

# Minutes of AGM: Ballina Golf Club

## 6 November 2020

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**Meeting started:** 10.30am

### **Attendance:**

Executive:	John Lowe (Lismore) President Ray Kent (Murwillumbah) Secretary / Treasurer
Ballina:	John Swan (President) David Fraser (Secretary)
Byron Bay:	David Rutherford (President) Doug Trigg (Secretary)
Casino:	Geoff Pederson (President) Laurie Bonner (Secretary) Danny Kennedy
Club Banora:	Dave Wallis (Contact) David Harrod (Captain)
Coolangatta Tweed	Grant Evans (President)
Heads:	Roy Stephen (Secretary)
Coraki:	Rick Vass (President)
Grafton:	Jeff Hackett (President) Ron Baker (Secretary)
Iluka:	Jeoff Turner (Secretary)
Kyogle:	Barry Little (Secretary)
Lismore:	Ian Leake (President) Denis Thomson (Assist. Secretary)
Maclean:	Bob Harvey (President) Peter Hamilton (Secretary)
Mullumbimby:	Wayne Rogers (President) Neil Farquhar (Secretary)
Murwillumbah:	John Belshaw (Vice-Captain)
Ocean Shores:	Peter Kiernan (President) Michael Cook (Vice-President – NRVGA)
Pottsville:	John Needham (President) Paul McGavin (Secretary)
Woodburn Evans	Graham Ireland (President)
Head:	Clint Young (Secretary) Jim Perkins (Captain)
Woodenbong:	
Yamba:	Greg Starr (President) John Daley (Councillor NSWVGA)

### **Apologies:**

Steve Ormond (Secretary - Coaraki)  
John Watt (Coraki)  
Bob Green (President - Murwillumbah)

Gary Fidler (Captain – Murwillumbah)  
Ted Tuchin (Secretary – Yamba)  
Peter Taylor (Councillor NSWVGA)  
Ross Allwood (Contact - Woodenbong)  
Peter Schipanski (Captain – Kyogle)  
Graeme Smith (Secretary – Grafton)

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**Before Meeting Started:** John Lowe asked Delegates to observe a minute's silence for Veteran Members who have passed away since our last General Meeting.

Peter Trafford (Mullumbimby)  
John Ramay (WEH)  
Ron Forster (WEH)  
Trevor Gleeson (Grafton)  
Allen Ferguson (Grafton)  
Graham Lentfer (Grafton)  
Thomas Battallini (Grafton)  
Paul Hillary (Kyogle)

NRVGA send, with sincere sadness and respect, our collective condolences to the families, friends and fellow Vet Members and Clubs for the above Members

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Zoom Meeting 12 June 2020

Secretary read previous minutes and these were accepted as a true and accurate account of that meeting.

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Survey of all Clubs re: Costs of Veteran Open Days.

This will be dealt with in General Business.

Moved Ray Kent / Dave Wallis ... *CARRIED*

**Correspondence INWARD:**

From NSWVGA ...	Required List of NRVGA Contacts and Numbers Second Cheque and Letter Re: \$1275.00 GrassRoots Level
Nomination Forms	John Lowe for President Ray Kent for Secretary Greg Starr for Vice-President Michael Cook for Vice-President
Email NSWVGA	Seeking position of Lowering Veteran Age to 50 years
Email Ian Vidler (Pres)	Explaining Motion to be put at NSWVGA AGM - Received 2 Nov
Email Ies Knox (Councillor NSWVGA)	Re plight of Woodenbong – See Sec. Report
Email from Iluka	Re Ball Rundown and Distribution at Veteran Open Days 2021

**Correspondence OUTWARD:**

To NRVGA Clubs	Dissemination of Information via email to all Clubs Gift Vouchers to all Clubs – Grass Roots Level on Membership
To NSWVGA	Numbers and Contact details of all NRVGA Clubs

**Reports:** President (see full Report attached)

- Covid-19 affected NRVGA Veteran Open Days – limited days
- Big 'Thanks' to Casino for staging Championships and 'Congratulations' to the Winners and Runners-Up

- Membership of NRVGA is very healthy
- Largest Group in NSWVGA
- Double issue of Grass Roots Vouchers from NSWVGA
- Although the threat of Covid-19 will be around for a long time, we must finalize our 2021 Vets Open Day Program and learn to comply with the protocols and make 2021 Golf Year as normal as possible
- Woodenbong Veterans Club is struggling. Sadly, Eric Taylor is very unwell. The Club is working with NSWGA to work out and re-organise their operating plan to move forward. NRVGA will look at ways to assist wherever possible.
- Thanks to Secretary Ray and Auditor Peter Hamilton
- A joyous, happy and safe festive season.

