

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.
Reg No A0023016N

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Veteran Golfers
Association Inc.**

**held at the Yallourn Golf Club on Monday November 15th, 2021, commencing at
9.00am.**

President Richard Olsen, as Chairperson, welcomed all those attending and declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

Apologies and Proxies: Bill Smith + proxy (NWRV), Graham Scott + proxy (Goulbourn), Councillor Peter Irvin + proxy, Ray Henshall + proxy (Northern Div), Arnold Messias + proxy (Hume DGA), Les Vercoe + proxy(B&DVGA) Robert Taylor (North Eastern District)

Moved Roger Selwood, seconded Ray Drady “that all apologies be accepted” Carried.

Present: President Richard Olsen, Captain Brian Hazell, Secretary John Robertson, Webmaster/Treasurer Greg Bennett, Ron Smith (North Eastern), Paul Campbell (Metropolitan), Rob Bride (Eastern),

Nominees: Alan Maloney (Southern), Ern Kraulis (Central)

Delegates: Bob Bates (Corangamite), Barry Archbold (Dalhousie), John Moulton (East Gippsland) Ray Drady (Geelong), John Raven (Mornington Peninsula District), Roger Selwood (Victoria Golf Club), Merv Fox (Wimmera). AVGU Delegate Daryl Dunford).

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held on March 22nd, 2021:

Moved Bob bates, seconded Rob Bride “that the minutes of the 2021 Annual General meeting of the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc be accepted”, Carried

To Receive the VVGA President’s Report:

Moved President Richard Olsen, seconded Ern Kraulis “that the President’s, report be accepted” Carried

To Receive the VVGA Captains Report: Moved Captain Brian Hazell seconded Alan Maloney “that the captain’s report be accepted” Carried

To receive the VVGA Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Greg, presented a comprehensive financial report on the years activities and then moved this report be

accepted, Moved Treasurer Greg Bennett seconded John Raven: "that the Treasurer's report be received" Carried

Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts: Moved, Greg Bennett seconded John Raven "that the Balance Sheet and statement of Accounts as presented in the 2021 annual report be accepted", Carried.

Treasurer Greg Bennett moved and Seconded by Ern Kraulis,

1/ "That Wendy Greaves (CPA) be appointed as VVGA Auditor for 2021/2022," Carried

2/ VVGA Treasurer recommended "that membership fees for district members for 2022 be reduced to \$2.00 for the 2022 golf season.

Moved Bob Bates seconded Ron Smith, Carried.

3/ That Council move away from having Council allowances and all Councillors to be reimbursed for fair and reasonable expenses incurred as submitted.

Moved Ern Kraulis seconded Ray Drady, Carried

Webmaster Greg gave a report on the new VVGA website. This written report is included with this AGM document.

VVGA President Richard thanked Greg and Ian Tait for their work in setting up the VVGA website.

Lodgement of Balance Sheet with Consumer Affairs Victoria:

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded John Raven "that this meeting authorises the lodgement of the 2021-2021 balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts with Consumer affairs", Carried

Election of Executive Officers and Zone Councillors:

The President declared all Council positions vacant and asked Mr Daryl Dunford AVGU's delegate to Chair the meeting for the election of the Association's Office Bearers and Zone Councillors. Daryl thanked retiring Councillor Brian Holcombe On his work as councillor.

Nominations received as per agenda as follows:

President	Richard Olsen	elected
Secretary	John Robertson	elected
Treasurer	Greg Bennett	elected
Captain	Brian Hazell	elected

Zone Councillors Renominating, Ron smith (North Eastern), Peter Irvin (Western), Paul Campbell (Metropolitan), Rob Bride (Eastern), all elected. Southern Zone Nomination Alan Maloney and Central District Nomination Ern Kraulis

As there were no other nominations the Chairperson declared those nominated duly elected

VVGA Liability and Indemnity Insurance Policy.

President Richard gave delegates at length talk on this policy, the VVGA is looking at taking out a policy that would encompass all districts and being cheaper than the costing for a single district. Costings estimate for an umbrella type policy could be \$1500.00. It was asked if the VVGA have approached Golf Australia on this matter and to see what assistance they can offer.

Moved Ern Kraulis seconded Rob Bride. "That President Richard seek further information and come back to the VVGA Districts with additional information for a decision" Carried.

AVGU Delegate Daryl Dunford: Stated that the Victorian AVGU Championships had been cancelled and the next AVGU golfing event will be held in Western Australia at the end of 2021 (November/December)

No other business was permitted for discussion and the Chairperson closed the meeting at **10.00am**

After the meeting was finished informal discussions with delegates were held on. The VVGA are looking the Annual Procedures and Formats for our events, with view of rationalizing our VVGA Events.

