

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Reg No A0023016N

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2022

At the Mt Derrimut Golf club

The President: Ern Kraulis, opened the meeting at 10.25am and welcomed all serving Councillors present. And welcomed new Councillors.

1/. Present: President Ern Kraulis, Treasurer/Webmaster. Greg Bennett, Captain Brian Hazell, Councillor's Leigh Greening, Ron Smith, Peter Irvin, Geoff Cook, Alan Maloney.

2/. Apologies received: Secretary John Robertson
Moved; Brian Hazell, seconded; Ron Smith, that apologies be accepted. **Carried**

3/. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting:

Moved; Brian Hazell, seconded; Ron Smith, that the minutes of the Council meeting held at the Mt Derrimut Golf Club 06/07/2022 be approved, **carried**.

Items arising: Consumer Affairs reporting delay, due to difficulty in obtaining access to their website

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; Geoff Cook, seconded Greg Bennett, that correspondence in and out be accepted. **Carried**.

5/. Financial Report:

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded by Brian Hazell, that the financial report as tabled be accepted, with a bank balance of \$22,782.71. **Carried**.

6/. Captains Report:

Moved; Brian Hazell, seconded Leigh Greening that the captains report as tabled be received **Carried**.

Councillor's Reports:

Councillor Ron Smith advised of Yarrawonga withdrawing from North East District.

(Secretary to email District Secretary Ray Borschmann for clarification on what this means)

Moved; Geoff Cook seconded Alan Maloney all Councillor reports be accepted. **Carried**.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Greg Bennett moved, Geoff Cook seconded, that the VVGA continue with the Sports Focus membership, with the potential for them to assist in all districts updating their "constitutions".

Moved Leigh Greening, seconded Brian Hazell that the Executive decision to award Warragul G.C the 2023 VVGA State Championships, and notification to Leongatha G.C they were unsuccessful. **Carried**

Brian Hazell moved; Ron Smith seconded that the application for Barham to hold the VVGA Country Championships in 2023 be ratified. **Carried**

2023 VVGA event dates locked in to be played at:

4BBB Championships March 21-22 at Hamilton G.C

Country championships May 8-9 at Barham G.C

Teams Championships September 18-19 Kialla G.C

State Championships October 23-24 Warragul G.C

Investigation/ Suggestions for 2024

4BBB – Buninyong G.C

Country Championships – Horsham G.C

Teams Championships – Leongatha G.C

State Championships – Bright G.C

Captain Brian Hazell to update "5 Year Plan" as it develops to distribute to all Councillors. Brian Hazell moved, Alan Maloney seconded that Buninyong G.C application for the 2024 4BBB Championships be accepted, pending further discussions with the Ballarat District.

Carried

Peter Irvin moved; Leigh Greening seconded, that Peter Irvin investigate the potential courses for a reintroduction of the VVGA Sandgreen Championships in 2024. **Carried**

It was felt that we would need to have at least 4 courses to participate over the next 4 years, as stopping and restarting the event was not deemed acceptable.

Murchison G.C to be advised of this decision, and that we would advise of future developments and negotiate with the club as we move forward.

It was also suggested that due to many of the courses limitations with close and available accommodation, that we could perhaps run as a single day 18 hole event.

Greg Bennett spoke of Tier 1 issue with un-processing competitions. No further action required other than Councillors to highlight to district as they meet with them.

Zone Councillor position description was tabled to all Councillors for comment.

While general agreement was favourable, Geoff Cook tasked with reviewing and modifying as necessary to bring to the next Council meeting as part of the "Governance Sub Committee".

Moved Brian Hazell, seconded Geoff Cook that the Guidelines for Fair and Reasonable Expenses (as attached) be accepted as Tabled with one modification with the addition of Tolls. **Carried**

Timing of meetings, especially of period between VVGA AGM and our next Council meeting. It was felt 2 to 3 weeks would be acceptable. To review in 2023.

Sub Committee's:

Match: Chair Brian Hazell, Leigh Greening, Ron smith.

Zone Amalgamation: Chair Ern Kraulis, Greg Bennett. Brian Hazell, Alan Maloney.

Governance: Chair Geoff Cook, Peter Irvin, John Robertson.

Each Chair tasked with providing a brief outline of objectives and timings for next meeting.

There being no further General Business the meeting was closed

Next Meeting Council date Wednesday 8th February 2023, 10.30am start

Meeting closed 2.25pm.

Signed; President.....

Dated.....

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Guidelines for Fair and Reasonable Expenses

Whilst the work of zone councillors is appreciated, and encouraged, to cover ourselves it has been suggested that the broad statement of "fair and reasonable expense" needs to be clarified.

In doing so it is not intended to have councillors financially impacted, so please ensure receipts are submitted timely and payment will be made into nominated bank account as soon as possible.

The President is keen to have clear roles and responsibilities developed for councillors and is working towards this for early 2023. In the meantime, it is requested that all Council business be documented. So, if any councillor attends functions, AGM meetings, etc. then this should be documented in a paragraph or two to be tabled at the next council meeting.

Travel: Fuel Reimbursement.

1. Executive or Councillor travel to district to interact with key district personnel
A written report of the discussions to accompany Fuel and Toll receipts, this will be tabled at next Council meeting.
2. If the Councillor travels to remote district within their zone and plays golf interacting with district personnel, it is acceptable to require an overnight stay. In this case \$100 towards accommodation would be reimbursed. Receipts for fuel and accommodation along with written report of discussions for following council meeting.
3. VVGA AGM - Fuel costs to location of meeting.
4. VVGA Councillor meetings – (Currently held at Mt Derrimut) Fuel and Toll costs reimbursed
5. VVGA Teams event – Whilst representing Council. Entry fee & \$150 towards fuel and accommodation.
6. VVGA Events – Whilst preferable to have Councillors present, this is optional and therefore a councillor expense to attend golfing event.

Miscellaneous expenses.

7. Printer consumables.
8. Secretary expenses, stamps, envelopes, etc covered with receipts.
9. Other items not covered in points 1 to 7 to be approved by the president before submitting for reimbursement.