

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Reg No A0023016N

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 02 August 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 Guests to the meeting.

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

VVGA President Ern Welcomed to the meeting guests, John Raven President MPVGA & Councillor elect Northern Zone Rick Jamieson.

2/. Apologies received: Peter Turner.

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded Brian Hazel 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 25/05/2023.

Moved Geoff Cook, seconded Greg Bennett that these minutes be received. **Carried.**

5/. Business arising.

Councillor Alan Maloney inquired as to the outcome of the correspondence from the Corangamite District from our last meeting, Councillor Maloney was informed of our decision.

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

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

Moved; Peter Irvin, seconded, Alan Maloney that correspondence in and out be dealt with and accepted. **Carried.**

Business for discussion arising from correspondence.

Email from VVGA Delegate to the AVGU, Daryl Dunford requesting that VVGA Council approve a change of date for the 2026 National Championships to be held in Queensland back to August, because of time constraints VVGA President & Secretary approved this change and Council ratified this decision.

Moved Leigh Greening, seconded V.P Geoff Cook that the decision by VVGA President & Secretary be ratified by Council. **Carried**

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 \$15,191,37 and investment account of \$15,000.00 **Carried**

6/. Captains Report Brian read out his report to Council. This is included with minutes. Moved Captain Brian Hazell, seconded Leigh Greening that the 2024 VVGA State Championships be investigated to be held at the Bright Golf Club on October 21st-22nd 2024. **Carried**

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Zoning Committee: report was given by VVGA President Ern.

Mornington Peninsula be called Bayside Zone

Central Zone be called Loddon Zone. That way we do not have a Central Zone and a Central District.

Moved Greg Bennett seconded Geoff Cook, that the motion passed at our last meeting to call the new zone Peninsula Zone be rescinded and changed to Bayside Zone.

President Ern Kraulis moved that the actions of the Zoning Sub Committee be taken to the AGM for ratification by the districts seconded Alan Maloney. **Carried**

President of the Mornington Peninsula Veterans Golfers' Association John Raven has indicated he would stand as a Councillor for the Bayside Zone, John will nominate for this position at the VVGA AGM in October.

Moved President Ern Kraulis, seconded Alan Maloney that the Zoning Committee report be accepted. **Carried**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Northern Zone Councillor Ron Smith has resigned immediately from the VVGA Council due to ill health. Ron presented a letter of resignation to the Council.

President Ern thanked Ron for his work and time as the Councillor for the Northern Zone and Districts North Eastern, Dalhousie and Goulburn Districts and wished him well for the future.

Richard (Rick) Jamieson was appointed as the Zone Councillor for the Northern Zone until elections at the VVGA AGM.

Moved President Ern, seconded Geoff Cook. **Carried**

AVGU: 1-point C The VVGA agree with the governing body changing the name from Australian Veterans Golf Union be to the Australian Veterans Golf Association (AVGA)

2-point B The VVGA agree with the concept of the AVGU conducting a new event where each state enters a 12-man team to compete against each other it would be called "The Australian Veterans Golfers' State Teams Event".

Email from Katelyn Must Sales Manager from Southern International, Golf Genius, was discussed by Council members and no further action to be taken.

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded Brian Hazell that we reply to Katelyn Must and thank her but advise that the VVGA Council will not be interested in Golf Genius offer. **Carried**

Captain Brian has updated the VVGA 5-year golf plan. VVGA Sandscrape Championships to be played at Parklands in August 2024.

Councillor Leigh Greening is looking forward to the VVGA State Championships being held at the Warragul Golf Club and is sure every veteran will enjoy the course and hospitality.

A discussion was held on the format of the VVGA team's Zoning redistribution event.

Moved John Robertson, seconded Greg Bennett that we take a recommendation on the format of the VVGA Teams Event. **Carried.**

The Council will have two agenda items for the VVGA AGM 1/ Zoning redistribution 2/ Recommendation for VVGA team's event.

President Ern discussed the work that is been done by Councillors at VVGA Meetings. Councillors and Executive need to be seen out in the districts more; Councillors need to be more active in their roles outside of our meetings with visitations to districts. President Ern spoke about sponsorship to assist district events; Council can investigate this and see if it could be feasible or realistic and it would need to be cost neutral for the members.

Moved Brian Hazell, seconded Peter Irvin that all general business has been dealt with.
carried

Next Meeting 29/11/2023

Meeting closed 2.05pm.

Signed; President.....

Dated.....

CAPTAIN REPORT AUGUST 2023

Not much to report, everything is in place for the event at Benalla.

4BBB at Buninyong is going along nicely, Nicky said we can have the upstairs room for the 2 days. Riverside has been notified all's good. Greg and I will be having a meeting at Warragal with Leigh and them when we can organize it at our meeting.

The Sandscrapes at Parklands is going ahead just have to finalise the bits and pieces with Peter Irvin.

Looking for a venue for the 2024 Teams Championships (Neangar) maybe, 2024 State Championships (Bright) maybe. This can all be discussed at the meeting.

Brian

Captain

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