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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

Level 2, The York, 99 York Street, Sydney
10.35am

MINUTES

1. President, Lyn Walker (LW), welcomed those present to the 66th VWGA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and hoped they enjoyed the Year in Review slide show before the meeting.
2. Apologies – Secretary read out apologies and asked if there were any from the floor. No further apologies received.
3. In attendance (number of delegates and observers present) – Total - 41.
Delegates - 23 + 3 committee who are delegates
Observers - 7 + 1 life member + 7 committee members
4. Proxies (allocation)
24 received – 20 allocated and 4 were invalid as there was no direction given.
5. Correspondence- JB read out 2 letters of congratulations for a good year from L Ruge – Coraki delegate and M Lund – The Grange delegate. Another from B Everett re notifying corrections needed to 2014 AGM minutes and the response from LW.
6. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
The draft minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were circulated to delegates on 31st May 2016.
Moved to Accept with amendments - LW 2nd – J Dunn (JD) (The Coast)
- 6a. **Business arising from 2015 AGM**
 - Increase in fees from \$3 to \$5 (hold over to item 10)
 - Increase the age requirement of the senior vets division from 65 to 70 years
As agreed at committee meeting on 28/9/2016 that from Jan 1, 2017 this will be new age limit.
 - Deletion of the regional winners in Mabel Mackenzie competition in 2016 - status quo as no feedback was received.
 - Public Liability insurance follow-up report from treasurer (hold over to item 9)
7. **Annual Reports**
 - (a) President's Report :Moved: LW, 2nd – GS (Attachment 4)
 - (b) Secretary's Report : Moved: JB, 2nd – L Rippon (Bonnie Doon) (Attachment 5)
 - (c) Tournament Report: Moved: JP, 2nd - S Kercher (SK) (Bayview) (Attachment 6)
 - (c) Membership Report : Moved: VH, 2nd - JD (Attachment 7)

8. Treasurer's Presentation of Financial Report and Balance Sheet

2016 loss has been reined in.

Income- Interest decreased dramatically- term deposit was only 3%. Most big ticket items – rent, computers, phones, utilities etc. have increased by 2%.

Lost \$7 000 this year - \$3 000 of which went back into tournaments.

Summary sheet –showed fees were increased last in 2011 from \$2 to \$3.

Fixed costs approximately \$34 500, Income approximately \$94 600.

K Temple (Pennant Hills) asked if we have a long term plan for the money in the bank.

NC responded that it is there to cover our expenses and backup money is needed to cover the possibility of a forced move from our premises- last time we moved was around \$8 000.

For the first time we had to take \$20 000 out of term deposit to enable our working capital to cover costs and contingencies.

M Pacitti (MP) (Randwick) noted that we have a good Capital to Cost ratio.

NC thanked delegates for getting money in promptly and using internet payments.

Moved: NC, 2nd - Lesley Paradine (LP)

9. Public Liability Insurance Cover- LW asked NC to speak

For the last 4 years we have used Local Community Insurance as the price is very competitive.

Total cost - \$3 867, up from \$3 623 last year, which includes 4 policies:

- * Public and Products Liability – Compulsory (\$1 700) – for our events in case we are sued for negligence.
- * Personal Accident – for volunteers on the way to and from the office.
- * Business Pack – Assets and everything in the office
- * Associations Liability-compulsory - Protects the committee from being sued.

An ordinary resolution (requiring a 50% majority) was put to the meeting that Public Liability Insurance cover for \$20 million be renewed. All agreed to pay insurance.

MP had investigated the insurance whilst playing golf and she noted that people are responsible for their own liability unless they can prove negligence on the part of the club.

JD said that ladies were not covered by the NSWVGA insurance and noted that men were upset because women, who only paid the \$3.50 (because they were VWGANSW members), were winning prizes without being full members of the NSWVGA. She suggested that this might be a reason the women were being charged \$3.50 as opposed to females who were full members of the NSWVGA. JB suggested that there should be some disclosure as to what the \$3.50 was required for.

LW reported that she had attended an NSWVGA meeting where they assured her that the \$3.50 was for insurance at these events. The NSWVGA have 1500 women members who must also be members of the VWGANSW to play in NSWVGA events.

10. LW explained the voting procedure.

Everyone should have at least 1 card. VH asked voters to stand when the votes were being counted. Scrutineers called for. VH – Committee and Beverley Everett (BE) – The Lakes were elected.

