

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE ZOOM MEETING OF NSWVGA

WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022

Meeting Opened: 9.01 am

Attendee's: Ian Vidler (President), Les Knox (V.Pres), John Daley (V.Pres), Dick van Buuren (Clr), Aileen Williams (Clr), John Dixon (Clr), Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Garry Mason (Clr), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Peter Guy (Clr), Jim Shadlow (Clr), Peter Taylor (Clr), Richard Doyle (Life Member)

Apologies: Gerry Cox (Clr)

Obituaries: Nil

Minutes of previous zoom meeting on Wednesday 8th December 2021, as previously circulated were confirmed on motion (Clr) Stu Dossetor Seconded (Clr) John Dixon- carried

Business Airising:

Amendment: Clr Gerry Cox was in opposition to the motion - Requirements to enter a NSWVGA Event

Clr John Daley seconded Clr Stu Dossetor – carried

Correspondence: In

4.1.22 Email requesting access to members data base Greg Constaine

4.1.22 Email received from Bob Smith regarding Policy Two

4.1.22 Email received from Richard Ledeen-Cooper regarding Policy Two

6.1.22 Email received from Griffith Vets

6.1.22 Email received from John Dalton Orange TD

13.1.22 Email received from Jason Mimmo regarding Policy Two

13.1.22 Email received from Rand Wilson requesting annual payment renewal

17.1.22 Email received from John Spencer regarding changes to SVGA contacts

21.1.22 Email received from Beryl Roberts - Flyer WOG

22.1.22 Apology received from Beryl Roberts and a new flyer for the WOG including the changes to Policy Two.

25.1.22 Email received from Steve Mitchell from BWDVGC currently the President requesting access to members Data base

26.1.22 Email Rand Wilson request for Medal from SRVGA

31.1.22 John Tracey Port Macquarie TD WOG notification of upcoming week of golf

2.2.22 List of entrants to Myall Coast WOG

2.2.22 Email Jim Poulous incorrect phone number on program

7.2.22 Email Dave Peel requesting benefits on has been a member of NSWVGA.

11.2.22 Email received from Brisbane Waters Group Secretary Peter Crowder

15.2.22 Email Betty Ritchie Contacts for Muree Vets

16.2.22 Email John Tudor Thank you email

5.3.22 Email from Tura Beach thank you email

Correspondence Out:

4.1.22 Greg Constaine email forwarded to Stu

12.1.22 Email sent out to all Group Secretaries and TD letter from Ian Vidler regarding responses to the changes in Policy Two.

13.1.22 Email from Rand Wilson forward to Dick

17.1.22 Email to Webmaster regarding contact changes for SVGA

21.1.22 Email sent to Beryl Roberts regarding Policy two changes and having the flyer reflect the changes.

25.1.22 Email forwarded to Stu from BWDVGC - members data base

26.1.21 Request for medal from SRVGA sent to Dick

30.1.22 Email Ross Kirwan requesting a copy of the entrants for the Myall Coast WOG

31.1.22 Email informing John Tracey about the changes to Policy two that will affect his flyer when ready to do.

8.2.22 Reply sent to David Peel

14.2.22 Appreciation certificate Ken Hall Yamba Vets

25.2.22 Email sent to Shoalhaven – acceptance to host NSWVGA Championships Match play 2023, 2024, 2025

25.2.22 Email Links Shell Cove – acceptance to host NSWVGA Stroke Championship 2025, 2026, 2027

25.2.22 Email Tura Beach – acceptance to host NSWVGA Mixed 4 Ball Championships 2024, 2025, 2026

Motion to receive all correspondence moved (Clr) John Daley
Seconded (Clr) Stu Dossetor- carried

Business Airising:

1. Secretary will wait until Les can confirm that we have a room at NSW Golf to cancel bookings at Bankstown Golf Club on 15th June and 7th December
2. Les Knox has spoken to WVGA and a meeting will take place shortly after today's executive meeting.
3. Travel Allowance- included in Dick's report
4. Councillors to do their dot point of their duties. Clr Peter Guy will do a drop box for these items to go into on the web site.
5. Clr Les Knox moved a motion for 2022, we leave the membership situation as it is, collect the \$5.00 for new members and pass onto the treasurer who will then place them into the Register under their group Seconded Clr Jim Shadlow - carried

President's report. March 2022

- Norfolk Island Veterans Tournament.

I attended this popular, annual event in an unofficial capacity but took the opportunity to present two NSWVGA mini shields, as a goodwill gesture, to the 54 hole nett winners, regardless of state of origin. The organisers were delighted with the offer which added an off - island feature to sponsorship as most trophies were locally sponsored produce.

