



Minutes_AGM_NRVGA_2023

Friday 17 November 2023

Ballina Golf Club

Meeting Opened: 8.45am

Chair: John Lowe, President NRVGA

Attendance: BALLINA ... John Swan (President), Geoff Barlow (Secretary),
Greg Cross (Open Day Co-ordinator)
BYRON BAY ... Doug Trigg (secretary)
CASINO ... Peter Brophy (President), Lawrie Bonner (Secretary)
CLUB BANORA ... David Harrod (Captain), Dave Wallis (Contact)
COOLANGATTA TWEED ... Joe Bula (Secretary), Grant Evans (President)
CORAKI ... Steve Ormond (Secretary), Grant Tait (President)
GRTAFTON ... Ron Baker (President)
LISMORE ... Peter Jarrett (President), Dennis Thomson (Vice Captain)
MACLEAN ... Jean Ellis (Secretary), Rod Ellis (Open Day Contact)
MULLUMBIMBY ... John Fitzgerald (President), Neil Farquhar (Secretary)
Peter Taylor NSWVGA Councillor)
MURWILLUMBAH ... Ian Yarroll (Vice Captain), Gary Fidler (Captain)
WOODBURN EVANS HEAD ... Graham Ireland (President), Tony English
Treasurer)
YAMBA ... Mike Grills (President), Bill Grainger (Secretary / Treasurer)

Apologies: John Daley (Councillor NSWVGA) Grafton
John Belshaw (Murwillumbah)
Graeme Smith (Grafton)
Jeoff Turner (Secretary)
Geoff Hackett (Grafton)
Bob Harvey (Maclean)
Nat Young (Maclean)

Minutes Silence ... John asked all delegates to stand and pay respect to Veteran Members who had passed away since our Half Yearly Meeting

George Morris (Ballina)

Bob Tom (Byron Bay)

Rod Martin (Casino)

Correspondence:

Inward ... emails from NSWVGA have been posted on our Website

Outward ... NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These had been uploaded to the NRVGA Website and they were taken as Read

Business Arising from Minutes:

Nothing was forthcoming but a revisit to Cost of Open Days was asked to be brought up in General Business

Previous Minutes Confirmed

Reports:

Treasurer: Ray presented the 2023 Financial Report, which was distributed to all NRVGA Clubs present.
Ray stated that our Internal Auditor, Peter Hamilton, audited the Cash Book, Bank Statements, Receipts, and Financial Report for 2023.
Peter "Certified as a true and fair view of pages 1 and 2 of the 2023 Financial Report"

Ray spoke about questioning the the amount of Interest and the Charges of our ANZ Account that will come in force as from 1 November 2023. After discussion, a motion was put by Doug Trigg (Byron Bay) , and Seconded by Rod Ellis (Maclean), ***"That NRVGA withdraw our finances from ANZ and look for another Banking Institution which will pay a more reasonable Interest rate and have reduced fees."***

Moved Doug Trigg / Seconded Rod Ellis

The motion was put and Delegates voted. **Motion was Carried.**

ACTION: Treasurer will begin looking into Banking Institutions that would provide better returns for our everyday account and Term Deposit of \$6,000.00. This will be reorted back to Delegates by a half Yearly meeting in June 2024

Ray moved his Financial Report; Seconded by John Swan (Ballina)
Carried by all delegates

President Report: John Lowe ...

The President Report was circulated to all Clubs present. A copy of this is published on our NRVGA Website.
John paraphrased his Report, talking about Veteran Open Days, NRVGA Masters Championship and securing Finance for the future.
John also paid tribute to **Keith Ruttley** of Casino, who was a Life Member of NRVGA. Keith passed away mid year aged 99.
See full report on Website.

Report Moved John Lowe / Seconded Rod Ellis ... CARRIED

Secretary Report:

The Secretary Report was circulated to all Clubs present. A copy of this is published on our NRVGA Website.

Ray's Report covered the continuing strength of the NRVGA and the camaraderie that it enthruses.

The venues of the three NRVGA Championships for 2024 were given.

Masters Championship @ Woodburn Evans Head

4-Ball Championship @ Murwillumbah

Individual Championships @ Casino

The dates of these are to be declared when we determine the Program for 2024 in General Business.

Ray announced the Winner and Runner-Up of the Accumulated Point Score for Season 2023 and distributed the Medals and Prize Vouchers.

