

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE ZOOM MEETING OF NSWVGA TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

Meeting Opened: 9.30 am

Attendee's: Ian Vidler(President), Dick van Buuren(Clr)

Les Knox(Clr), John Daley (Clr), Aileen Williams (Clr)

John Dixon (Clr), Stuart Dossetor(Clr), Garry Mason (Clr), Lance Fredericks(Clr), Gerry Cox (Clr), Peter Guy (Clr)

Apologies: James Shadlow(Clr), Nancy Cullen VWGA

Obituaries: Mr Phillip Ledgerwood, Captain Muswellbrook Vets, Stephen Vamford Camden Golf Club/ Jamberoo Vets. Vance Leary Dubbo Vets.

Minutes of previous zoom meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021, as previously circulated were confirmed on motion (Clr) John Dixon Seconded (Clr) Stuart Dossetor - carried

Business Airising: Nil

Correspondence: In

21.7.21 Email received from Ross Lever

9/8/21 Notification that the email that was sent to M. Bolger was read on 9/8/21

11.8.21 Rescheduling of Men's Sand green Championships

23.9.21 Email received from Group26 secretary Rand Wilson

Email received from David Peel HVGC postpone fees

30.9.21 Reply letter received from Mr Lots Gundagai Vets

30.9.21 Expression of interest received from The Links Shell Cove

20.8.21 Thank you card received from Ann Doyle

4.10.21 Email received from Mr Peter Edwards EVWOG Tournament Director.

Out:

6.8.21 Reply email sent to Mr Ross Lever

6.8.21 Email sent to M Bolger Gundagai Services Club

6.8.21 Letter sent to Gundagai Vets concerning Mr Lots

10.8.21 Notification to all group secretaries of our new treasurer and his details

15.8.21 Sympathy card sent to Phillip Ledgerwood family

29.8.21 Appreciation Certificate sent to Mr David Fraser Ballina Vets

1.9.21 Reply email sent to Steve Messiter Tenterfield

27.9.21 Reply email sent to David Peel HVGC

Motion to receive all correspondence moved (Clr) John Daley seconded (Clr) Peter Guy - carried

## **President's report October 2021**

Many of the issues I planned to include in my report will appear as Agenda items for discussion so I will elaborate on some of the other issues for background information.

**AVGU Championships 21 &22:** A ZOOM meeting of the AVGU member states representatives on approx. 20 September agreed that with the uncertainty of the future with Covid, border closures, lockdowns etc. the championships could not proceed as planned.

Subsequently an email was sent to entrants re refunds but also indicating that AVGU had given permission to the Black Bull organisers to retain \$25 of deposits to offset costs incurred. I protested this announcement indicating that NSWVGA encourage Tournament Directors to refund deposits/fees in total. A further Zoom meeting clarified the decision and it became the responsibility of the Victorian North Eastern Veteran Association to discuss the issue with the McCulley family of Black Bull, the tournament organisers. The ultimatum issued by the McCulleys was that they either retained \$25 or they would not send out refunds. The North Eastern Vets were not interested in the distribution of funds. They then supported the McCulleys and took on the responsibility for the decision as written in the final email to all entrants.

The 2022 Championships will be conducted in Western Australia at Mandura Country Club, Meadow Springs G & C Club and Secret Harbour Golf Links from 06

November to 11 November. Nomination forms and information is available on the Western Australian Veterans website.

**NSWVGA AGM:** Once again due to the difficulty of future planning because of Covid, finding a suitable time and place for this meeting is almost impossible. Lance has done some research for us and we may have to determine when to convene this meeting, maybe at a date later than scheduled or even in 2022. Your thoughts on this matter will be greatly appreciated. Nomination forms for Executive Council will be placed on the website in the near future.

**Possible future amalgamation with NSWVGA:** During the week I had a positive, fruitful discussion with Nancy Cullen on this matter. NSWVGA Executive Council has touched on this matter only fleetingly in the past but it seems to me that the amalgamation of the two bodies is inevitable. To this end, should you all agree on this move, I have asked Vice President Les if he will chair a steering committee for the purpose of initiating the process, in its many steps, to achieve the goal of amalgamation. It should be a slow process but Nancy feels that the current committee of her organisation is in favour and indeed, displayed its interest in offering to support the women's event, played in conjunction with NSWVGA 2021 Stroke Championships.