Winners of the NSWVGA mini shields were Deb White from Bargara and Arthur Keeping from Norfolk Island. Both players expressed their gratitude for our offer.

As Norfolk Island Veterans are isolated from mainland veteran activities I would like to see this offer of mini shields become a permanent practice and the event become part of our Programme.

- Future Executive Council Meetings in Sydney.

As discussed recently the two planned Sydney meetings in June and November will be held at the offices of Golf NSW. NSWVGA would like to thank Golf NSW for its offer. We look forward to strengthening the ties between the two organisations.

- Week of Golf Mini Shields.

These have been sent to Tournament Directors of events up to and including Brisbane Waters Week of Golf planned for 27 June to 1 July. Those TDs have also had deposited into their nominated accounts the appropriate funds associated with their events. I hope to pass this task of handling the shields and Presentation Folders on to Peter Taylor on his return from overseas.

- NSWVGA Medal/Fourball Finals.

I have finalised the dates for this event, Eastern event only, to be conducted at Nambucca Heads on 17/18 October. The western event dates will have to be negotiated with Forbes veterans and I will do so as I pass through Forbes within the next month. At a later date we will have to decide to what extent we are going to financially support these events.

- Camping at Howlong and Corowa Golf Clubs.

Alannah Cusack, Operations Manager, Howlong Golf Resort, has issued a notice to all Tournament entrants that **"overnight stays in self – contained accommodation is strictly not permitted and we are on the radar as a result of complaints put to Council."** This applies to both Corowa and Howlong golf clubs. It is our wish that travellers follow these instructions to not jeopardise the success of the Corowa/Howlong Week of Golf.

- Henbury Golf Club Vets.

Barry Mason, captain of this club recently contacted Richard Doyle proposing a possible change in the positioning of his club in NSWVGA structure. He claimed almost no relationship between Henbury and Mudgee Vets and believes Henbury Vets would be better positioned as part of Blue Mountains to where his members would be more likely to travel rather than Mudgee. Richard Ledden-Cooper, President of BMVGA is willing to discuss this issue to explore possibilities. I suggest we commence dialogue with all parties to reach a solution which satisfies all.

- Grass Roots Scheme:

Richard Doyle who has guided this scheme since its inception, in a recent email, expressed the "honour and privilege" it was to get this scheme up and running over three years since 2019. He has been responsible for the distribution of \$41,650 in that time in addition to attempting to confirm with Group and Club Secretaries their membership numbers. And all this work carried out since his retirement from NSWVGA Executive Council. At the AGM in December NSWVGA considered it was time a member of the Executive Council took responsibility for this scheme and Gerry Cox accepted the challenge.

On behalf of NSWVGA members the Executive Council congratulates and sincerely thanks Richard for the work he has completed on this monumental task. All members have benefited from his efforts and we wish him well in his “second retirement.”

- Finally, my sincere thanks go to those of you on the Executive Council who have been working so diligently on the issues related to your areas of responsibility such as Finance, Programming, Grass Roots, Members Register, Amalgamation, Website, Communication and Insurances. In recent months there has been an atmosphere of “teamwork” with many of you contributing ideas to assist each other. I thank you all for your contributions to Veterans Golf in NSW.

Ian Vidler
President NSWVGA
March 2022

Motion to receive President’s Report moved Clr Ian Vidler seconded
Clr John Dixon

Treasurer's Report to the General Meeting 9th March 2022

- 16 Cancelled WoG Grants Paid. Several clubs have not responded to my request for Bank Details. Most clubs just supplied their details, however a couple of replies are worth reporting:

Much appreciated! Please pass on our thanks to the NSWVGA for this kind gesture. Ballina Vets Week of Golf Account.

We have decided to cancel our event permanently because all other participating clubs have now withdrawn their support. So, regrettably, we cannot accept your kind offer of \$300. Peter Edwards Catalina Country Club

Thank You to NSVGA for recognizing the work (and aggravation) that goes into putting on a Week Of Golf - only to have it cancelled. Hopefully, 2022 will see our NSWVGA Program completed without incidents. Ray Kent Secretary NRVGA

Thank you to NSWVGA for this grant, much appreciated. Peter Hamilton Maclean Veteran Golfers