Notices of Motion

It was resolved at the VWGA committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, to increase the VWGA yearly subscription fee from \$3 to \$5, as suggested at the 2015 AGM, from January 1, 2017.

LW asked for an amendment to change date to 1st Jan 2018.

Proposed: Nancye Cullen Lakeside
Seconded: Jenni Brown Long Reef
NC spoke **for** the motion.

Against - F McManus- Bexley: noted the money in the bank was contributed to by past members and should be used instead of increasing fees.

LW asked to speak **against** on behalf of many country members as they don't feel they are getting value for their membership.

NC responded that they get something for their money – she noted Country Championships, Mabel Mackenzie Brooch, 80-90 year badges/ hole in one badges as well as a sizeable sponsorship of Country 2 day tournaments.

Against: JD – many of her members don't go to events now so if it goes up to \$5 they may not re-join.

For: A Peterson (Nelson Bay) - Her members don't complain, many go away to events with their husbands (to NSWVGA events).

Further discussion ensued into internal vets' competition fees. BE suggested we give information to country clubs re charging money for their internal vet's competitions.

LW noted from Finance report that \$10 600 in trophy costs for Challenge Brooch & Country Championships was spent in 2016 aside from tournament sponsorship which amounted to around \$4 500.

Voting: For - 44 Against – 10 Declared passed.

Amendment: To increase the membership fee from Jan 1, **2018** to \$5 from \$3.
All agreed by show of hands.

11. General Business

a) Fay Butcher (FB) (Carnarvon Golf Club Delegate) proposed that the cost of the joining fee to be abolished.

FB noted they had lost 1016 members this year and it is hard for their many Korean members who often travel overseas to take advantage of their membership of the VWGA.

Against- JD says it is an honour to be a member of this association and we should all be proud to be members so we can play at the different courses through the year.

NC said that if we put the fees up to \$5 because we needed the money then we really can't afford to abolish the joining fee.

LW asked for a show of hands for support of abolishing joining fee – proposal defeated.

b) Pam Sassella (PS) (Queanbeyan Golf Club Delegate) proposed "that:

a) As all Country members pay the same membership they should be treated equally in all events run by the Veteran Women Golfers' Association.

b) Members nominate to be either Weekday or Weekend players.

c) Each division may be won by the player from within the division with the best score from either day."

PS was concerned that the classification of weekday members having 3 divisions whereas weekend players are only entitled to 1 division + senior vet from either.

Clarification: Women's Golf NSW has a requirement that people must choose to be either weekday or weekend players.

LW suggested we make the classifications – Main day and Secondary day.

Discussion ensued and LW suggested that we discuss more at committee level and bring it back to 2017 AGM.

NC wanted some clarification of PS's proposal- she wanted the best score over the week in each division regardless of the day. LW wanted the 2 days to

be played in the same week. She will canvas feelings using next VetsNews and then bring it back to committee meeting.

- c) A Poulter (AP), Warringah, spoke about how the Warringah Golf Course was going to be broken up by selling the back 9 to make more playing fields for the area. She was hoping we could support them in their quest to keep the whole course.
- d) L Lemke (Bondi) asked if smaller clubs could put in an entry with only 2 names for team events as some clubs can't always get 4 players. Response was: yes and we would try to get them another 2 players for them.
- e) VH wanted it noted that, with the new photocopier, she is now producing double sided printing for membership lists. She also asked if anyone wanted to put anything on the website to see her later.

12. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

As sitting Office Bearers and Committee Members retire at the conclusion of the 2016 Annual General Meeting. Under clause 11.5(c) of the constitution all nominations received at 7/10/2016 are elected unopposed.

Office Bearers:

President:	Lynette Walker	<i>Bonnie Doon</i>
Vice Presidents:	Virginnia Hewitt Jacky Parsons	<i>Woolooware</i> <i>North Ryde</i>
Secretary:	Jenni Brown	<i>Long Reef</i>
Treasurer:	Nancye Cullen	<i>Lakeside</i>

General Committee:

Giovanna Mutton	<i>Manly</i>
Lilian Ong	<i>North Ryde</i>
Lesley Paradine	<i>Castlecove</i>
Geraldine Steele	<i>Warringah</i>

Further nominations were called for from the floor. Nil were received.

LW thanked everyone for their input which had allowed a comprehensive discussion of the issues tabled. She declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm

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President – Lyn Walker

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Date

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Secretary, Veteran Women Golfers' Association of NSW Inc.

Dated: 3 May 2017