On this matter there is much to be done but we have to start somewhere.

Ian Vidler

NSWVGA President.

Motion to receive President report moved (Clr) Ian Vidler seconded (Clr) Gerry Cox - carried

Treasurer's  
report

# New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association

## YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 October 2020 to 26 September 2021

PAYMENTS	84,957.39	OPENING BALANCE as at 1.10.2020	17,774.74
BANK BALANCE as detailed below	57,936.50	INCOME	126,199.15
TOTALS	142,893.89		143,973.89
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED AS AT:- LESS O/S (CHEQUES) / DEPOSITS	26/09/2021		58,626.35
	Aileen Williams		(12.25)
	Stu Dossetor		(677.60)
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE			57,936.50

### EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	YTD	2020
Administration Fees	2,964.71	303.45
Affiliation fees	2,500.00	2,500.00
Audit Fees	350.00	350.00
Donations	6,010.00	2,600.00
Insurances	10,572.25	9,892.42
Postage Print & Stat	871.96	249.15
Sponsorship	11,105.00	11,522.00
Vouchers	11,830.00	
Trav Exes Meetings	6,633.07	8,526.11
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders	1,051.50	10,502.16
Website	5,500.00	2,719.00
Grassroots	10,450.00	21,981.30
Grants	2,700.00	8,700.00
Tournament Expenses	9,718.90	5,460.56
Honorariums	2,700.00	2,700.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	84,957.39	88,006.15

### INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD	2020
Affiliation Fees	78,045.00	75,180.00
WOG Player Rego Fees	6,722.00	6,252.00
Interest	332.15	629.81
Sponsorship	5,300.00	3,000.00
Administration Income	-	50.00
Unidentified Deposits	30.00	
Book Sales	5,770.00	
Terminated Investment	30,000.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	126,199.15	85,111.81

### SUMMARY OF ASSETS

Commonwealth Bank Balance as above	57,936.50	
Investment at Greater Building Society	-	Terminated 15/9/2021
Vouchers	1,535.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	59,471.50	

On hand are:

12 Mini Shields

18 Medals

46 Folders (Male)

39 Folders (Female)



NSWVGA ACC 062 234 2800 2400

Available	\$58,626.35
Pending	\$0.00
Balance	\$58,626.35

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Pending transactions not included in the report

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mon 20 Sep 2021	Che 062120 presented	\$71.10		\$58,626.35
Fri 17 Sep 2021	Unq 002571 presented	\$5,510.00		\$58,677.45
Fri 17 Sep 2021	Debit Credit 600452 MATHIAS VILHELM Mardardsson		\$810.00	\$64,777.45
Wed 15 Sep 2021	Unq Dao Urmach EAST MAITLAND		+\$30,003.00	\$94,780.45
Tue 14 Sep 2021	Transfer from NSWGA NSWGA Extra Affiliation Fee		+\$100.00	\$93,363.88

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Motion to receive report moved Clr Dick van Buuren  
seconded Clr Garry Mason- Carried

## **Program Report October 2021**

### ***Overview.***

Veterans Weeks of Golf have virtually come to a stop. The effect of COVID has decimated the program and there is nothing to say the 2022 program will not suffer the same fate.

### ***2021 Program.***

At this stage there are still three weeks going ahead in the Western Riverina area namely Deniliquin, Leeton and Griffith.

Kew on the mid North Coast hasn't cancelled along with Port Stephens .

.Young is still open and Mudgee have rescheduled to late November.

### ***2022 Program.***

The program is as per the NSWVGA Website.

### ***2023 Program.***

The first draft has been sent out with some Tournament Directors replying. There is a reply date



from TD's of the 8th October. The program will be confirmed after this date and presented at the December meeting for ratification and then placed on the website by end of December

***Will there be anybody other than Ian and myself visiting the remaining weeks of golf.***

***Aileen is down for Kew and Jim is down for Young. We need someone for Port Stephens.***

***Of course all the above is dependant on COVID***

John Daley

Program Co ordinator

NSWVGA

Moved on a motion Clr John Daley seconded Clr Gerry Cox - Carried

# **NSWVGA WEBSITE REPORT – OCT 21**

## **1. Public website**

- The only activity on the site in recent months has been recording the closure of tournaments.
- The format of the 2022 Program has been modified to show the NSWVGA Rep for each event.