- It is worth noting that the large majority of Affiliation fees were paid by EFT. I received 6 cheques out of 140+ payments.
- Numerous clubs are paying their annual fees direct and not going through the Group Sec. This is not a problem for me but made be for Group Secretaries.
- From my experiences I have notice a lack of communication between Group Sec & Club Sec. David Gunner has forwarded several emails that were incorrectly directed to him.
- As at 20 Feb 2022 we had received \$66,170 in affiliation fees. I compare that to the number of financial members in the Database. A search revealed 11,541 members with membership of 2022+. Convert numbers to dollars equals \$57,705 a substantial difference. Interesting to note that of the 11,541 some 247 members were showing a membership year 2023 or greater. I will be interested to see how this is managed with the new system.
- I have had a very close look at the costs we can control which also needed a review of past financial performance. In doing that I have to report some serious deficiencies in the previous reporting to Council. The AGM for 2016/17 reported a loss of \$5,236.85. This was incorrect. There was an error in the additions of the expense and the actual loss was \$14,847.60. There was also an in error in the report for the following year's AGM in reporting a profit of \$7,016.35. This amount incorrectly included an \$8,000 transfer from the investment account to the general account which is not an income item. So in 17/18 we actually incurred a loss of \$983.69. These are basic fundamental errors and these statements were supposedly audited!!
- We increased fees from \$3 to \$5 from 1st October '18 to generate additional funds for specific initiatives previously outline in the President Annual Report to the 2017 AGM. We also made a decision at the 2nd May 2019 meeting, in the Matters without Notice section (minute detailed

below) to increase the travel allowances. Although the fact that there was a \$16k loss over the previous 2 years was not available at the time I question if financial advice was given as to the viability and financial implications that this decision for such a large increase would have on the effect on the finances. I have completed my review and I am most concerned that the current Travel Allowance is not sustainable.

- The minute did not include dollar figures but from Claims submitted by Len Payne (one before 2/5 and one after) I can see that there was an increase to the Motel / Onsite Cabin Allowance to \$500/week (previously \$175) and the onsite allowance to \$250/week from \$70. The rate per Km was also changed to \$0. 60/ km to the first, \$0.50 to the 2nd, \$0.40 to 3rd tournament and \$0.30 home. Prior to that it was \$0.50/km to first, and to 2nd and to the 3rd tournament but nought to home.
- Currently it is \$0.30/k to the first and home from the last. No change in accommodation allowance.
- In the table below I have shown Travel Expenses for years 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 & 17/18 and the resultant Profit / (Loss). I believe these travel cost were sustainable. In the same table I adjusted the Travel Expenses by adding \$180 (\$250-\$70) for each claim which then shows a loss in each case.
- The average claim in 2014/15 was \$339 when there were 30 claims. At present we have some 57 events and if all were represented and paid at this average we are up for \$19,300. If they were paid at the extra \$180 the cost would be the total cost would be \$24,700
- At the time of writing this, we have reps at 41 WOG and if they only claimed the basic accommodation of \$250 & no mileage the cost would be \$10,250 (some may claim less but some may claim up to allowable \$500). If all 57 events were represented at \$250 & no mileage we are up for \$14,250.
- Allowing for cancelled WoG I estimate that the total travel expenses would have been \$22k in 19/20 and \$23k in 20/21.
- I also took John Daley's 2022 Program spreadsheet and rejigged it. Sorted it firstly by "NSWVGA Rep" and then by date to get an idea if the rep is on a circuit to determine to the first & from the last mileage. I used estimates for the unallocated WoG. Using the \$0.30/k and only \$250 accommodation I came up with an estimate of \$21k.
- The commitment to subsidise travelling expenses for finalists of the Medals Series has NOT been costed.
- I estimate that a Travel budget of \$12k is workable.
- What are our Options:
 1. Review after end financial year – a costly one
 2. Reduce/Discontinue the Accommodation Allowance
 3. Pay WoG entry fee (averaging \$150ea) and a flat allow
 4. Delay claims till year end

My recommendation is to pay an allowance of say \$200 per Wog/Champs (\$200x57=\$11.400) and I propose & move that:

“The nominated NSWVGA representative be entitled to claim a \$200.00 allowance for each Week of Golf and or Championship they attend. This is effective immediately and cancels all previous WoG/ Championship Travel Allowances.”

