

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Reg No A0023016N

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th April 2022

At the Mt Derrimut Golf club

The President: Richard Olsen, opened the meeting at 10.35am and welcomed all serving Councillors present.

1/. Present: President Richard Olsen, Captain Brian Hazell, Secretary John Robertson, Treasurer/Webmaster. Greg Bennett, Councillor's Rob Bride, Ron Smith, Peter Irvin, Ern Kraulis.

Graeme Sheers Captain of NWRVGA. VVGA President Richard Olsen welcomed Graeme Sheers to the meeting as an observer and invited him to sit with VVGA Councillors.

2/. Apologies received: Cec Bailey (MDVGA) Councillor's Alan Maloney and Paul Campbell. Moved Brian Hazell seconded Ern Kraulis. **Carried**

3/. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved; Ern Kraulis Seconded Ron Smith that the minutes of the Council meeting held at the Mt Derrimut Golf Club 09/04/2022 be approved, **carried**.

Items arising: No business arising from these minutes.

4/. Correspondence In: as included in the agenda

5/. Correspondence Out: as included in the agenda

Moved that inwards and outwards correspondence as presented be approved.

Moved Greg Bennett seconded Peter Irvin **Carried**

5/. Financial Report: As presented by Treasurer Greg, showing that the VVGA Business Account has a balance of \$20,113.00. The Investment Account has a balance of \$15,000.00
Total balance of \$35,113.00

There was a query on the cost of trophies for the VVGA 4BBB event. This was explained. Councillor Ern Kraulis asked if there were any thoughts to investing some of our savings' account with the view to making our money work for us

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. On the VVGA event at Belvoir Park, Brian summed up by saying that the Belvoir Park Golf Club did a tremendous job, and we couldn't congratulate the Club enough, everyone from the ground staff to the ladies who fed us and the bar staff serving us did an excellent job. Our next game is at Strathbogie Golf Club with everything in readiness.

The following event will be the VVGA Teams Event at the Stawell Golf Club on September 5th and 6th 2022. The entry form will be placed on the website when it is received.

Everything is in place and Captain Brian has been in touch with Graeme Trickey of Stawell All is going well with preparations for the team's event.

The last event for the year will be the VVGA State Championship at the Barwon Valley Golf Club in Geelong on the 3rd and 4th October 2022.

VVGA Five-year events program plan has been updated, would all Councillor's please remove all old five-year plans from your files.

Explanation on the change of format of the 4BBB event at Belvoir Park was given.

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

Councillor's Reports:

Alan Maloney: A written report was presented by Alan that the preparations for the VVGA State Championships at Barwon Valley Golf Club are progressing Well and coming along nicely.

Ern Kraulis: Ern's report will be given in general business

Peter Irvin: Peter has nothing to report all is well in his district

Rob Bride: Rob has visited and played in the Eastern Zone Challenge, first full field for five years, a good day

Councillor Rob queried why Devil Bend members no longer attend VVGA events as in the past. As a good representation of members played in VVGA events.

Ron Smith: Ron has nothing to report

Secretary John Visited Central District and joined in a game of golf at the Castlemaine Golf Club and attended the Central District Committee meeting after presentations.

Central districts are looking at Book a Tee system for their district.

Councillor Ern and Secretary John to visit Kara Kara District sometime soon.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Secretary to check with Daryl Dunford AVGU Delegate to see if he wants to come to any of the VVGA Council meetings if he has any reports to give.

President Richard has supplied Daryl with a reply for AVGU new conditions and regulations for AVGU events to be held in the future.

Alan Dykstra, secretary of NWRVGA forwarded an email to Council re-dates for the closure of membership dates as it may affect the number of veterans members that they have as their fiscal year ends in October. Another matter Alan raised was the discussion on VVGA district boundaries and to try and cut down on the amount of travelling. These matters were discussed and Graeme Sheers Captain of NWRVGA will report back to his district.

Email from Neil Muller Secretary of East Suburban VVA wrote about their Districts disappointment at the reversing of the format decision for the Country Championship from a one 4BBB and second day a two-man Ambrose back to what was played in previous years as their district felt it was a positive change.