Winner - John Lowe (Lismore) played 17 Vets Open Days and had 7 Placings in the top 15 of the Fields on the day ... 130 pts

Runner-Up – Peter Lake (Mullumbimby) played 15 Vets Open Days and had 7 placings ... 110 pts

Ray reminded everyone, that for ALL Championships in 2024, any HOME CLUB VET OPEN DAY will not count towards the Eligibility of the Three Vet Open Days. Only AWAY Vet Open days will decide eligibility. Please remind your Members of this in Next Year's Program

Some statistics were given ...

- 329 Veterans played the 18 Vet Open Days
- 218 Veterans only played their HOME Vet Open Day
- 288 Veterans completed the 3 Vet Open Day Criteria
- 96 of the above nominated for Championships @ Ballina
- 72 of the above nominated for 4BBB Champs @ Maclean
- NRVGA finished the year with 2258 Veterans registered
- 191 Ladies joined the NRVGA Veterans
- \$11,290.00 was paid to NSWVGA for Registrations

Ray is beginning to collate the Membership Lists for 2024 from the 18 Clubs. Please check your List when received and Highlight in YELLOW Members who have not rejoined, and ADD at the bottom of the List any NEW MEMBERS.

Registration with NSWVGA has to be completed by 31 December.

Ray promoted the request from NSWVGA for any Veteran with an accounting background and a knowledge of Spreadsheets to nominate to fill the vacancy of Treasurer for NSWVGA in 2024.

Ray thanked ALL Secretaries and Contact Personnel for their co-operation and diligence throughout the year for the voluntary work they do to ensure that Veteran Golfers in Northern Rivers Group 14 have the opportunity to play Veteran Golf and enjoy the Camaraderie.

Report Moved Ray Kent / Seconded Ron Baker ... CARRIED

NSWVGA Councillor Report:

The Councillor Report was circulated to all Clubs present. A copy of this is published on our NRVGA Website.

Peter Taylor (Councillor NSWVGA) presented the report on behalf of himself and John Daley, who is on apology to the AGM Meeting as he is on duty at the Veteran Nationals being held in Canberra.

Peter congratulated NRVGA the Executive for another outstanding year of professionalism in running Group 14 NRVGA.

Peter also congratulated the Tournament Directors and their Committees for organising and successfully running the 5 Weeks Of Golf in the Northern Rivers – Maclean, Ballina, Murwillumbah, Coolangatta Tweed Heads and Yamba,

A busy year for NSWVGA was had with the revamping of the Constitution which will be voted upon at the AGM at Kogarah Golf Club on Wednesday 6 December 2023. There has also been a revision of Policy 2. This is on the NSWVGA Website.

NSWVGA will host the 2027 Australian Veterans Championships in Group 3 Illawarra. % Courses will be used – Port Kembla, Wollongong, Shellgrove, Kiama and The Grange Golf Clubs. Planning has started and a Committee appointed.

NSWVGA has 16,778 members (14,154 Males and 2,624 Ladies). We are a Gender-Neutral Golf Organisation.

Departing the Executive Council this year is Les Knox (President), Dick Van Buren (Treasurer) and Stu Dossitor (Councillor). So there will be three new faces on Council next year.

The New Members Register is up and running with all Group Secretaries having received their Log-on Details.

2024 Week Of Golf Program is up on the NSWVGA Public Website with the 2025 W.O.G. Program well under way in compilation

In closing, thank you all for your attendance today and your continued support of Vets Golf in Group 14 and throughout NSW.

Report Moved Peter Taylor / Seconded Joe Bula ... CARRIED

Election of NRVGA Executive, Councillors, Internal Auditor ...

Nominations received for the following positions in writing ...

President ... **John Lowe (Lismore)**

Secretary / Treasurer ... **Ray Kent (Murwillumbah)**

Vice President South ... **Rod Ellis (Maclean)**

Vice President North ... Grant Evans withdrew from this position this year as he has just been nominated and accepted to the Board of Coolangatta Tweed

Heads Golf Club. Next year will be a very busy year for CTH with a proposed rebuilding program being considered at an extraordinary meeting before the end of the year.

Grant nominated Joe Bula (Coolangatta Tweed Heads) to take on this role.

Ray put the motion “**to accept Joe Bula’s nomination for Vice President North from the floor**” All delegates accepted this unanimously ... so ...

Vice President North ... **Joe Bula (Coolangatta Tweed Heads)**

As there were no other Nominations, the above Members were elected as the Executive Council for 2024 unopposed.

