

**MINUTES of HALF YEARLY MEETING
HELD at BALLINA GOLF CLUB
11 June 2021**



Meeting Opened: 9.13am
Chair: John Lowe (President)

ATTENDANCE:

Ballina: David Fraser

Byron Bay: Peter Larsson, Dave Rutherford

Casino: Geoff Pederson, Lawrie Bonner

Club Banora:

Coolangatta Tweed: Ron Sammons, Nick Browne, Grant Evans

Coraki: Steve Ormond, Rick Vass, John Watt

Grafton:

Iluka: Jeoff Turner

Kyogle: Peter Schipanski,

Lismore: John Lowe (NRVGA Pres), Ian Leake

Macleay: Bob Harvey, Peter Hamilton

Mullumbimby: Neil Farquhar, Peter Taylor

Murwillumbah: Ray Kent (NRVGA Sec), Gary Fidler, John Belshaw

Ocean Shores: Michael Cook (NRVA V/Pres), Brad Imeson, Noel Keil

Pottsville: John Needham, Paul McGavin

Woodburn Evans Head: Graham Ireland, Clint Young, Jim Perkins

Woodenbong:

Yamba: Greg Starr (NRVGA V/Pres), Mike Grills, John Daley (NSWVGA V/Pres)

APOLOGIES:

Byron Bay: Doug Trigg

Club Banora: Dave Wallis

Grafton: Graeme Smith, Jeff Hackett, Ron Baker

Lismore: Denis Thompson

Mullumbimby: Wayne Rogers

Woodenbong: Ross Allwood

MINUTE'S SILENCE: John Lowe asked for Reflection Time as we remember our Veteran members who have passed away since our last Meeting. Sincere Condolences go out to their Families, their veteran Club and Golfing Buddies

MINUTES of LAST MEETING: These were distributed prior to Meeting by email and have been posted on Website since Last Meeting - 06 November 2020

Moved (as a True Record) John Daley, Seconded Rick Vass ... CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING: No business arising from Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE: Inward ... NSWVGA Vouchers and Letter of Conditions for Distribution,
NSWVGA Re: Questionnaire regarding NSWVGA Medal
Outward To ... NSWVGA: Response to Questionnaire
ALL Secretaries and Contacts (email) Minutes of
Executive Zoom Meeting,
The Five Nominated Clubs re Confirmation of Staging the
NRVGA 4BBB Championships on a FIVE YEAR Rotation
Moved (Correspondence be Received) Greg Starr, Seconded John Watt ... CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Lowe presented his Report (Full Report attached as .pdf File)

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ray Kent presented his Report (Full Report attached as .pdf File)
including Current Bank Balance and Budgeting ahead.

NSWVGA COUNCILLOR REPORT: John Daley presented his Report (Full Report attached as .pdf File)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ***Nomination Peter Taylor*** ... John welcomed back Peter Taylor after illness prevented him continuing in his Role as NSWVGA Councillor.
John sought ratification of Nomination of Peter as
NSWVGA Councillor representing NRVGA ... CARRIED
- ***Secretary / Treasurer*** proposed that at the Championships, a Raffle be conducted with all proceeds going to NRVGA as INCOME. NRVGA would supply the Prizes and conduct the Raffle. The reason behind this was that Clubs holding the Championships, have already had the opportunity to conduct a Raffle for Participants at their Own Veteran Open Day. It is unfair to the other Clubs when they have the opportunity to conduct 'TWO RAFFLES'. Income would certainly be welcomed by NRVGA to help keep our Finances in the 'Black'
Moved (NRVGA Raffle be conducted at the Championship Events) Bob Harvey, Seconded John Watt ... CARRIED
- ***Executive Zoom Meeting*** held 9 May 2021 ... John spoke about matters discussed
 - Nomination Sheets ... please make Response legible; All entries are to come through Secretary - not individuals. From Time to Time late entries do occur and it is up to the Host Club if they accept
 - Shotgun Starts ... preferable over Timed Starts; adds meaning to Presentations
 - Vouchers from NSWVGA ... \$25.00 Gift Card for each 50 members
 - Responses from Clubs on how they are to be used
 - Selecting a 4BBB Rotation of 5 x 18 Hole Clubs
 - Yamba and Maclean in the South
 - Lismore in the Middle
 - Mullumbimby and Murwillumbah in the North
 - Creating a Master Veteran Category in our Championships
- ***Draw Conducted for Future 4BBB Championship Events*** (Last Monday in October)
 - 2022 ... Maclean
 - 2023 ... Murwillumbah
 - 2024 ... Yamba
 - 2025 ... Lismore

