

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Reg No A0023016N



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2021 at the Mt Derrimut Golf Club

The President, Richard Olsen, opened the meeting at 10.30am.

Present: R Olsen, B Hazell, R Bride, B Holcombe, R Smith and P Campbell.

Apology: A Grant

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

B Hazell moved and R Bride seconded that the minutes of the Council meeting held at the Commonwealth Golf Club on the 19th February 2020 be approved, carried.

Matters arising: A review of the proposed changes to the "Two Day Events Format" to be discussed in general business.

B Hazell moved and R Smith seconded that the minutes of the Council meeting held at the Colac Golf Club on the 22nd March 2020 be approved, carried.

B Holcombe moved and R Bride seconded that the minutes of the Council meeting held at the Mt Derrimut Golf Club on the 15th December 2020 be approved, carried.

Matters arising: All District Secretaries notified of the changes to Council officers following the resignation of George Thorne. Bank signatories updated to delete George Thorne and John Moulton and to replace them with Richard Olsen and Brian Hazell. This has been done. The Interim Secretary, Richard Olsen, has purchased a suitable computer for the VVGA's use.

Correspondence in: see attached list. The President expressed his concern that some items of correspondence inwards and outwards had not been documented by the previous secretary. A discussion regarding correspondence received from the AVGU was transferred to general business.

Correspondence out: see attached list.

It was moved by P Campbell and seconded by B Holcombe that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be approved, carried.

Financial Report: as attached with accounts for payment, Computer \$558.00 and AVGU capitation fee \$680.00.

It was accepted that, in future, Councillors would be paid for their incidental expenses but no fixed allowance as previously paid.

Moved R Bride and seconded B Holcombe that the financial report be received and the accounts listed be passed for payment, carried.

Captain's Report: B Hazell reported that the preparations for the 4BBB Championship at Hamilton are well under way and the entry form for the Country Championship at Phillip Island is nearly ready to be sent out to all districts. The list for VVGA events in 2022 and 2023 needs to be updated and will be sent out to all Councillors as soon as it is completed. We will need expressions of interest from Districts and Golf Clubs willing to run these events.

Moved B Hazell and seconded R Smith that the Captain's report be received, carried.

General Business:

1. Perry Fletcher Award. It was brought to Council's attention that this award is only made once to any individual. Therefore, R Smith moved and B Holcombe seconded that their motion passed at the Council meeting on the 12th December 2020 to award the Perry Fletcher award to George Thorne be rescinded, carried.
After a discussion, it was moved B Hazell and seconded R Smith that Ross McFarlane would be a suitable candidate for the Perry Fletcher award and this would be presented to him at the October State Championship event, carried.
2. Proposed changes to the "Procedures and Formats for Two Day Tournaments" document. All those present at the meeting confirmed that this document needed updating and in general approved what had been done by the President in the rewrite. It was decided that the VVGA levy be removed from all championships. The host club to be responsible for placing results in the local and state newspapers. The format of the 4BBB Championship be changed to a stableford scoring event as most players found the stroke scoring system very confusing. The VVGA to be responsible for ALL trophies and host clubs encouraged to provide, through sponsorship where possible, additional items for all the winners and placegetters.
3. Trophies for 2021 State events. It was decided that the allocation of trophies for this year's events will remain unchanged but there will not be any levies charged. This will change when the revised format for our events is passed and introduced in 2022.
4. Annual General Meeting at Hamilton on the 22nd March. The meeting will start at 9.00am to provide enough time for discussion and comments on agenda items. To date nominations have been received for President (R Olsen), Secretary (J Robertson), Treasurer (G Bennett), Captain (B Hazell), Western Zone Councillor (P Irvin), North Eastern Zone (R Smith). R Bride, P Campbell and B Holcombe have yet to put in their nomination forms. The minutes of the 2019 AGM, the 2019-2020 annual report and a proxy form, for delegates to submit if they are unable to attend the AGM, will be sent out to all District Secretaries within the next week.
5. VVGA dedicated website. There was a general discussion about the advantages of having our own website. Any website we set up should have a link to Parmaker as they remain a major supporter of the VVGA.
6. Parmaker Booklet. Still a lot of errors and we need to talk with Parmaker and their printer to improve the presentation of this booklet. The President to follow up on this.

7. Communications with districts and what they would like to see from the VVGA. All Councillors asked to communicate with their districts and whenever possible have face to face talks to see what the VVGA can do for them in the future.
8. Dress standards for Councillors. It was decided that we should “dress up” for event functions but our general meetings be a more relaxed casual dress.
9. AVGU 2021 event. The AVGU is asking all states to give their opinion on the future of the 2021 event at Yarrawonga. After a discussion, it was decided that we were hesitant to commit to the event in November as the Covid-19 situation is still very uncertain. Perhaps hold any decision until May 2021. The cost of the event is also concerning as it is getting beyond the ability of a lot of people to attend. The Secretary to reply to the AVGU accordingly.
10. Perry Fletcher. P Campbell to follow up with Perry as to his availability to continue as our trophy engraver.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 2.30pm

Richard Olsen
VVGA President and Interim Secretary
4th February 2021