Action: When names are available – enter details

- Gerry Cox has agreed to join the team handling updates to the public site.

Action: Peter Guy to organize a login with MiClub and to provide training to Gerry.

- The Tournament Director and Group Secretary history pages have been created by MiClub as empty drafts. Dick Farrant has provided the historical data. We need to decide the best format to present these and then load the history.

## **2. New Membership Register**

- A description of the facilities that will be available on the new Register has been circulated to Councillors.

The major changes from the old system are the provision of the 'bulk' file query designed particularly for Tournament Directors and the 'bulk' file update designed particularly for Group Secretaries.

The bulk file update for GSs replaces the previous very time-consuming online renewal function, and allows adding new members in one process.

- Jo Hunter, the developer, gave us access to a first draft of the new website on 18 Aug. Stu and I have been checking it out and have had extensive discussions with Jo, who is continuing to make updates and we expect the next release in the next couple of days. There will probably be a couple more iterations before it is ready for use.
- When we are satisfied with the functionality of the site, the member database has to be copied from the old register, cleaned up as far as possible, and loaded onto the new site. Stu and I have spent quite a bit of effort on clean up recently, and I expect that it will require about 3 weeks after the site is ready.
- We have to create the Club and Group tables for the new site. This is a rather laborious process because the linkages are not directly available from any source. A list has been created which has many unknowns. This has been circulated to Councillors for help with resolving them.
- Stu has been contacting all GSs to inform them of our plans and to check their requirements. This has been an opportunity to also check that information we currently have for each Group is correct.

- We have to create a user list and allocate logins and passwords. We will include the following:
  - \* all Councillors; Richard Doyle
  - \* all Tournament Directors
  - \* all Group Secretaries
  - \* Club Secretaries for directly affiliated clubs
  - \* Club Secretaries who do renewals etc on behalf of a GS – these need to be identified by the GSs

Is there is anyone else who requires access?

- Costs. When we selected Jo Hunter for the development, I reported an estimated cost of \$8000 to \$9000. I did not clarify that this was exclusive of GST and did not include any contingency. It is normal practice to allow contingency of 15% to 20% to cope with any changes or misunderstandings, and I expect that this will be required.

### **3. Dropbox**

I am in the process of setting up a set of folders on Dropbox so that we can all access the 'master' version of common documents and files.

The benefits of this are:

- \* The latest version is always easy to find in a standard place – no searching through emails to find when it was sent out.
- \* Newcomers immediately have access to all documents that they require.
- \* No concerns about someone being left off an email list.

- \* It is possible to set documents up so that anyone can add comments or updates that everyone can track.

Note: it will still be easy to download a copy of any document to your own computer if you want to access it or work on it off-line.

Suggested inclusions are:

- \* Documents for Council meetings
- \* Draft policies and minutes
- \* Internal procedure documents
- \* Excel version of the program for each year
- \* Excel version of the Groups & Clubs list
- \* Email lists – GSs, TDs, Exec Council

Note: the Dropbox folders will not be used for documents that are already on the public website, to avoid any confusion of what is the 'master' copy.

Peter Guy

1 Oct 21

Motion to receive report moved Clr Peter Guy seconded Clr Dick van Buuren – Carried

Clr Stuart Dossetor has spoken to about a third of group secretaries which are very pleased with the new improvements that will be made to the members register. Most of the group secretaries are paying the Affiliation fees via direct deposit. There are still a few group secretaries that pay by cheque Stuart has encouraged those group secretaries to pay via direct deposit.

Motion to receive report moved Clr Stuart Dossetor  
seconded Clr Lance Fredericks – Carried.

Clr Ian Vidler thanked Dick, Peter and Stuart for the amount of work they have done in preparing and putting things in place to date, for the membership, data base for the website.

