

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Reg No A0023016N

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th May 2023

At the Mt Derrimut Golf club

The President: Ern Kraulis, opened the meeting at 10.30 am and welcomed all serving Councillors present. And welcomed new Councillors.

1/. Present: President Ern Kraulis, Secretary John Robertson, Treasurer/Webmaster. Greg Bennett, Captain Brian Hazell, Councillor's Leigh Greening, Peter Irvin, Geoff Cook. Peter Turner.

2/. Apologies received: Alan Maloney.

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded Geoff Cook that the apology be accepted. **Carried.**

3/. "If any Executive Member or Councillor has any pecuniary interest in any subject or matter to be discussed at VVGA Council meetings. Please advise VVGA President Ern Kraulis of your interest."

4/.To receive minutes of the previous Council meeting held at the Mt Derrimut Golf Club on the 08/02/2023.

Moved Brian Hazell seconded Geoff Cook that these minutes be received. **Carried.**

5/. Business arising.

We will not hear back from Consumer Affairs about our VVGA Rules lodgement unless they are not accepted.

The position of VVGA Vice President will be covered in general business.

Moved; Peter Turner seconded Leigh Greening. **carried.**

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

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

Arising from correspondence:

Four items of correspondence to be raised in general business.

Moved; Greg Bennett, seconded, Peter Irvin that correspondence in and out be accepted.

Carried.

Business for discussion arising from correspondence.

Leigh Greening has been replaced as District Delegate for West Gippsland new delegate is Peter Bray. Leigh is unable to be both a District Delegate and VVGA Councillor under VVGA Rules

5/. Financial Report:

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded by Peter Irvin, that the financial report as tabled be accepted, with a bank balance in savings of \$17,197.27 and investment account of \$15,000.00 **Carried.**

Matters arising from Treasurers report.

After a discussion it was moved by Treasurer Greg Bennett, seconded by Brian Hazell that each VVGA Councillor be allocated \$100.00 towards their costs when representing the Council at the VVGA Teams Event. **Carried.**

Treasurer Greg Bennett moved and seconded by Geoff Cook that 2024 VVGA Affiliation Fees be set and remain at \$4.00 per member. **Carried.**

6/. Captains Report As presented to council meeting is attached to these minutes.

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

Councillor's Reports:

Councillor Geoff Cook. Geoff's report as presented is attached to these minutes.

Secretary John To email districts that have not emailed in their Constitutions to the VVGA Secretary.

Councillor Peter Irvin. Peter's report as presented is attached to these minutes.

Peter spoke about the VVGA Sandgreen Championships in 2024 to stay in the month of August.

Leigh Greening. Eastern Zone Challenge was played at the Yallourn Golf Club and next year will be in the Mornington Peninsula District.

Councillor Peter Turner. Has contacted all the Metropolitan District Secretary's and introduced himself as their new VVGA Councillor

Moved; Brian Hazell seconded Greg Bennett all Councillor reports be accepted. **Carried.**

GENERAL BUSINESS: Items received from Districts.

1/. Email received from Jeff Ranger and Alan Pell, Captain, and President of the Dalhousie District, on the running of the VVGA 4BBB at the Hamilton Golf Club. Dalhousie members appreciated the course presentation and the efforts of the Hamilton G.C.

Most disappointment centred around the two-card system for scoring and it being a stroke & nett event and not a stableford event, as most 4BBB events in veterans is stableford. The disqualification of teams at this event was also raised.

After a discussion by Councillors on all points raised in the email the VVGA match committee have taken all points on board.

2/. Email from Geoff Cohen Secretary South Gippsland District. Points raised: the setting up of program of district events on the VVGA website, and the possibility of having a Championship of Champions event in conjunction with the VVGA State Championships.

Council discussed these proposals and resolved that we felt that as our website covers each districts events, any visiting veterans can easily check for veterans' events in Victoria. The setting up of a Champion of Champions event at this stage is not possible.

3/ Point 1/ Email from Alan White Secretary Corangamite District, requesting that the VVGA send out our inwards and out wards correspondence to all districts as Corangamite District Committee wishes to know what the VVGA Executive is discussing and the outcomes.

Point 2/ Corangamite District is requesting that the VVGA get the formula correct for the VVGA 4BBB event in March and correct the problems that have occurred over the last two years.

Point 1/ Council discussed this email and resolved that regarding the correspondence, "All correspondence received by the Council is the property of the Council; to be dealt with by Council at our meetings. The minutes of VVGA Council meetings reflect decisions made and raised by correspondence and Councillors from within their districts. There is also a privacy matter with correspondence we receive and are in situ to the Council".

Point 2/ The matters raised in point 2 were discussed and have been taken on board by the VVGA Match Committee members they will endeavour to correct the formula for this event.

4/ Email from John Raven President Mornington Peninsula Districts Veterans; John has emailed the VVGA Council requesting support and financial assistance from the VVGA for the 2024 Eastern Zone Challenge to make this event affordable within the norm costs of events at neighbouring courses.

The VVGA Council members discussed this request and resolved that we won't be offering any financial assistance for this event.

5/ Email from Alan Kinnaird Vice President Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc: Alan emailed the VVGA Council wanting to know what the VVGA Insurance Policy covered as one of their members has had an accident while driving his golf cart at a district veteran's golf event.

Council discussed this matter; VVGA President Ern Kraulis will draft a letter to be sent to all districts explaining this policy. This policy does not cover accidents.

All the above G.B items received have been replied to. Further General Business as follows.

Councillor Leigh Greening asked about who was responsible for the entry form for the VVGA State Championship at Warragul G.C. Warragul G.C is with assistance from the VVGA match committee.

Captain Brian received a letter from a Western Australian veteran golfer requesting information on Victorian veteran's golf events.

The respective committees (Match, Governance, Zoning) then broke into groups for discussions, next council meeting all committee chairpersons will report back in writing with their reports.

Zoning Committee: Moved President Ern seconded Peter Turner that we alter current VVGA zones from (6) six to (7) seven Zones and elect a new Councillor for the new zone. This is to go to the VVGA AGM. **Carried**

Moved Greg Bennett seconded, Geoff Cook that the new zone be called the Peninsula Zone. **Carried.**

VVGA Vice President; Moved John Robertson seconded Peter Turner that Central Councillor Geoff Cook be appointed VVGA Vice President. **carried**

Secretary John to write a letter/email to Central District Secretary on Geoff's appointment and that Council are seeking a new Central Zone Councillor. (Done)

Captain Brian and Treasurer Greg have been to Benalla Golf Club to inspect golf course and liaise with Benalla Golf Club officials.

2024 VVGA 4BBB event will be held at the Buninyong Golf Club.

The VVGA will be entering teams for the team's event at Benalla Golf Club.

Moved Brian Hazell seconded Peter Turner that all general business has been dealt with. **carried**

Next Meeting 02/08/2023

Meeting closed 2.30pm.

Signed; President.....

Dated.....