Such as the feeling for dropping the VVGA Sandscape Championship Event.

Amalgamate the State Championships and the Country Championships.

Delegates present decided because of falling numbers and lack of interest to drop the Sandscape Championship Event from the VVGA annual golfing program.

Annual Report

The Council has the pleasure in submitting this report of the Association, together with the audited balance sheets and revenue accounts, for the year ending 30th June 2021

VVGA Office Bearers 2020-2021

President:	Richard Olsen (2017)
Secretary:	John Robertson (2021)
Treasurer:	Greg Bennett (2021)
Captain:	Brian Hazell (2019)
Councillors	Paul Campbell (2013) Brian Holcombe (2016) Ron Smith (2018) Rob Bride (2019) Peter Irvin (2021)
AVGU Delegate:	Daryl Dunford.

Acknowledgements:

The Victorian Veteran Golfers Association acknowledges with gratitude the following contributions to Veteran's Golf in Victoria.

Parmaker Products.
Paul Campbell.
Perry Fletcher.

Parmaker.
Drummonds Golf Victoria.

President's Report 2020 – 2021

It is my pleasure to present my second annual report to the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

The uncertainty of last year's Covid-19 pandemic meant that all VVGA events for 2020 were cancelled. This included, from July 2020 to December 2020, the Sandscrape Championship, the Teams Event and the State Championship. All these events were rescheduled to similar dates and the same venues in 2021.

The Covid-19 pandemic played havoc with, not only our VVGA events, but also golfing in general. Most of our members were affected by the Government decisions to lock downs at various times during 2020 and these lockdowns have continued into 2021. This year we have played the 4BBB Championship and Country Championship but a snap lockdown forced the cancellation of the Sandscrape Championship for the second year in a row. We are hopeful that this year's Teams event and State Championship will go ahead as planned.

Following the resignation of our former Secretary/Treasurer an urgently convened Council meeting in December 2020 appointed myself as interim Secretary/Treasurer and Brian Hazell as interim Captain until our delayed Annual General Meeting held in March of this year. At the March AGM John Robertson (Ballarat District) was appointed Secretary, Brian Hazell (Geelong District) was appointed Captain, and Greg Bennett (Geelong District) was appointed Treasurer. Peter Irvin took over from Alan Grant (who has retired due to ill health) as Western Zone Councillor and the remaining Zone Councillors were re-elected.

Since December 2020 the Council has met four times and the Executive has met an additional three times. Your Council is being very proactive with some major changes underway. The most obvious change has been the introduction of our own website (VVGA.org.au) which is proposing to go live on 1st September this year. A huge vote of thanks to Greg Bennett and Ian Tate (Melbourne District) who have done an amazing job in producing, what I hope, will be a vastly improved means of communicating and providing information to our members.

Earlier this year I met with Luke Richter (Parmaker) to discuss the prospect of the VVGA setting up its own website rather than piggybacking on theirs. He considered this a very smart move on our part and asked if we would consider listing all our District events on this website as the Parmaker Booklet was becoming very expensive to produce and was very inflexible when errors occurred or changes needed to be made after it was printed. I assured Luke that we were anxious to continue our association with Parmaker and advertise their products on our website. Luke replied that he wished to continue sponsoring the VVGA and this arrangement was most satisfactory. We will be receiving \$3,000 per annum in sponsorship from Parmaker.

As you are all aware Council has received no affiliation fees from District this year. Councillors have also been very considerate with their expenses and although the Council is funding all the trophies for our events we have minimised our financial losses for this year. More from Treasurer Greg later.

I am looking forward to what will be my last year as President. There is still much to do and I am grateful for a very supportive Council whose members are keen to do what is best for our membership. Brian Holcombe is retiring and we all wish him well as he deals with ill health. To all the members of the VVGA Council and the general membership, thank you very much for all your support and ideas through what has been an unexpectedly difficult year.

Richard Olsen
VVGA President
18th August 2021



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CAPTAINS ANNUAL REPORT - AUGUST 2021

I have pleasure in presenting my first annual report for the Victorian Veterans Golf Association and let me say it has been a privilege to be Captain and hope to continue with the support of the members and the VVGA committee.

The first event of the year was at the 4BBB at Hamilton in March; we encountered some problems, but I am pleased to say we managed to sort things out to everyone's satisfaction. My apologies to all concerned, I am assured the outcome was agreeable to all.

The President of Hamilton Ian Ferguson and his helper Katrina Schneider did a tremendous job as did all those who contributed.

Following Hamilton was the Country Championships at Phillip Island with the weather not conducive to great golf, but we managed to present trophies to the worthy recipients.

