



Veteran Women Golfers' Association of NSW Inc.

Affiliated with the Veteran Ladies' Golf Association (England)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

Level 2, The York, 99 York Street, Sydney
10.30am

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The President. Lyn Walker (Bonnie Doon) (LW) opened the meeting at 10.30am

The President, welcomed delegates and observers and asked new delegates to stand and introduce themselves. She noted that as there were no constitutional issues, proxy cards had not been issued for voting purposes. She said that any issue that required voting would be a majority vote on a show of hands. No further agenda items were put forward in General Business from the floor so she requested that 'blue cards and stickers' be added.
2. Apologies – taken as read (76)
3. In attendance 31 members: 4 observers, 1 life member, 17 delegates and 9 committee members of which 4 were also delegates.
4. Correspondence – Nil. The Secretary Jenni Brown (Long Reef) (JB) mentioned a number of apologies received had included good wishes to the VWGA committee and they felt that we were doing a good job. They also mentioned how they enjoyed VetsNews.
5. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting.
The draft minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting were circulated to delegates on 1st May 2017. No amendments were received to the draft at 30 June 2017. These minutes were assumed as read.
- 5a. **Business arising from 2016 AGM**
 - Pam Sassella (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 (should) nominate to be either Weekday or Weekend players.
 - c) Each division (can) be won by the player from within the division with the best score from either day.” After lengthy discussion this was referred back to the committee to provide recommendations to the 2017 AGM.
 - As co-ordinator of the Mabel Mackenzie competition, Lesley Paradine (Castlecove) (LP) spoke on behalf of the committee. From our records there were only 37 players across the state in the weekend division. The committee put forward that abolishing the weekend division would allow the winner to come from across the field irrespective of what day the event was played. The Challenge Brooch and Country Championships will remain as is. All agreed
 - NSWVGA fees:
Enquiries had been received (mainly from the North Coast and Illawarra regions) as to why lady members are required to join the NSWVGA and to pay a \$3.00 insurance fee to play in NSWVGA events.

LW reported that she had attended a NSWVGA meeting last year. Their constitution was gender neutral and according to NSWVGA conditions of play VWGA members are entitled to play in 'Week of Golf' events.

LW, JP and NC have been invited to attend an Executive meeting with the NSWVGA in late January 2018 where a member of Golf NSW will also be in attendance.

LW felt that the issue of membership to the two organisations could be easily addressed through affiliation of both organisations and requested a show of hands to the meetings preference. The feel of the meeting was adamantly NO.

- A Moore asked for clarification re insurance – LW responded that she felt that it was covered by each individual golf club's insurance and through affiliation fees paid to Golf Australia so there should be no need for specific extra insurance. However this needed to be clarified. LW agreed to follow up with Golf Australia.
- It was mentioned that the Kiama ladies had joined the NSWVGA when their delegate retired and they had no-one to act in the capacity of VWGA delegate. They also requested that Kiama be formally unaffiliated from the VWGA. However, they did not realise that they would not be allowed to play in VWGA tournaments- e.g. Jamberoo. The committee had proposed that individual golfers could request miscellaneous membership to the VWGA but no Kiama ladies had taken up the offer.

Move to accept – LW, Seconded – Ali Poulter (AP) - Warringah

6. Annual Reports

(a) President's Report : Moved - LW, 2nd - Vanna Mutton (Manly) (VM)

(b) Secretary's Report: Moved - JB, 2nd - LP

(c) Tournament Report: Moved - Jacky Parsons (North Ryde) (JP), 2nd - VM

Discussion related to the declining entry levels in the Metropolitan Championships – was it the venue, change of day or time of year.

It was noted that some members will no longer play in Championship events due to the pace of play. There also appeared to be an aversion to stroke play and also it was noted that many clubs were playing individual championships around October/November. Further discussion was held over to General Business.