2026 ... Mullumbimby

- **Discussion regarding 9 Hole Clubs** not being given opportunity to showcase their Courses at a Championship Event

After much discussion it was decided that Secretary write to the 9-Hole Courses for a Show of Interest to 'Conduct a Master Veteran Stableford 18 Hole Event in 2022 and beyond. A date would be confirmed at 2021 AGM when the 2022 Program is decided upon. Date would be preferable in early October ???

- **Stableford Winners Shield** has been purchased for our 2021 Championships
- **Processes and Protocols** explained by Ray
 - Host Clubs of Vet Open Days must abide by Closing Date set on the Nomination Form and not CLOSE EVENT off EARLY
 - Local Vets should only be placed in DRAW after Vets from other Clubs have been allocated. Locals can easily be placed in PM Field if necessary, as Visitors have distances to travel

Ray used the LARGE SCREEN to explain the PROCESS when Clubs send in New member details.

- Each Club Secretary is to keep a Register of Veteran Players
- Ray, as Group Secretary must keep a Register of ALL CLUBS and their MEMBERS
- Clubs are to send New Member Full Name and Golf Link Number as soon as they join their Veterans Club. Payment is to follow - \$7.50
- Ray includes these on his Official Member Register (each Club has an Official List Register0.
- Ray records Name and Date on a Formulated Spreadsheet with Date PAID, and RE-ADJUSTS Club Totals
- Ray Register these new members on the NSWVGA Register which corresponds to Full Register kept
- Ray PAYS \$5.00 per Member to NSWVGA
- Ray checks all Vet Open Day Results with all players, against his Official List and writes to the Home Club of the need to Register these non-listed players
- ALL players from the Northern Rivers area, MUST be Members of NRVGA (and hence, NSWVGA) to play in any of the Veteran Open Days and Championships.
- Ladies, who are Members of their own Veteran Association, must be Members of NRVGA to play in any of the Veteran Open Days and Championships. (See reason BELOW)
- **NSWVGA v NSWLVGA** ... These two Associations are TWO SEPARATE identities and each DO NOT have reciprocal rights to the other.
Ladies who wish to play in Veteran Open Days and Championships must join the NRVGA through the NRVGA Veteran Club where they play. *This means that they are members of TWO DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS*
- **NSWVGA Medal** ... This is to be played at Nambucca Golf Course on 22-14 November
Because we award our NSWVGA Medal and NRVGA Medal via 'ACCUMULATED POINT SCORE over our 18 Veteran Open Days, we will have Three Years of Qualifiers to send to Nambucca this year. There was no Medal contested in 2019 or 2020. This will be an extra cost to NRVGA.

- **Financial Year Change:** NSWVGA amended their Policy on their Affiliation Payment and Currency of Membership. They have moved their Financial Year to a Calendar Year.
 - This has implications for NRVGA as we follow the same Financial Year Period as NSWVGA.
 - This means that ALL NRVGA Veterans will be Financial with NRVGA/NSWVGA until the 31 December 2021. I will be sending out INVOICES to ALL CLUBS at our AGM on 11 November 2021, based on your Current Official Membership that I hold as at that date. Clubs will have till 25 December to finalise their 2022 List of Veterans, adjusting Names and Golf Link Numbers and processing PAYMENT to NRVGA.
 - As Secretary / Treasurer I must pay NSWVGA by 1 January 2022.
 - As we have, currently, 2136 Veteran Members (**which includes 166 Ladies**), you can see the enormity of my task. I will send out a reminder a Month earlier for you to start the collation process, so that when Invoiced, it will be an easier process for you - and ME.
 - **This also means that any Veteran Member who joins your Veteran Club and paid for to NRVGA (\$7.50), on or after 01 October, this year, will have Currency of Membership right through to 31 December 2022**
 - So please keep sending the Registration of New members through to me as per normal.
 - If your AGM and Yearly Membership falls before this date, please hold these overall funds for existing Members until then but send in New Members Names and Payment as soon as they join

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Posted, with attachments, on NRVGA Website www.nrvga.com
 ... on 12 June 2021