Treasurer Greg spoke on the affiliation fees unpaid at this stage and there is no penalty if affiliation fees are unpaid at the due date.

It was suggested that "If affiliation fees are not paid by the due date that the district is not eligible to enter teams in the VVGA teams' event."

Council have asked the District Councillors to check with the District Secretary's re the payment of affiliation fees to the VVGA.

Webmaster Greg has made further updates to the VVGA website with all district office bearers.

Brian Young Secretary Sunraysia District email with questions re the VVGA Insurance Policy that Sunraysia District require more clarity on.

Email from Bob Bates Corangamite District regarding the VVGA 4BBB event played at Belvoir Park, Bendigo. Email was discussed by Council, and Secretary John to answer Bob's email.

Email from Ann Dickinson re events at the VVGA 4BBB at Belvoir Park, Bendigo. This was discussed by Council, and Secretary John to reply to Ann's email.

In the future any general business correspondence received from any districts, the VVGA Secretary is to send correspondence onto that districts Zone Councillor.

The following motion was moved at Council

Moved President Richard Olsen "That the VVGA Council will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour towards Councillors of the VVGA and remind members that there is a proper procedure to follow, and any or all correspondence must be received by the VVGA Secretary on any matters" Seconded Ern Kraulis. **Carried**

"Code of conduct and grievance policy is attached"

Insurance Policy: "Moved Ern Kraulis seconded Greg Bennett that any insurance claim to go through as soon as possible to the VVGA Secretary John Robertson. Councillor Ern Kraulis and VVGA Secretary John Robertson will promptly follow up with any claims." **Carried.**

Email from Councillor Paul Campbell re the Perry Fletch Award; VVGA President Richard will follow-up with Councillor Paul's inquiry.

Further investigation of Sponsorship offer of talks from Anna Jordan Life Style Communities to the VVGA is to be followed up by the VVGA Secretary.

Procedures and Format Procedures for VVGA Two Day Tournaments is under review by the Council/Councillors, with Councillors going through the document thoroughly.

The VVGA being gender neutral for all events; all references to lady golfers have been removed from this document.

Once Councillors have received and approved the final Procedures and Format for Two Day Tournaments. This document will be sent out to all Districts for comment.

Councillor Ern Kraulis has given all Councillors a draft copy of the new VVGA Constitution to read, and any queries that they pick up Councillors are to send back comments to VVGA

Secretary before any further action is taken. All comments are to be in the hands of the VVGA Secretary by the thirtieth (30th) of April.

Next Meeting Council Wednesday 6th July Mt Derrimut Golf Club at 10.30am

Meeting closed 2.30pm.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Members and all people involved in any way with Golf will:

- (a) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others – treat others as you would like to be treated yourself
- (b) Be ethical, considerate, fair, courteous and honest in all dealings with other people and organisations
- (c) Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions
- (d) Be aware of and follow at all times Golf's laws, standards, rules, policies and procedures and promote those laws, standards, rules, policies and procedures to others
- (e) Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, including the national and international guidelines that govern Golf
- (f) Understand the possible consequences of breaching the Codes and/or this Policy
- (g) Report any breaches of the Codes or this Policy to the appropriate Authorised Person(s)
- (h) Refrain from any form of Abuse, Harassment, Discrimination and Victimisation towards others
- (i) Raise concerns regarding decisions of Authorised Person(s) through the appropriate channels and in a timely manner
- (j) Provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities in accordance with any relevant Golf Australia policy
- (k) Show concern, empathy and caution towards others that may be sick or injured
- (l) Be a positive role model to all
- (m) Respect and protect confidential information obtained through Golf activities or services; whether individuals and/or organisational information
- (n) Maintain the required standard of accreditation and/or licensing of professional competencies, as applicable to the role(s)
- (o) Ensure that any physical contact with others is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- (p) Refrain from intimate relations with persons over whom you have a position of authority
- (q) Agree to abide by the Codes
- (r) Maintain a duty of care towards others
- (s) Be impartial and accept the responsibility for all actions taken.