Financial Year	Trav Exes	No of Cls	P/(L)	Ave Cl	Adj'd Claim I.e. TE + Claims x \$180	Adj'd P/(L)
2014/15	10,175.00	30	3,942.00	339	15,575.00	(1,458.00)
2015/16	8,559.00	26	1,588.00	329	13,239.00	(3,092.00)
2016/17	8,403.00	17	(14,847.00)	494	11,463.00	(17,907.00)
2017/18	7,401.00	18	(983.00)	411	10,641.00	(4,223.00)

Extract from Councillors Meeting 2nd May 2019

Matters without Notice

3. Review of allowance for Councillors attendance at Week of Golf events. The current allowances for travel & motel/caravan park/cabin accommodation were set in 2012 & Treasurer Clr. David Gunner submitted a new proposal. Following consideration, it was moved that the revised rates as submitted be approved, effect immediately, with a review in 12 months' time. Moved & seconded.

General Business Items

- I had discussion with Aileen re problems she encountered checking the financial status of participants at Hawks Nest WoG. Aileen individually checked and found some 130+ out of 300+ not in our DB! If I am provided with a spreadsheet of starters I can check and list un-financial members basically within minutes. Is this something we can offer to TD to save them the time of individual checks until the new Database is up & running?
- Lack of details of results & numbers of participants of WOG & Championship on website
- It has come to my notice that at a recent WOG the TD collected \$5 from a number of non-member participants. He did not record GL numbers and told the Club Treasurer to “retain the funds.”

Bank Statements as at 28 February 2022:

NSWVGA
633000 / 187503008

\$38,023.98
Available balance

\$38,023.98
Current balance

Activity

February 25, 2022

	Debit	Credit	Running balance
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Commonwealth Bank

NSWVGA Acc 062-234 2800 2400

Available	\$68,983.97
Pending	\$0.00
Balance	\$68,983.97

Showing 40 transactions

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mon 28 Feb 2022	Direct Credit 000437 PACIFIC DUNES VE Pacific Dunes Vets		+\$715.00	\$68,983.97

Financial Statements YTD to 28 February 2022:

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association

YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 October 2021 to

28-Feb-22

PAYMENTS	21,348.03	OPENING BALANCE as at 1.10.2021	59,016.50
BANK BALANCE as detailed below	107,807.95	INCOME	70,139.48
TOTALS	<u>129,155.98</u>		<u>129,155.98</u>
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED AS AT:- LESS O/S (CHEQUES) / DEPOSITS		28/02/2022 CBA	68,983.97
		28/02/2022 Bendigo	38,023.98
		Watsons caravan S'ship	800.00
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE			<u>107,807.95</u>

EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2022	2021
Administration Fees	147.00	2,964.71
Affiliation fees	-	2,500.00
Audit Fees	330.00	350.00
Donations	500.00	6,010.00
Insurances	-	10,572.25
Postage Print & Stat	395.23	871.96
Sponsorship	-	11,105.00
Vouchers	9,090.00	11,830.00
Trav Exes Meetings	-	6,633.07
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders	2,224.20	1,051.50
Website	420.00	5,500.00
Grassroots	-	10,450.00
Grants	4,800.00	2,700.00
Tournament Expenses	3,441.60	9,718.90
Honorariums	-	2,700.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	21,348.03	84,957.39

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2022	2021
Affiliation Fees	67,140.00	78,045.00
WOG Player Rego Fees	2,110.00	6,722.00
Interest	89.48	332.15
Sponsorship	800.00	5,300.00
Administration Income	-	-
Unidentified Deposits	-	30.00
Book Sales	-	5,770.00
TOTAL INCOME	70,139.48	96,199.15

Bank Statements Attached

CBA	68,983.97
Bendigo	38,023.98
	<u>107,007.95</u>

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Details of year to date Income & expenses
1/10/2021 to 28/02/2022

PAYMENTS

DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev Yr
Administration fees	147.00	950.95
Affiliation Fees	-	-
Audit Fees	330.00	350.00
Donations	500.00	500.00
Insurances	-	-
Postage Printing & Stationery	395.23	348.40
Sponsorship	-	5,060.00
Vouchers	9,090.00	6,310.00

Council Meeting Tx	Vidler	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Daley	-	516.00
Council Meeting Tx	Knox	-	492.00
Council Meeting Tx	Williams	-	221.40
Council Meeting Tx	Gunner	-	720.00
Council Meeting Tx	Cox	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Dossetor	-	448.60
Council Meeting Tx	Mason	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Guy	-	470.40
Council Meeting Tx	Fredericks	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Shadlow	-	-
Council Meeting Tx	Dixon	-	665.00
Council Meeting Tx	TOTAL	-	3,533.40

