots Veteran Golf by \$25.00 Vouchers
- Thanked Secretary / Treasurer for his role in keeping Group 14 in front of the rest.
- Thanked all Club Delegates

Moved John Lowe / Seconded John Watt ... (CARRIED)

Secretary's Report: Ray Kent read his Report (see attached)

In essence, the Report covered ...

- The passing of Noel Bell (Lismore) and Ray Tume (Club Banora) was mentioned as these two took an active role in their respective Club's Executive Committee.
- Glad to see Peter Hamilton recovering well from his serious stroke he had in late July
- Celebrations and Congratulations to our representatives to NSWVGA State Medal
- Our Veterans' Open Day Program ... Statistics presented regarding ...
 - Number of Veterans travelling – with Lismore being a “stand-out”
 - The Ball Rundown in relation to percentage of the Field (Try for 30%)
- Announcement of Accumulated Point Score and the awarding of the NSWVGA Medal and NRVGA Runner-Up Medal. This year was very hotly contested.
- Reminder of Championships – 4 November at Ballina
- Constitution updated and posted on Website ... please visit site <http://nrvga.com>

- Mentioned the need to look at NRVGA revenue in future years and ways of ensuring that our finances are protected from recurring 'losses'
- Thanked President John Lowe for an excellent job, well done
- Thanked hard working Secretaries and urged them to send through ALL new Veteran Member Details AS THEY JOIN their Club

Moved Ray Kent / Seconded Greg Starr ... (CARRIED)

Treasurer's Report: Ray presented the NRVGA Financial Report with Notes

In essence, the Report covered ...

- Opening Balance \$13,362.90 ... Monies in Account \$7,962.90 + \$6000.00 Invest
- Income \$16,597.22
- Expenditure \$17,407.60 ... Loss of \$810.38
- Closing Balance \$13,152.52 ... Monies in Account \$7,152.52 + \$6000.00 Invest

Audited by Peter Hamilton (Maclean Veterans)

Ray presented some Treasurer's Notes (See Attached) which helped to explain the LOSS of \$810.38

Moved Ray Kent / Seconded John Frederiksen ... (CARRIED)

Councillors' Report: With both Councillors being absent, Ray read John Daley's Report (see attached)

In essence, the Report covered ...

- Busy year at Club, Group and State Level
- New Initiatives – \$25.00 Vouchers per 50 Members at each Club
The State Medal – Port Macquarie ... Congratulations to 4BBB winners from NRVGA and all other Representatives
- Championship Events – Expressions of Interest sought for 2021
- Weeks Of Golf – 6 events in Northern Rivers
Try to keep costs low
Tag Along tour arranged to get participants inland
- Together, Peter and John have attended 6 Board Meetings, 26 Weeks of Golf and Group 14's AGM.
- Both wish to continue next year, representing Group 14

Report was moved Greg Starr, that Councillors, John Daley and Peter Taylor have our support at NRVGA for positions of Councillors in 2020. Seconded Gary Fidler. (CARRIED)

Election of Office Bearers NRVGA 2020:

All positions were declared VACANT and Reg Wallis (Life Member and Patron) was asked to come forward and conduct the Election

Duly elected were ... John Lowe (President)

Moved Ken Arnett / Seconded Denis Thompson

Ray Kent (Secretary / Treasurer)

Moved Greg Starr / Seconded Ross Lever

Michael Cook – (Vice President North - in absentia)

Moved John Watt / Seconded John Weaver

Greg Starr – (Vice President South)

Moved Ted Tuchin / Seconded David Fraser

Notice of Motion ... Grafton had presented in writing, and at least three weeks before the AGM, a motion which stated – “that NRVGA give consideration to moving the Half Yearly Meeting, usually held in June, to a more centrally located Club within our Region”

This motion was spoken to by Grafton. At present, with the Meeting being held at Ocean Shores, travel time for Grafton was two and a half hours (and then return).

Discussion from Delegates followed, with venues such as Lismore, Coraki and Ballina being put forward. Ballina became the preferred Venue.

