

# **WEST GIPPSLAND VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION INC**

## **MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Date: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Venue: Garfield Golf Club  
Time: Start: 13:20 Closed: 14:07  
Chair: Peter Bray & Leigh Greening

### **Present:**

89 members – Bill Estrada, John Blair, George Shand, Peter Sutcliffe, Michael Popof, Theo Van Roy, Marjan Pazek, Sam Mazza, Peter Smart, Rick Scurlock, Ken Upton, Glenn Charles, Effie Lau, Steve Lau, Glen Hastie Cliff Jamieson, Leigh Greening, Tina Cowie, Daryl Henderson, Trevor Guille, John Pattison, Stephen Bird, Lawrie Canning, John Hurford, Andy McLellan, Robert Edwards, Allan Logan, Mick Pfeiffer, Phil Barling, Denis Carmichael, Lionel Mahoney, Peter Britchford, Gilbert Davis, Peter Newton, Ron Seamer, Keith Barrot, Eddy Van Der Pligt, Keith Crew, Reg Dixon, Noel Brereton, John Scale, John Cahill, Brian Farley, Rob Cusworth-Warner, George Fatouros, Earl Lansdown, Greg Donoghue, Trevor Male, Ray Phillips, Leo De Jager, Clyde Cumming, Daryl Radnell, John Pisa, Peter Rodaughan, John Roberts, David Saint, James Dimtsas, , Chris Kondarios, Ron Parsons, Murray Hogan, Kevin Finnerty, Graeme Harris, Glenn Doolan, Bob Hutton, Gordon Edwards, Ken Seeley, John Curtain, Henry Bright, David Whittaker, Phil Wilkin, Laurie Snowball, Kevin Way, Richard Gould, Dot Atkins, Barry Atkins, Colin Kennard, Ray Allen, Judy Lee, Brett Langmaid, Garry Sullivan, Stefan Michalowski, Ken Barnes, Trevor Burnie, Anthony Mafodda, David Rash, Ian Heppleston, Terry Bull, Juergen Schultz, Peter Bray.

Apologies: Julie King, John Kneebone, Brian Jones, Jim Murdoch, Gerry Kraan

**1- Welcome** by President Peter Bray

**2- The minutes of the 2022 AGM** meeting were posted on our website November 2022 for members to read; this fact was stated to the meeting.

Moved: John Scale; Seconded: Earl Lansdown- Carried

**Business Arising:** None

**3- Financial report-** Presented by Bill Estrada; supplied by Cliff Jamieson. (See Treasurer Report)

Moved: Daryl Henderson; Seconded: Effie Lau– Carried

**4- Presentation of reports-** Reports by Committee members were presented (Treasurer, President, Captain, Secretary) were read and are included in the minutes.

- **President**
- **Captain**
- **Secretary**
- **Zone Councillor** (by Leigh Greening: None)

Proposer: Cliff Jamieson; Seconder: Richard Gould; ALL Reports were accepted by the AGM

## **5- Election of Office Bearers for 2024**

All Committee positions were declared vacant and called for nominations for all positions were made. Leigh Greening assumed the chair for nomination and election of President.

**President:** Peter Bray was re-elected as no other nomination was received.  
Proposer: Daryl Henderson; Seconder: Greg Donoghue- Carried.

**Vice-President:** Daryl Henderson was elected to the position as no other nomination was received.  
Proposer: Dot Atkins; Seconder: Earl Lansdown- Carried.

- Captain:** David Rash is re-elected as no other nomination was received.  
Proposer: Glenn Doolan; Seconder: Earl Lansdown- Carried.
- Vice-Captain:** Anthony Mafodda is re-elected to the position as no other nomination was received.  
Proposer: David Rash; Seconder: Phil Barling - Carried.
- Treasurer:** Cliff Jamieson is re-elected as no other nominations were received.  
Proposer: Glenn Doolan; Seconder: Daryl Henderson- Carried.
- Secretary:** Bill Estrada is re-elected as no other nominations were received.  
Proposer: Cliff Jamieson; Seconder: John Scale- Carried.
- Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer:** Effie Lau is re-elected to the position as no other nominations were received.  
Proposer: Bill Estrada; Seconder: Barry Atkins- Carried
- District Delegate:** Peter Bray is elected as no other nominations were received.  
Proposer: Eddy Van Der Plygt; Seconder: Leigh Greening- Carried.

All position nominations were accepted by nominees; the election of the committee was carried unanimously by members.

### **New Committee for 2024:**

- President:** Peter Bray  
**Vice-President:** Daryl Henderson  
**Captain:** David Rash  
**Vice-Captain:** Anthony Mafodda  
**Treasurer:** Cliff Jamieson  
**Secretary:** Bill Estrada  
**Assistant Secretary/Treasurer:** Effie Lau  
**District Delegate:** Peter Bray

## **6- 2023 Constitution-**

The PROPOSED MODEL RULES were discussed and the salient reasons for changing the WGVGA Constitution and adopting the MODEL RULES were explained to members. It was stated the MODEL RULES were posted on our website since 29/5/2023 for information and comments. No feedback was received by the Committee and the assumption is that the members are happy with the proposed changes to the CONSTITUTION.

Proposer: John Blair; Seconder: Keith Crew  
 Fore: Majority; Against Nil- Carried / ~~Rejected~~.