Moved John Lowe / Seconded Greg Starr ... *CARRIED*

**Reports: Secretary (see full Report attached)**

- This year gave us many challenges. Golf Clubs shut down; Golf Clubs reopened with strict Covid-Safe protocols; Border closures and travel 'Bubbles'; Full General Meeting by Zoom; trying to run a Vets Open Day Golf Program amongst ever-changing Health directives, Restrictions and mis-leading information. But we did manage to hold 5 of the 18 Veteran Open Days plus the end-of-year Championships.
- Thanks to all Club Secretaries for managing Veterans Golf in these difficult times.
- Congratulations to John Lowe for having "Life Membership" bestowed on him at Lismore Veterans.
- Ross Allwood at Woodenbong has stepped up in Eric Taylor's absence to ensure that Woodenbong Club and Vets does continue. Ross is working with Les Knox (NSWVGA) and Graham Phillips (NSWGA) at ways of improving Golf Operations and possibility of Community Grants being available. NRVGA is here to support.
- Two rounds of Grass Roots Level \$25 Gift Vouchers were distributed to NRVGA Clubs from NSWVGA on a per capita of Membership base. Much appreciated.
- Registration of Veteran Club Members is very important. All Club Secretaries must keep an accurate Role of members and pass on these names to NRVGA Secretary for Association Membership and Registration with NSWVGA. Please utilise the Spreadsheet I have sent you for this purpose.
- Thanks to NRVGA Executive, Club Secretaries and Committees, and to Peter Hamilton, our Auditor.

Moved Ray Kent / Seconded Michael Cook ... *CARRIED*

**Reports: Treasurer ...**

- Financial Report prepared and Audited and *Certified as a true and fair view* by Peter Hamilton, Maclean (1 November 2020)
- Profit for Year \$2,460.35
- ANZ Bank Account \$9,612.87: Term Deposit \$6,000.00
- Closing Balance: \$15,612.87

**Reports:** Councillor NSWVGA, John Daley ... (see full Report attached)

- Golf Club Veteran membership has risen in Group 14
- Open Days and Weeks of Golf impacted upon by Covid-19
- AGM of NSWVGA will be held on Wednesday 2 December 2020
- Two lots of "Grass Roots Level" Vouchers distributed through Group Secretaries
- NSWVGA has avenues available to them to assist struggling Clubs who have been adversely affected by events out of their control. Each case looked at and decision made as to help available.
- Unfortunately, Councillor Peter Taylor (Group 14) is not seeking re-election as NSWVGA Councillor due to ill health. Thanks for his efforts to date and get well quickly.
- A motion has been put before the NSWVGA AGM "that the age limit of Veteran Golfers be reduced from 55 to 50 years". All Groups have been asked to discuss this and report back to NSWVGA.
- I have enjoyed working for Group 14 as your Councillor at NSWVGA and would like your endorsement to continue

Moved John Daley / Seconded Rick Vass ... *CARRIED*

- *John's Nomination for Vice President was endorsed by the Meeting and will be forwarded to NSWVGA by Secretary*

#### **Election of Officers ... 2021**

There was only one nomination received from the Group for each of the four executive positions. These were accepted and endorsed by the Delegates present.

Moved Ron Baker / Seconded Ian Leake ... *CARRIED*

The Elected Executive for 2021 is as follows ...