Trophies Shields & Presentation Folders	2,224.20	435.60
Website	420.00	-

Grassroots	Group 1	-	-
Grassroots	Group 2	-	-
Grassroots	Group 3	-	-
Grassroots	Group 4	-	-
Grassroots	Group 5	-	-
Grassroots	Group 6	-	-
Grassroots	Group 7	-	-
Grassroots	Group 8	-	-
Grassroots	Group 9	-	-
Grassroots	Group 10	-	-
Grassroots	Group 11	-	-
Grassroots	Group 12	-	-
Grassroots	Group 13	-	-

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev Yr
Affiliation Fees Group 1	250.00	205.00
Affiliation Fees Group 2	6,370.00	6,000.00
Affiliation Fees Group 3	7,475.00	7,010.00
Affiliation Fees Group 4	4,745.00	4,465.00
Affiliation Fees Group 5 NOW GR 51	-	1,915.00
Affiliation Fees Group 6	1,755.00	2,030.00
Affiliation Fees Group 7	3,920.00	2,980.00
Affiliation Fees Group 8	1,450.00	1,645.00
Affiliation Fees Group 9	2,055.00	2,735.00
Affiliation Fees Group 10	1,120.00	1,140.00
Affiliation Fees Group 11	2,050.00	3,285.00
Affiliation Fees Group 12	5,305.00	5,245.00
Affiliation Fees Group 13	-	1,830.00
Affiliation Fees Group 14	10,230.00	9,850.00
Affiliation Fees Group 15	-	2,025.00
Affiliation Fees Group 16	2,100.00	1,970.00
Affiliation Fees Group 17	-	370.00
Affiliation Fees Group 18	165.00	430.00
Affiliation Fees Group 19	535.00	480.00
Affiliation Fees Group 20	2,125.00	2,905.00
Affiliation Fees Group 21	755.00	770.00
Affiliation Fees Group 22	-	870.00
Affiliation Fees Group 23	2,395.00	515.00
NO Group 24	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 25	225.00	25.00
Affiliation Fees Group 26	1,240.00	940.00
Affiliation Fees Group 27	2,375.00	1,845.00
Affiliation Fees Group 28	1,325.00	1,255.00
Affiliation Fees Group 29	2,190.00	1,275.00
Affiliation Fees Group 30	1,050.00	-
Affiliation Fees Group 31	980.00	960.00
Affiliation Fees Group 32	-	-
Affiliation Fees Group 33	-	250.00
Un-grouped	10.00	775.00
Affiliation Fees Group 51	2,945.00	-
Affiliation Fees TOTAL	67,140.00	67,995.00

WOG Player Registration Fees	-	-
Armidaale	-	-

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PAYMENTS

DESCRIPTION		YTD	Prev Yr
Grassroots	Group 14	-	-
Grassroots	Group 15	-	-
Grassroots	Group 16	-	-
Grassroots	Group 17	-	-
Grassroots	Group 18	-	-
Grassroots	Group 19	-	-
Grassroots	Group 20	-	-
Grassroots	Group 21	-	-
Grassroots	Group 22	-	-
Grassroots	Group 23	-	-
Grassroots	Group 24	-	-
Grassroots	Group 25	-	-
Grassroots	Group 26	-	-
Grassroots	Group 27	-	-
Grassroots	Group 28	-	-
Grassroots	Group 29	-	-
Grassroots	Group 30	-	-
Grassroots	Group 31	-	-
Grassroots	Group 32	-	-
Grassroots	Group 33	-	-
Grassroots	Un-grouped	-	-
Grassroots	TOTAL	-	-

Grants	4,800.00	2,700.00
Honorariums	-	-

Tournament Exes	Vidler	631.80	500.00
Tournament Exes	Daley	428.70	889.00
Tournament Exes	Knox	-	-
Tournament Exes	Williams	843.00	-
Tournament Exes	Gunner	-	-
Tournament Exes	Cox	-	-
Tournament Exes	Dossetor	-	-
Tournament Exes	Mason	-	-
Tournament Exes	Guy	658.10	712.40
Tournament Exes	Fredericks	-	-