Peter Hamilton (Maclean) was appointed as NRVGA Auditor for 2024
Moved Bill Grainger / Seconded Jean Ellis ... *CARRIED*

Councillors for NSWVGA ... Nominations in writing were received from ...
John Daley (Grafton) ... Position President or Vice President
Peter Taylor (Mullumbimby) ... Position of Councillor
Nominated Ray Kent / Seconded John Lowe ... *CARRIED*

General Business ...

- Dates for 2024 Program (**Please NOTE change of date for Kyogle**)
 - **ILUKA** ... Tuesday 13 February 2024
 - **BALLINA** ... Monday 4 March 2024
 - **WOODENBONG** ... Monday 18 March 2024
 - **BYRON BAY** ... Monday 8 April 2024
 - **CASINO** ... Tuesday 16 April 2024
 - **YAMBA** .. Monday 6 May 2024
 - **MACLEAN** ... Monday 13 May 2024
 - **MURWILLUMBAH** ... Monday 3 June 2024
 - **MULLUMBIMBY** ... Monday 8 July 2024
 - **OCEAN SHORES** ... Thursday 18 July 2024
 - **KYOGLE** ... Tuesday 6 August 2024
 - **CLUB BANORA** ... Monday 12 August 2024
 - **CORAKI** ... Tuesday 20 August 2024
 - **LISMORE** ... Monday 2 September 2024
 - **COOLANGATTA TWEED HEADS** ... Thursday 12 September 2024
 - **GRAFTON** ... Monday 23 September 2024
 - **WOODBURN EVANS HEAD** ... Tuesday 8 October 2024
 - **POTTSVILLE** ... Tuesday 22 October 2024

MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP	WOODBURN EVANS HEAD	Tuesday 18 June 2024
4BBB CHAMPIONSHIP	MURWILLUMBAH	Monday 30 Sept 2024
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	CASINO	Tuesday 12 Nov 2024
HALF YEARLY MEETING	BALLINA	Friday 21 June 2024
YEARLY AGM	BALLINA	Friday 22 November 2024

- Veteran Open Days Protocols, Cost and Lunch was revisited
 - All Veteran Open Days are to be **NO GRADING** and **GENDER NEUTRAL**
 - Cost of Veteran Open Days ... currently set at \$35.00
 - Bill Grainger – Yamba (Sec/Treas) put forward a Motion that,
 “***Veteran Open day Fee be increased to \$40.00 in 2024***”
 Seconded Geoff Barlow – Ballina (Secretary)
 Discussion followed with “For” and “Against” arguments
 before the Motion was put.
 The Motion was **LOST** by overwhelming majority
 - **CONFIRMED ... Cost of Veteran Open Days ... set at \$35.00**
 - If Clubs cannot meet the \$35.00 cost, then do not include a LUNCH
 This **MUST** be stated on the Nomination Sheet and also state if LUNCH
 can be INDIVIDUALLY PURCHASED.
 The COST of the Veteran Open Day in this scenario will have a
REDUCED ENTRY COST, also stated on Nomination Form
 - If the **HOME CLUB** will not allow Private Carts to their Course, then
 this **MUST BE STATED** on the Nomination Sheet
 - ALL Entries for EVERY Veteran Open Day **MUST be SENT** through by
 the Secretary or Nominated Contact Person
 - ALL Payments are to be sent through by the Treasurer by Direct
 Deposit.
 - To facilitate this, the Banking Details are not to be put on the
 Nomination Sheet. Please advise of the Banking Details to each
 Secretary or Contact Person in the body of the email being sent out
 with the Nomination Form attached for Display
 - Please send Nomination Form out to all Clubs 6 Weeks before the
 Calendar Event with a Closing Date for Entries 10 days prior to the
 Event. This allows time for each Club to publicise the Event and the
 Home Club time to collate entries and put out a DRAW.
 - Send Draw to Secretary Ray Kent for publishing on the Website
- A question was asked from the floor if the Masters Championship and 4BALL
 Championship was taken into account towards playing AWAY GAMES for
 Eligibility for the Individual Championships held later in the year ... **NO**

President John Lowe wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and
 invited all Delegates to take advantage of a Christmas Drink at the Bar.

Meeting CLOSED at 10.06am

POST MEETING ITEM ... Doug Trigg from Byron Bay saw me after the meeting and asked if I
 could let ALL delegates know that the Contact Email for BYRON BAY has now been changed
 to ... **Doug Trigg** ... byronbayvetsgolf@gmail.com

Could all Delegates please take note of this change.