President:	John Lowe (Lismore)
Vice-President South:	Greg Starr (Yamba)
Vice-President North:	Michael Cook (Ocean Shores)
Secretary / Treasurer:	Ray Kent (Murwillumbah)

Peter Hamilton (Maclean) accepted the Role of Auditor for 2021

#### **General Business:**

- John Lowe stated that he would like to have his Honorarium (\$200.00) be given to Woodenbong Veterans this financial year to assist them

Moved John Lowe / Seconded Jim Perkins ... *CARRIED*

*Treasurer will transfer John's Honorarium to Woodenbong's Vets Account ... Ray*

- Ray presented Results of Survey and spoke to it regarding content. Discussion took place and the following decision made.  
"The Cost of Veteran Open Days will be capped at \$35.00 for 2021 to be reviewed annually. The amount charged by Member Clubs will be at their discretion".

Moved Greg Starr / Seconded Ron Baker ... *CARRIED*

- Discussed the Motion put forward by John Watt from Coraki ...  
 "That a Stand-alone 4BBB Championship be added to the NRVGA Calendar"  
 This was discussed and left to the Executive to work out a date and a possible  
 Rotation for future years if the one year's trial is successful

Motion moved: Rick Vass / Seconded: Greg Starr ... *CARRIED*

The following Clubs stated that they would be interested in holding such a  
 4BBB Championship if the idea proved successful.

Yamba	Slope 128
Mullumbimby	Slope 125
Lismore	Slope 116
Woodburn Evans Head	Slope 113
Coraki	Slope 113
Grafton	Slope 119
Murwillumbah	Slope 125

- Program dates for 2021 NRVGA Veterans Open Day Program and Fixtures**

The following dates were set ...

Iluka	Tuesday 23 February
Ballina	Monday 08 March
Woodenbong	Monday 22 March
Casino	Tuesday 06 April
Byron Bay	Monday 19 April
Yamba	Monday 03 May
Maclean	Monday 17 May
Murwillumbah	Monday 31 May
Mullumbimby	Monday 12 July
Ocean Shores	Thursday 22 July
Kyogle	Tuesday 03 August
Club Banora	Monday 09 August
Coraki	Tuesday 24 August
Lismore	Tuesday 7 September
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	Thursday 16 September
Grafton	Monday 27 September
Woodburn Evans Head	Tuesday 12 October
Pottsville	Tuesday 19 October

**Half Yearly Meeting @ Ballina**  
**AGM @ Ballina**

**Friday 11 June**  
**Friday 12 November**

**4BBB Championships @ Mullumbimby      Monday 25 October**

Qualifying Criteria to play ... 3 x Veteran Open Days

**NRVGA Championships @ Byron Bay      Monday 01 November**

Qualifying Criteria to play... 3 x Veteran Open Days

**From NSWVGA ... the following Weeks Of Golf have been set ...**

Casino Week Of Golf	Mon 10 May – Fri 14 May
Maclean Week Of Golf	Mon 19 July – Fri 23 July
Ballina Week Of Golf	Mon 26 July – Fri 30 July
Murwillumbah W.O.G.	Mon 02 Aug – Fri 06 Aug
Coolangatta Tweed W.O.G.	Mon 09 Aug – Fri 13 Aug
Yamba Week Of Golf	Mon 16 Aug – Fri 20 Aug

A motion was moved by Ray Kent ... “That NRVGA purchase a Shield Trophy for the Stableford Event held at the NRVGA Championships each year”

Discussed and Motion put ...

Moved: Ray Kent / Seconded: Ian Leake ... *CARRIED*

- John Daley put forward the position of “**Lowering the Age of Veteran Eligibility to 50 years**”

This will be a motion put forward at the NSWVGA AGM in December.

John asked that this could be discussed so that NSWVGA could form a position on this for National Council. In his Report he mentioned this and the reasoning behind the idea.

Good discussion flowed with Speakers FOR the “Lowering of Age” and  
Speakers AGAINST the “Lowering of Age”

At the end of discussion, the Motion for Lowering of Age was put ..

**IN FAVOUR ... 9      AGAINST ...25      ... LOST**

Secretary to write to NSWVGA informing them of the position voted by Delegates of NRVGA on the “Idea of Lowering the Age”

No further general Business ... Delegates were invited to have a refreshment at the Bar.

Meeting Closed