

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Reg No A0023016N

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 2021

At the Mt Derrimut Golf club

The President: Richard Olsen, opened the meeting at 10.35am and welcomed new Council Members Ern Kraulis and Alan Maloney to the Council and welcomed all other serving Councillors that are present.

1/. Present: R. Olsen, B. Hazell, J. Robertson, G. Bennett, R. Bride, R. Smith, Peter Irvin, Ern Kraulis, Alan Maloney.

2/. Apology's: Councillor Paul Campbell

3/. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved, Brian Hazell Seconded Ron Smith that the minutes of the Council meeting held at the Mt Derrimutt Golf Club 08/07/2021 be approved, **carried**.

Items arising:

4/. Correspondence In: as included in the agenda.

5/. Correspondence Out: as included in the agenda.

It was Moved Alan Maloney and seconded by Ern Kraulis that all inwards correspondence be received, and all outwards correspondence be approved, **carried**.

From Correspondence: Email back to Strathbogie Golf Club President with confirmation from Council that Strathbogie was successful in their application for the VVGA Country Carnival and a VVGA grant of \$800.00 to assist in the running of the event. (Sent) Email to Glenelg Secretary Ann Dickinson on the explanation of why no ball rundown was held at the VVGA Annual Teams event at the Yallourn Golf Club. (Secretary to reply)

5/. Financial Report: As presented by Treasurer Greg, showing that the VVGA Business Account has a balance of \$18,562.28. The Investment Account has a balance of \$15,000.00 Total balance of \$33,568.28

Treasurer Greg presented a paper report, it is included with these minutes.

Greg stated that affiliation levies for 2022 are \$2.00 per player for 2022.

Council and Councillors need to keep an open mind on affiliation fees that are to be set at the VVGA. AGM each year.

Treasurer Greg has approximately \$500.00 in accounts/expenses to pay.

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded by Rob Bride that the financial report be received, and accounts be passed for payment. **Carried.**

6/. Captains Report: Captain Brian, presented his following Captains report to the meeting. Belvoir Park Bendigo has accepted to run and hold the 2022 VVGA 4BBB Championships. Brian has amended the entry form as there are mistakes in the document and closing date will be March 10th, 2022, Brian will send this amended entry form back to Belvoir Park Contact.

Treasurer Greg to think that the VVGA would like to support the clubs holding VVGA events and believes a reasonable expense for charges be half green fees to encourage more participants at VVGA events. Greg would like to propose that \$800.00 support be given to each club holding any VVGA event to encourage clubs to think more about pricing of entries and to keep pricing lower.

Moved Greg Bennett that the four (4) VVGA events for 2022, that the host club be given a figure of \$800.00 as a subsidy to keep player costs down to a minimum seconded Brian Hazell. **Carried**

Bannockburn Golf Club it was asked which district does that club belong to, consensus is that Bannockburn is in the Geelong District.

Stawell Golf Club is interested in holding the VVGA Annual Teams Event but would like it on another date in September, (to be discussed in general business).

Treasurer Greg stated that the Hume District covid policy is a good one Greg adopted this policy to Geelong District as their Covid Policy.

Moved Brian Hazell, seconded Ern Kraulis that the captains report be received, **Carried.**

Councillor's Reports:

Alan Maloney: State Championships event for Barwon Valley preparations are progressing.

Peter Irvin: Pleased that Stawell Golf club has applied for the VVGA Teams event.

Ern Kraulis; Quote received for Indemnity Insurance, more information in general business.

Quote received for VVGA Constitution to be updated (general business).

Member protection policy for all veteran members from Golf Australia, was spoken about.