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev Yr
Ballina	-	-
Blue Mountains	-	212.00
Brisbane Waters	-	-
Buckets Way	-	-
Casino	-	-
Central West	-	-
Cherry festival Young	-	-
Coffs Harbour	-	-
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	-	-
Cootamundra	-	-
Corowa	-	-
Deniliquin	128.00	270.00
Dubbo	-	-
Eurobodalla	-	-
Forbes	-	-
Great lakes	-	-
Hasting River	-	-
Howlong	-	-
Illawarra	-	-
Kew	330.00	330.00
Lake Macquarie	-	-
Leeton	80.00	170.00
Macleay	-	-
Macleay Valley	-	-
Manning Valley	-	-
Moree	-	-
Mudgee	222.00	280.00
Murwillumbah	-	-
Myall Coast	552.00	544.00
Nambucca Heads	-	-
Narrabri	-	-
New England	-	-
NSW Mixed 4BBB Champs	-	-
NSWGA Medal Western Final	-	-
NSWVGA Match Play Champs	-	-
NSWVGA Medal Eastern	-	-
NSWVGA Mens Sandgreen 4BBB Champs	-	-
NSWVGA Mixed Sandgreen Champs	-	-
NSWVGA Stroke Champs	-	-

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PAYMENTS

DESCRIPTION		YTD	Prev Yr
Tournament Exes	Shadow	590.00	-
Tournament Exes	Dixon	290.00	-
Council Meeting Tx	TOTAL	3,441.60	2,101.40
TOTAL PAYMENTS		21,348.03	22,289.75

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev Yr
Port Stephens	-	-
Rich River	-	-
Sapphire Coast	-	-
Sawtell	-	-
Seaside Valley Kiama	-	-
Shoalhaven	270.00	278.00
Silver City	-	-
Southern highlands	-	-
Tamworth	-	-
Tenterfield	-	-
Tocumwal	-	-
Tumut / Gundagai	-	-
Upper Hunter	-	-
Uralla	-	-
Western Riverina Griffith	232.00	-
Yamba	-	-
Bermagui WOG	-	-
Young WOG	296.00	378.00
Orange WOG	-	-
Inverell WOG	-	-
Foster Tuncurry WOG	-	-
Tura Beach WOG	-	-
	-	-
WOG Player Registration Fees TOTAL	2,110.00	2,462.00
Interest	89.48	140.59
Sponsorship	800.00	2,000.00
Affiliation Fees	-	-
Unidentified Deposits	-	30.00
Book Sales	-	2,570.00
Terminated Investment	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	70,139.48	75,197.59

Motion to receive Treasurer's Report moved Clr Dick van Buuren
seconded Clr Stu Dossetor

Program Report March 2022

Overview

The yearly program has commenced with three weeks being completed and one cancelled.

The worrying aspect is the lack of interest shown by tournament directors towards the vetting of participants and their NSWVGA financial status.

It is my opinion, the nomination pack should not be placed on the website if it does not conform with Policy No 2. I am aware that TDs are volunteers but so am I and so are all of us BUT the fact remains we voted on a policy, and this should be followed.

I have taken the step to contact all TDs at the events I am attending as the NSWVGA representative and pointed out if their conditions of entry do not conform with Policy No2.

I have forwarded a copy of Policy No2 and offered to assist at registration by signing up unfinancial players.

2022 Program.

New Events.

There are two new events this year with the inclusion of Glen Innis and Boggabri and there has been an enquiry from Muree to stage a two-day event as well. Aileen has spoken to the club, and we will both meet with the club this month during the Upper Hunter WOG lay day.

Glen Innis.

I have had four meetings with the Glen Innis Veterans committee headed by Ken Kempton. All formalities concerning their inclusion in the program have been completed and it is now up to the Glen Innis to prepare their nomination pack to send out to prospective nominees. Ken is in the process of obtaining email list from other weeks of golf in their area and looking at implementing progressive points score between Glen Innis and Tenterfield for those who play both. This is like the Riverina challenge. There will also be flyers produced that will be distributed at weeks of golf leading up to their event,

I will keep everyone informed of their progress over the next months.

Boggabri

This is a two-day event now rescheduled for the Monday and Tuesday following Tamworth. These dates were used because Narrabri cancelled. It will be a walk up start with golf and a sausage sizzle after each day's play with a cost of \$30 for the two days. Looking forward to seeing how it goes as it may lead to something bigger if Narrabri folds. Maybe 2 days at Boggabri and 2 days at Narrabri or thought.

State Medals

The state medals will be held at Forbes and Nambucca Heads this year.

Forbes is on 2-4 October and Nambucca Heads has been scheduled for 17-18 October. We should once again check who is eligible to play in the event and the categories available

Ballina Week of Golf.

This is an eye opener because we haven't encountered a nomination process like this before.

It has created great discussion and I think we all agree there needed to be an access for the less gifted computer users. The outcome thus far seems to address most problems except payment.

This could be discussed at this meeting.

2023

This program is now on the website.

As I have indicated the Melbourne Cup week will be looked at to see if it can be manipulated and there may also be an inclusion of Muree. Possible dates for Muree could be the week vacated by Toronto as they don't see the week as a profitable conveyance for their veterans.