Congratulations go Phillip Island Golf Club for the way they ran the Tournament.

There were some very constructive points that we took from this event which has been taken on board so we can only make future tournaments better.

The next event was to be the Sandscrape Championships at Parklands Hamilton, unfortunately we had to cancel this event because of the Covid 19 issues.

Next event was the Teams event at Yallourn Golf Club, as of writing this report it is not known if this tournament will proceed, but it is our desire make it happen such is the number of events we and clubs have had to forgo this year owing to the current health crisis.

Hopefully our State Championships at Jubilee Golf Club Wangaratta will also not become another cancelled event. We are in constant contact with hosts and we hope to be able to run our 2021 Championships.

In closing, this year, as was 2020 been very difficult years for everyone involved and I hope that you as the members understand why we have had to cancel some events.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped get things done and please remember, this is all for you. Our wish for you is to stay healthy and safe and hope to see you in 2022.

Yours in golfing

Brian Hazell Victorian Veterans Golf Association Captain



Report of the Treasurer for the Victorian Veterans Golf Association

2020-2021

Prior to taking on the treasurer role at the postponed March 2021 AGM, Richard Olsen managed the finances in the interim period. I would like to thank Richard for his many roles in this period, and his diligence in book-keeping.

Everyone has been impacted in some way by Covid, the VVGA is no exception, with events needing to be cancelled and uncertainty for the future it is difficult to know how golf will be impacted.

By giving back to the district through the waiving of Affiliation fees for the 2021 year, the VVGA was always anticipating a significant loss. Through the diligence of the Executive committee and the selflessness of the Zone Councillors and Executive waiving allowances, we have been able to reduce the loss for the reporting period to \$5,762.51

This was made up of \$391.10 in receipts and \$6,153.61 in expenses – full details on following pages.

The auditor has reviewed the financial statements, and has no issues with accounting, the audit report is attached.

I would like to move to appoint Wendy Greaves of Greaves Accounting, the auditor for the 2021 – 2022 period

I would like to move that affiliation fees for the districts be reduced for the 2022 year to an amount of \$2.00 per Member. This is to offset the impact of Covid in the districts. This reduction will mean a loss of revenue for the VVGA to approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000, given the trading balance I believe this is sustainable.

I would also like to move that no allowances be paid to executive or Councilors, but fair and reasonable expenses to be submitted.

Greg Bennett

VVGA Treasurer



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Independent Auditors Report

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet of the Victorian Veterans Golfers Association Inc. for the period 1/7/20 to 30/6/21.

The association is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial reports and the information contained therein, and they have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the requirements of the association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial reports have been prepared for the distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the association's constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility, for any reliance on this report or the financial report prepared as a special purpose financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is possible that errors or irregularities may occur in the internal control structure and not be detected. No such errors were detected in the sample transactions used.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the income and expenditure of the Victorian Veterans Golfers Association Inc. for the period 1/7/20 to 30/6/21.

Signed at Geelong this 1st day of August, 2021

Wendy Greaves (CPA)
Auditor

VVGA ACCOUNTS 2020-2021

Summary Profit and Loss

1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

District Affiliation Fees	Receipts		0.00
Tournament	Receipts	0.00	
	Expenses	914.25	(914.25)
Honorariums	Expenses		0.00
Councilor Expenses	Expenses		(258.83)
Bank Interest and Fees	Receipts (Interest)	391.10	
	Expenses (Fees)	0.00	391.10
Website	Expenses		(2,090.00)
Auditor Fees	Expenses		(250.00)
VVGA Meeting	Expenses		(264.60)
AVGU Affiliation Fees	Expenses		(680.00)
AVGU Delegate Expenses	Expenses		0.00
Office Admin, Printing etc.	Expenses		(333.58)
Team Costs	Expenses		0.00
Trophies and Engraving	Expenses		(745.15)
Legal Fees	Expenses		(59.20)
Other	Receipts	0.00	
	Expenses	558.00	(558.00)
PROFIT / (LOSS) for Current Year			(5,762.51)

VVGA ACCOUNTS 2020-2021

Balance Sheet

30 June 2021

ASSETS

Cash	32,798.12	
Stock - Clothing	0.00	
HP Laptop (Purchased 12/08/2015)	800.00	
		33,598.12

Affiliation Fees received in Advance	0.00	
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NET ASSETS

33,598.12

EQUITY

Unappropriated Profits C/Fwd	39,360.63	
Current Year Profit	(5,762.51)	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
		33,598.12

TOTAL EQUITY

33,598.12

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Period: 1st July 2020 - 30th June 2021