Rob Bride: Rob has visited and attended three of his districts' AGMs in the preceding week.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Procedures and Formats for Two Day Tournaments, as there is only four VVGA Tournaments now suggestions are that

4 BBB Championships to be still held in March.

Country Championships, be now called a Country Carnival,

Suggested this be the following playing events

Day 1 be a 4BBB on the Monday

Day 2 to be a 2 Man Ambrose

VVGA Annual Teams Event to be held in September

VVGA State Championships to be held in October

A lengthy discussion amongst Councillors was held over the Country Championships and changing the event to a new name a Country Carnival and the type of events over the two days to be played as. The following motion was put forward

It was Moved Ern Kraulis that the Country Championships be renamed as the VVGA Country Carnival and Day 1 be played as a 4BBB and Day 2 be an individual stableford seconded Greg Bennett. **Carried**

Comments / Questions.

Changing of the date for this event, after discussion it was decided to leave this event at its current date for this year and look at all VVGA tournament dates for next year
Councillor Ron Smith asked does the Country Carnival start in 2022. (Yes)
Councillor Peter Irvin does the second day create a Country Championship event. (No)
Councillor Rob Bride asked if we call the event a Country Carnival and it is meant to be a fun event could we play a gentsomes event. We have a motion that sets out the events for this event.

Dates for VVGA Annual Teams Event a request from the Stawell Golf Club to change the dates for the team's event in 2022 from September 11th/12th/13th September 2022 be transferred to earlier in the month to new dates of fourth/fifth/6th September 2022. The Stawell Golf Club have planned course maintenance over the period of the original dates of the team's event. Brian Hazell Moved that the date for the team's event be shifted to the new dates fourth/fifth/and 6th September 2021, seconded Peter Irvin. **Carried**

Councillor Ern Kraulis spoke on his investigations into Indemnity insurance liability and public liability insurance for all our district members, the VVGA does not have any public liability. Ern obtained a competitive quote from an insurance brokers firm for a policy to cover the VVGA Council and our twenty-one sub committees and all members.
It was discussed whether to have a compulsory zoom meeting for all district delegates and or representative of the district to discuss, President Richard stated that we do not specifically have to have a meeting to go ahead with insurance. The VVGA Council has the authority to decide on this insurance policy for all members and districts.
Moved Greg Bennett that the VVGA Council proceed with the pending insurance policy pending verification, seconded Alan Maloney **Carried**.

Councillor Ern has also been looking into the VVGA constitution as it is, and he has contacted a "Company Sports Focus" situated in Bendigo that will update the current VVGA Constitution quoted cost for this is \$510 + GST.
Moved that Ern Kraulis and Stuart Craig from Sports Focus Bendigo review and update the VVGA Constitution and then be presented to the VVGA AGM. Moved Brian Hazell seconded Ern Kraulis. **Carried**.

Councillor Rob Bride spoke at the current distribution of Member Districts and the travelling for District Councillor. President Richard asked Councillor Rob to look at the current distribution of districts within the VVGA Districts with the view to have a more equitable distribution of districts, Rob agreed to investigate this and report back to the Council.

President Richard presented new jackets and sports coats for Councillors to look at and check sizes. It is considered a more professional look if all VVGA Councillors are dressed appropriately at VVGA Council Events.

It was moved Brian Hazell seconded Ern Kraulis that the VVGA order and supply jackets for Councillors. **Carried.**

Councillor Rob Bride suggested that all VVGA events should be shared around, and Rob has indicated five district clubs that would nominate for VVGA events in his district. Captain Brian asked that would like any clubs wishing to hold VVGA events be forwarded to him. President Richard spoke of maximum handicaps for VVGA events, maximum handicaps for VVGA Championships events be G.A (36) Thirty-Six Handicap for Men and G.A (45) Forty-Five for ladies.

Webmaster Greg indicated that VVGA district office bearers and contact phone numbers are being updated as they are received.

Webmaster Greg has indicated that he would prefer VVGA events and dates should be only on VVGA Website and not on district websites. After discussion it was decided to stay as is as districts syllabuses are organised around VVGA Events

Delegates Councillor Rob Bride will need to stand down and be replaced as a district delegate for South Gippsland District as it is against our constitution. Councillor Rob will discuss a delegate replacement with South Gippsland District.

Next Council Meeting to be held at the Mt Derrimutt Golf club.
Wednesday 9th February starting at 10.30am.

Meeting closed 14.45pm