Narrabri is also indicating that one of their main problems is the lack of revenue generated by veterans at their week of golf. I was given a ridiculous amount that was the average spent by a vet each day. When I check this out, I will report back.

We will also have the new venues for our championships to consider as well. I am hoping they will mirror our present dates, but this may not be the case.

2024

Yes 2024 is on the drawing board. Public Holidays, Easter etc. are pencilled in and weeks allocated in a draft copy. Will chip away at it over the next few months.

Other Items

Financial Status of Veteran Golfers

I sent to all councillors an email outlining a process whereby any veteran, be they from NSW or interstate, can be picked up at any week of golf event. It calls for the NSW player to join through his own group and if this is not done then he can join at the event he is attending at the cost of what ever the vets pay in that Group. Interstate players pay \$5.

There have been different scenarios aired, and most say collect just \$5. If you can collect \$5 why not the price in that group. If the group is \$20 then so be it because the Vets have had plenty of time to join and I would suggest they are looking at the cheaper option.

I can see this dragging on and this time next year it still won't be resolved.

Week of Golf Representative Load.

With the increase in petrol be it diesel or unleaded petrol the prices are about to skyrocket. This will impact on the Councillors attending weeks of golf as a representative of NSWVGA.

The fact that one Councillor is attending 13 events while others only minimal.

We should not expect people to represent in areas where there is a councillor residing or near by.

I have attached 2 spread sheets that show what people have put their hand up for and where they could represent geographically.

This, in no way is intended to tell councillors what weeks they should play but rather include those in their areas as well.

This can be discussed at the next Board meeting

Catch you at the Zoom

John Daley

Program

NSWVGA

Motion to receive Program report moved Clr John Daley seconded
Dick van Buuren

NSWVGA WEBSITE REPORT – MAR 22

1. Current Membership Register

The current member register continues with its challenges as indicated by Stu, Dick and others.

Regarding the key task of membership currency and affiliation alignment, Group Secretaries now understand these will be corrected with the new Register. Conversations with Groups Secretaries indicate they are looking forward to this.

Stu has assisted in updating hundreds of memberships - some still showing 2020. This lack of membership updating has flowed on to Tournament Directors in determining eligibility.

We know the new Register will help but will not eliminate entirely the need for follow up by Tournament Directors. It is expected that over the next year follow up activity will reduce. The acceptance by players that they must be members will also help. In the end the Register will be only as good as the information entered.

2. New Membership Register

The new Membership Register is still under development. We have loaded our full membership up, and we are doing comprehensive testing to ensure that there are no hiccups when we bring it into use. This is showing up a number of minor problems which are being followed up.

3. Public website

- a. Another reminder to all members (and other interested parties) that our official website is the only one that is guaranteed to give the most up-to-date information:

www.nswvga.com.au

The **only** way to ensure that you get to this official site is to enter the full web address into a browser (MS Edge, Chrome, Apple Safari, ...) and **not** into a search engine (Google, Bing, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo!, ...).

It is recommended that you save this address in your bookmarks or favourites.

- b. Any updates or items for the website should be sent to:

webmaster@nswvga.com.au

rather than to any personal email address. This will ensure that it will get to the right person as soon as possible.

- c. Many thanks to Gerry Cox, who has taken over responsibility for News and Results posts. As a result, these are getting up on the website much quicker following receipt from Tournament Directors etc.
- d. Many of the 2022 tournaments are open for entries, and the relevant documents are available for download from the 2022 Program page.

A reminder to Tournament Directors that we cannot put images into the program – all items should be sent either documents or as PDFs.

- e. The 2023 Program is available on the website.

Peter Guy

Motion to receive Website report moved Clr Peter Guy seconded Clr
Lance Fredericks- Carried

Report on the Grassroots Prize Scheme 2019 – 2021 [including Two Rounds in 2020]

Attached is the Master List covering the four rounds of the Scheme to-date; I'm not sure whether it transmits as a coherent document, so I have summarized the main details hereunder:

- 30 Regional Groups and 12 Sydney Clubs have been involved covering 218 Golf Clubs.
- 15,578 members were originally covered under the Scheme, but this number has progressively reduced to 15,097 members in 2021.
- The equivalent of 1,666 [x \$25] Vouchers have issued to-date, via 127 Cheques and 67 actual Vouchers, at a cost of \$41,650 as follows:

2019	407	value	\$10,150
2020	425	value	\$10,375
2020– 2 nd Rd.	423	value	\$10,800
2021	413	value	\$10,325
Total		=	\$41,650

- The cost of administering the Scheme has been \$376.90:
 - Postage \$227.50
 - Printing Inks \$132.20
 - Stationary \$ 17.20
- No other expenses or claims were incurred.