OPENING BALANCE	38,560.63	
RECEIPTS		
Affiliation Fees	0.00	
Tournament	0.00	
Interest	391.10	
Other	0.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	391.10	OK
PAYMENTS		
Honorariums	0.00	
Councillor Expenses	258.83	
Website	2,090.00	
Auditor	250.00	
Bank Fees	0.00	
VVGA Meetings	264.60	
AVGU Affiliation	680.00	
AVGU Delegate	0.00	
Postage & Admin	333.58	
Team Costs	0.00	
Tournament Expenses	914.25	
Trophies Engraving	745.15	
Legal Fees	59.20	
Other Expenses	558.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,153.61	OK
CLOSING BALANCE	32,798.12	OK
REPRESENTED BY:		
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	
Awaiting Authorisation	0.00	
Unbanked Elec Auth - Chq & Cash	0.00	
Savings Account - 03-791-6936	17,798.12	
Term Deposit - 45-708-3635	15,000.00	
	32,798.12	OK

History on the Development and implementation of the VVGA Website

After the AGM in late March at Hamilton I was asked by the President to look at a possibility of “improving” the look and feel as well as updating the context of the existing website.

To do this it was considered prudent to move away from the piggyback approach from the Parmaker website that was supported by Kingfisher Creative. We had the full support from Parmaker, who encouraged the concept of a standalone website, and agreed to continue sponsorship of the VVGA.

After preliminary discussions with various people and companies it was obvious that getting an apple for apple comparison was going to be difficult, so in April 2021 I had a quote from Kingfisher Creative to develop from an existing template, a VVGA website. The development cost was \$6,072 with an expected annual maintenance fee of \$2,090 (same as we paid for Parmaker site)

At the Councilor meeting in Phillip Island held on the 3rd of May it was moved that we pursue a Standalone VVGA website with a budget of \$6,000 and \$1,300 to \$1,500 Annual fee.

With a budget in place, President Richard and myself met with a representative from Festival Design/Ahamo Build to discuss what our needs were and expectations of the website. The recommendation was to develop from the ground up to “grow” with you as you develop. While the use of a template approach from Kingfisher had limitations, the added cost to develop from ground up was a significant factor,

Festival cost to design and build was \$8,550 + GST = \$9,405

At the Councilor meeting at Mt Derrimut on the 8th of July it was suggested that we investigate further but with the choice for Kingfisher looking to be the way to move forward.

In discussions after this meeting, it was suggested by Paul Campbell that I contact Ian Tait from the Melbourne District, who had developed along with an individual who works out of Western Australia, the MDVGA website.

After one phone call with Ian, I agreed to investigate the possibility of “us” mainly Ian, cloning the MDVGA website for use by the VVGA. This phone call was made on the 10th of July, on the 12th of July Casper Krieger in W.A. had given me access to a Sandbox environment to play with, and on the 13th of July we were actively able to develop an outline of what we might be able to achieve.

Given Covid, the cancellation of events and meetings, it was agreed at the executive level to pursue this and see where it would lead, and if it was what we were trying to achieve.

Within 2 weeks I had the confidence that it would achieve our goals, and we pursued a formal agreement with Caspar Krieger to develop and host our domain.

In just over a month the context of the website was developed with,

- Colour change from the MDVGA website.
- Scripting work to enable the google maps functionality.

- Information from the Parmaker site populated.
- Permissions obtained to use photos.
- Confirmation that personal information was acceptable to all districts.

The new website went live to all on the 26th of August, just over 6 weeks from concept.

What was the cost????

Development work before launch, launch and hosting of the new site until the end of 2021 - \$945

Note: A \$100 charge needs to be added for vvga.org.au emails above first quote

Ongoing costs:

Hosting and backup charges \$50/month =	\$600 / annum
Emails =	\$150 / annum
Domain registration =	\$20 / annum

Total = \$770 / annum

If more development work is needed, this will be charged at \$150 per hour. I would not expect any more than an hour or two development work as the context may change but the overall concept is in place.

This website has been created at a significant cost saving, **\$5,027** saved on first setup and development and a saving of **\$1,320** per year in maintenance from the Kingfisher option. I believe this has been achieved without any compromise on quality, all feedback to date has been positive and complimentary. However, the website will only be as good as the information provided by all districts, so if you have anything you need to be added or changed, please don't hesitate to ask.

During all the process of developing this website, I would really like to express my gratitude to Ian Tait, his suggestions, and implementation of ideas has been beyond a casual help, and I can only thank him immensely for his input and time.

This has been a huge learning curve for me, never having any formal experience with developing websites, but it looks like I have inherited the webmaster role for a while to come, so please have patience with me...

Greg Bennett

Webmaster / Treasurer VVGA

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