#### Matters on Notice

1. A.V.G.U. Championships refunds cancelled due to covid. The organisers retained a fee of \$25.00 per entrant to offset costs incurred.
2. Clr Ian Vidler will do an upgraded expenses claim form to cover for travel and accommodation for Councillors while attending WOG, Tournaments and Meeting's, which will be approved at the next meeting. Moved on motion Clr John Daley seconded Clr Les Knox – carried
3. Treasurer will no longer send gift cards for Tournaments or weeks of golf as prizes. He will deposit the monies via direct deposit; he will still send the mini shields and folders for both male and female winners.

4. All Councillors are to do a dot point document of their role as a councillor.
5. Membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The Financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 30<sup>th</sup> September. This is covered in Policy n7.

Member's fees collected after the 30<sup>th</sup> September are carried over to the following year. Moved on a motion Clr Dick VanBuuren seconded Clr Les Knox Carried

6. Suggested budget for 2022- . Budget to be discussed further at a later stage. Clr Les Knox to do a list of level of sponsorship for tournaments.
7. Age limits for NSWVGA membership deferred until the new membership data base is complete. This should be completed in the next 2 to 3 months.
8. Ease for Ladies to join NSWVGA-  
The process of Amalgamation has been started with the Lady Veterans. There is currently 3 ways Ladies can join NSWVGA. Club level if this is not possible  
Group Secretaries and or at weeks of golf.

9. Tumut / Gundagai/ Cootamundra WOGs dates as per programme for 2022.
10. Clr John Daley will meet with Glenn Innes Veterans Committee later today to advise them further on the process to host a week of golf, dates ect.
11. Clr Peter Guy moved on motion that the 3 year Strokeplay Championships awarded to Dubbo start from 2022- as COVID-19 robbed them of the opportunity to hold the first year in a 3 year rotation.  
Seconded Clr John Dixon – Carried
12. Clr Gerry Cox will now take over the administration of the Grassroots Scheme. Moved on motion Clr John Daley seconded Clr Stuart Dossetor- Carried
13. NSWVGA will provide a grant of \$300.00 for all cancelled WOG due to Covid-19 this will be actioned in January after we know how many, this will be done via direct deposit no cheques. Moved on motion Clr Peter Guy seconded Clr Garry Mason – Carried
14. NSWVGA will replace Shields for WOG when they need replacing. Moved on a motion Clr John Daley seconded Clr Peter Guy - Carried



## **General Business:**

Clr John Daley moved on a motion that we hold 2 face to face meeting per year. One in the June in the middle of the year and the other in December at the A.G.M. the remainder of the meetings should be via Zoom. Seconded Clr Les Knox.- carried NSWVGA A.G.M will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

Group Secretaries to be invited to attend, secretary to canvas group secretaries to see how many of them would be able to attend. Moved on a motion Clr John Daley seconded Clr Peter Guy - Carried

Moved on a motion from (Clr) John Dixon seconded (Clr) Stuart Dossetor for (Clr) Les Knox to chair a sub committee to start discussions in regards amalgamation with Veteran Women Golfers Association. This is expected to be completed within a 2 year period. – carried

## Matters of Action

1. Secretary to canvas all group secretaries if they would be availability to attend our A.G.M on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December if it was a Zoom Meeting.
2. Ian will prepare a new travel claim form and send out to councillors for approval at next meeting.
3. Councillors to do a document in point form covering their duties in the role of Councillor.
4. Secretary to advise all group secretaries, financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 30<sup>th</sup> September. Membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> December.
5. John Daley to meet with Glenn Innes Vets, later today to let them know the process required in holding a WOG.
6. John Dixon will contact Emmanuel Aravanis (GolfNSW) in consultation with Dubbo Vets regarding the date for the Strokeplay championships clashing with other senior events and maybe holding the WOG at the Strokeplay Championships at the same time. He will have a answer for this committee at the next meeting.

7. Secretary to reply to Group 26 Group secretary Rand Wilson, explaining the reason that the Grassroots Scheme was introduced for the clubs was to help cover expenses such as he mentioned in his email that the clubs incurred.

Meeting closed at: 11.40am

Next Meeting A.G.M Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am