The Scheme has very wide support across the State and I am pleased State Council has agreed to continue it in 2022.

Richard G Doyle

Life Member of NSWVGA and Sydney VGA

28th February 2022

Grassroots Scheme.

Progress so far has resulted in all clubs with NSWVGA members being counted, along with group numbers. This information has been taken from our database. The following problems have arisen –

1. In quite a few cases the 2022 member clubs 'numbers are quite a few below 2021 & 2020 numbers. Some groups and individual clubs have not paid any subs.
2. Some groups/clubs have paid but not updated the database. Information acquired from our treasurer.
3. Some groups/clubs have updated the database but not paid. . Information acquired from our treasurer.

This will make it very difficult to distribute the correct number of vouchers. The following needs to be done –

- A cut off for the calculation of vouchers need to be set. I suggest the 31st March 2022.
- Number of vouchers will be calculated according to numbers on our database. Those groups/clubs that have paid but not updated the database will miss out.
- When the voucher money is sent to group secretaries by EFT, an email will also be sent listing the number of vouchers to be allocated to clubs in that group. We have all the group secretaries' addresses.
- Individual clubs will also be sent an email stating how the scheme works (this is already on website on news and grassroots scheme) and also what their voucher allocation is. For this to happen I need the email address of all the club secretaries or delegates. I don't think we have this, although we have the group secretaries' addresses.

For our March meeting I propose that cut off time for the calculation of vouchers is the 31st March and will be based on numbers on the database. As mentioned in 2 and 3 above is where problems will occur.

Gerry Cox

Motion to receive Grassroots reports moved Clr Less Knox seconded
John Daley

Matters on Notice:

1. Clr Ian Vidler moved Norfolk Island to be included in our program Seconded Clr John Dixon – carried
2. Clr Peter Taylor will do the Presentation folders and mini shields for WOG
3. NSWVGA Medal and 4bbb final – The eastern final will be held at Nambucca, 17th and 18th October. Western District, Ian will speak with Beryl Roberts regarding the numbers if there is enough interest to host two finals as well as setting a date. Policy 11 covers the criteria for the NSWVGA Medal and 4bbb Finals. Jim Shadlow to canvas the groups to inquire as to how many are going to attend the NSWVGA Medal and 4BBB Finals. Also to which location they are going to attend
4. Henbury Golf Club would like to change from Mudgee Group (18) to Blue Mountains Group (19). Clr Peter Guy moved a motion that Henbury Golf Club be allowed to change to group 19 if Blue Mountains accept this request. Seconded John Dixon – carried Clr Les Knox will liaise between the two groups and report back.
5. Grassroots Scheme- the Cut off date for Group Secretaries to give their numbers for the vouchers is 31st May. The Group secretaries will receive the payment via EFT. Ian thanked Richard Doyle and everyone for their work in this scheme. As a special thank you and show of appreciation to Richard, Ian would like to present Richard with a service medal from NSWVGA. Moved Clr Ian Vidler seconded Clr John Daley- carried
6. Clr Dick VanBurren moved a motion to report back to the Committee at the end of September in regards to the viability in removing the \$2.00 levy from weeks of golf. Seconded Clr Stu Dossetor.
7. Travel Subsidy
The nominated NSWVGA representative is entitled to claim a \$200.00 a subsidy for each Week of Golf and or Championship they attend. This is effective immediately and cancels all

previous WOG/ Championship Travel Allowances. Clr Ian Vidler moved seconded Clr Dick van Buuren- carried

8. Expression of Interest to be sent out to Grenfell Golf Club, Walcha Golf Club and Narromine Golf Club for NSWVGA Men's Sand Green and Mixed 4BBB Championships, for 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Action Points

1. Jim Shadlow to contact Group Secretaries to inform them of the criteria for the NSWVGA Medal and 4BBB Finals. Also to inquire as to which location that they would sent their players to.
2. Secretary to send out EOI for the San green Championships.
3. Les Knox to liaise with Group 19 and Henbury Golf Club
4. Les Knox to meet with WVGA – amalgamation.
5. Peter Guy will do a document discussing the different scenarios on how we count memberships for the grass roots scheme.
6. Stu to write up a notice to go on the web for the clubs effected by the recent floods.

Meeting closed at 11.10am