(d) Membership Report: Moved - Virginnia Hewitt (Woolooware) (VH), 2nd - Lena Rippon (Bonnie Doon)

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

Moved - Nancye Cullen (Lakeside) (NC), 2nd - Sandra Kircher (Bayview)

NC noted that competition costs had increased, interest from accounts had decreased and expenses had increased.

➤ Sandra Kircher (Bayview) asked:

- Do trophy costs take into account postage and engraving costs?
NC replied – yes.
- If email was used more often, why has postage cost gone up?
NC replied that Australia Post costs have increased and we are now sending out, by mail, a Delegate's Pack and that cost goes back to July 2016

- A Moore (Randwick) asked if there was a budget with projected savings. LW responded that she had projected a deficit of approximately \$5 000 for the 2017 financial year so she was extremely upset at the final result. NC replied that the auditor seemed to have put items in different categories to what she had thought e.g. trophies and stock appeared to be costed twice and this is an accounting issue. NC felt that the value of perpetual trophies needs to be increased for accounting purposes.
- L Gyzen (Oatlands) asked if the \$5 fee from next year should lead to a profit. LW replied that it should.
- B Everett (Life Member) asked if JP was doing a profit and loss for tournaments and including the cost of engraving trophies to the appropriate tournament. JP replied that the tournament report did not include engraving costs. She will do a tournament report for the year to ensure that costs are kept to the lower end to balance with income.

8. Public Liability Insurance Cover

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

After some discussion on coverage for insurance NC moved that we pay the \$3 860.13 to Local and Community Insurance Services from Nov. 30. All agreed.

9. Notices of Motion - Nil

10. General Business

- Metropolitan Championships (continued discussion from 6.c)
 - JP noted that day and dates need to be looked at.
 - SK suggested that these events should be on in more central areas.
 - K Temple (KT) Pennant Hills noted that a lot of women are still working so that this might be decreasing the numbers at tournaments.
 - M Peters (MP) North Ryde noted that the timing was the same as Orange – JP will look at this for next year.
 - BE noted that they were always on in August and asked why they were moved?
 - Vote was taken on changing Divisions 3-4 from stroke to Stableford for Championships- majority voted yes.

It was noted that the cost for tournaments included: \$5 for prizes and costs but green fees were the major component.

Wet weather refunds were only available to those with medical certificates but VWGA would keep \$5 towards prizes as they were already budgeted. However, it was noted that those sharing carts, but with no medical certificate, would not be eligible for a refund.

- **Membership lists** -VH reported that these lists would be sent out electronically from 2018 and she questioned whether stickers were still necessary. LW replied that the stickers are seen as a receipt of fee payment as we don't do receipts. It was also noted that in 2017 the committee had made a decision to only issue blue cards to new members or transfers but not for replacements.

LW asked if members preferred to have stickers before or after fee payment. Majority preferred before so they could hand them out as receipts basically. She requested that delegates notify the membership registrar if they required them pre-payment of membership fees.

LW reported that we are looking into providing a plastic card, similar to the golf link card but that the cost might be a prohibitive factor. She will report back to the 2018 AGM and ask for discussion in the Newsletter.

11. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Sitting Office Bearers and Committee Members retire at the conclusion of the 2017 Annual General Meeting. Under clause 11.5(c) of the constitution - If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee by the close of nominations, the candidates nominated shall be declared elected at the AGM and further nominations may be called from the floor of the AGM for any positions not so filled.

Nominations received at 6/10/2017. All nominees are elected unopposed.

Office Bearers:

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

General Committee:

Virginnia Hewitt	<i>Woolooware</i>
Jan McDade	<i>St Michael's</i>
Giovanna Mutton	<i>Manly</i>
Lilian Ong	<i>North Ryde</i>
Lesley Paradine	<i>Castlecove</i>
Geraldine Steele	<i>Warringah</i>

12. There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 12.30pm.

13. The next meeting will be held on Friday 9 or 16th November at a time and venue to be advised.

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Secretary, Veteran Women Golfers' Association of NSW Inc.

Dated: 9 May 2018

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President Lyn Walker

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Date