Moved Ron Baker / Seconded Graeme Smith that Ballina be the Venue of NRVGA Half Yearly Meeting ... CARRIED

Ballina Representatives were asked to go back to Ballina and confirm that the Club would agree to this (Friday, 12 June 2020)

NRVGA Veteran Open Day Program 2020:

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| Iluka | Tuesday, 18 February 2020 |
| Byron Bay | Monday, 24 February 2020 |
| Ballina | Monday, 09 March 2020 |
| Woodenbong | Tuesday, 24 March 2020 |
| Casino | Tuesday, 7 April 2020 |
| Yamba | Monday, 04 May 2020 |
| Maclean | Monday, 18 May 2020 |
| Murwillumbah | Monday, 01 June 2020 |
| Mullumbimby *** | Monday, 13 July 2020 |
| Ocean Shores | Thursday, 23 July 2020 |
| Kyogle | Tuesday, 04 August 2020 |
| Club Banora | Monday, 10 August 2020 |
| Coraki | Tuesday, 25 August 2020 |
| Lismore *** | Tuesday, 08 September 2020 |
| Coolangatta Tweed | Thursday, 17 September 2020 |
| Grafton | Monday, 28 September 2020 |
| Woodburn Evans | Tuesday, 13 October 2020 |
| Pottsville | Tuesday, 20 October 2020 |

NOTE: 4BBB Qualifying Rounds marked with ***

The Team Pair must belong to the same Veteran Club

Must play in Single Stableford Event

No substituting once qualified

Weeks Of Golf:

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| Casino | 11 - 15 May 2020 |
| Maclean | 13 – 17 July 2020 |
| Ballina | 20 – 24 July 2020 |
| Murwillumbah | 27 – 31 July 2020 |
| Coolangatta Tweed Heads | 03 – 07 August 2020 |
| Yamba | 10 – 14 August 2020 |

NRVGA Championships 2020

Monday, 02 November 2020 at Casino

NOTE: *All Veterans to be members of the NRVGA and to have played in at least THREE Veteran Open Days (above) to be eligible to play in the 2020 NRVGA Championships*

Half Yearly Meeting ... Friday, 12 June 2020 10.00am for 10.30am START at Ballina

NRVGA AGM ... Friday, 06 November 2020 at Byron Bay

General Business:

- **This years NSWVGA State Medal** ... Both Greg Starr (Yamba) and Ian Leake (Lismore) spoke expressed their thoughts on the Event – re: organisation, mis-communication and overall summation of the Event
 - Both players thanked NRVGA for the opportunity to play and the financial support offered. Their own Club's also offered extra financial support
 - The idea of the Event was excellent
 - Communication could have been better
 - Confusion of the Single Event – was it supposed to be Stroke or Stableford. Again communication
 - Presentation Dinner excellent
 - “More prestige and weight” was seen to be placed on 4BBB Event rather than the Single Event
 - The number of Ladies playing – did it constitute a field

The Secretary will communicate and write to our Councillors to bring this up at State Level to clarify all particulars for 2020 Event – especially the date.

This could mean that NRVGA will hold their Championships before this State Event resulting in TWO lots of Nominations being made to send participants.

- **Website** – Ray urged all Delegates to check the Website for Minutes of both NRVGA and NSWVGA Executive Meetings. They are all there under ABOUT >>> MEETINGS. Also, all Draws for Open Days are posted as soon as Ray receives them, with Results being posted at conclusion of Event. Pass this information onto all Members Delegates are asked to check that the information is correct under their OWN page in the Website – especially Committee for 2020. Please send Ray details if needed to be corrected.
- **Discussion on Point raised by Treasurer** Ray re: future-proofing the ongoing “loss” due to restricted Income and known future Expenditure. This is to be discussed with the view that Affiliation Fees will not rise in the next four years.
 - Raise Fees for each member
 - Raffle at NRVGA Championships be directed to NRVGA
 - A large all-encompassing Raffle being sold at each Club to their Veteran Membership with proceeds being shared by the Club and NRVGA. Prize being substantial.
 - 50cent surcharge being placed on each Veteran at the various Veteran Open Days

As there was a lot of discussion and Motions wanting to be put, Motions were withdrawn and Delegates were asked to return to their Clubs and discuss this issue, and a controlled discussion would take place at the Half Yearly meeting to decide which scenario NRVGA could take.

- **Delegates to promote**, insist that Veterans entering Vet Open Days wear the Light Blue NRVGA Veteran Shirts
- **John Lowe reminded Delegates** that the Cost to Veterans playing Vet Open Days would remain static at the maximum of \$30.00. If lunch is getting hard to budget for, please consider alternatives in the provision of Lunch.
GOLF + LUNCH PROVIDED will remain at \$30.00 for every Club. (Clubs can charge LESS if so inclined

John thanked all delegates for attendance, wishing all good golf and a very Happy and Merry Festive Season and looking forward to meeting all back on the First Tee at Iluka in February 2020.

The Meeting was Closed at 11.35am and Delegates were invited to partake in Food and Refreshments. Thank you to Patron Reg Wallis for preparing Food

Ray Kent

Secretary

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