## **7- General Business**

### Sponsorship

4 Major sponsorships have been agreed for 2024 including:

- 1- Latrobe Valley Village has agreed to sponsoring 2 events (Yallourn & Moe) to the value of \$400 each
- 2- Latrobe Valley Funeral Services will sponsor 3 events to the value of \$400 each (\$1200 total).
- 3- Traralgon GC sponsorships to the value of \$400 for the event to be held at Traralgon GC
- 4- Drummonds Traralgon has agreed to sponsor 3 events to the value of \$400 each
- 5- Jeff Herdman will sponsor the event scheduled for Warragul CC

## Membership and Competition Fees for 2024

The Membership fee and competition fee will remain as follows:

Membership fee for 2024 is \$20.00 (\$15 for members joining after June).

Proposer: John Blair; Seconder: Richard Gould- Carried

Competition fee \$30.00 except for the Christmas event which shall be \$35.00 and 100% of the fee will go to the host club of the event.

The cost for 2024 was discussed with most clubs and they are happy with the \$30 however a couple of clubs did question our fees. The Secretary will negotiate with clubs and endeavour to maintain the prices as low as possible.

## **Life Members Proposal:**

Peter Bray presented 2 proposals submitted by members and seconded by another member for consideration by the AGM regarding LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

### **Life membership for Alan Axford**

It was stated that Alan spent many years in WGVGA Committee roles and was heavily involved with State events.

Alan was instrumental in developing and streamlining Committee roles to ensure the smooth running of the WGVGA and the interaction with other districts and the VVGA

**Proposer: Earl Lansdown; Seconder: Kevin Hall- Carried.**

### **Life membership for Earl Lansdown**

It was stated that Earl spent many years in WGVGA Committee as our Captain and was always happy to represent the District in State events and organise other West Gippsland players willing to attend State event..

Earl has been a long standing member of WGVGA (over 20 years) and performed the role of Captain for over 9 years in an effective, cooperative manner, ensuring that events were scheduled and run as per the spirit of game and ALL players, new and old were always welcomed.

**Proposer: James Murdoch; Seconder: Daryl Henderson- Carried**

## **The WGVGA Committee congratulates Earl and Alan in becoming LIFE MEMBERS of the Association**

2024 Schedule- will have a winter break as per the last few years and this is viewed as a positive move.

The pocket calendar has not been ordered as this saves \$320 however, membership cards will be arranged to help with the PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP.

The cost of cart hire has been negotiated with most clubs with a positive result.

Lawrie Canning asked a question regarding provisions to enter events without the need to notify the Club Delegates. The WGVGA will investigate provisions by the web designer to allow online event bookings and payments.

Noel Brereton stated the need to encourage all players to turn up on time as it is selfish to turn up late and make the entire field wait for one player. Comment noted as it is important that events are run to scheduled time.

Meeting closed at 14:07 hrs

## President's Report 2023

I am happy to report that West Gippsland Veteran Golfers Association has again successfully provided events in 2022/23 for our members at Clubs within West Gippsland as well as interdistrict competitions with East and South Gippsland, and the Zone Challenge. It should be noted that future Zone Challenges will not include Mornington Peninsular which is now included in the Bayside Zone.

Unfortunately, Deep Creek Golf Club entered voluntary administration in 2022 and was not available for District events. Thanks to Drouin Golf Club for hosting the 2022 December event at short notice.

Numerous District members attended and enjoyed VVGA events during the year.

Congratulations to Brian Jones, Traralgon, who was C Grade Champion in the State Championships at Barwon Valley and to other players who performed well at these events.

As President I want to thank all those people who contributed to the smooth running of the district events, in particular the Committee, club delegates and members and staff from each of the clubs that host our events.

I am pleased that Julie King and Effie Lau took on roles on the Committee this year and that ladies joined us at numerous events. However, I believe we should identify ways of increasing the female membership and participation.

I want to make special mention of Bill Estrada who has undertaken the job of Secretary very effectively again for what I believe is his tenth year in the role. A couple of events needed to be rescheduled last spring due to difficult weather conditions. Thanks to Bill for managing that with the clubs and to Drouin Golf Club for hosting an extra event at short notice. Bill goes about preparing, and promoting, with the delegates, our annual program, managing the website and liaising with the adjoining Districts. Bill has also put a lot of effort into redrafting the Constitution.

I also want to congratulate Captain David Rash for efficiently managing our events together with Club delegates and other volunteers.

WGVGA has been very well supported by several local organisations in the past year. I want to sincerely thank Drummond Golf, Traralgon Golf Club, Latrobe Valley Village and Latrobe Valley Funeral Service for their generous sponsorship.

I look forward to enjoying many games of golf with you all again next year.

**Peter Bray**

President WGVGA

## Treasurer's Report 2023

### West Gippsland Veteran Golfers Association 2023 Treasurer's Report

**Balance 21/11/2022** **\$6,346.00**

#### **Income**

LV Funerals Sponsorship \$1,200.00

Membership Fees \$3,160.00

#### **Expenditure**

Affiliation Fees \$896.00

Vouchers \$2,030.00

Teams Event \$420.00

Pocket Cards \$250.00

Website Cost	\$340.00
Golf Balls	\$1,059.00
<b>Balance 20/11/2023</b>	<b>\$5,711.00</b>

## Cliff Jamieson, Treasurer 2023

### Captain's Report 2023

This year, there were 200 different members who played in the events.

Events that have been conducted so far:

January Yallourn 94 players Individual Stableford

Morwel I 96 players Individual Stableford

February Leongatha 69 players South v West - Individual Stableford

Berwick-Montuna 64 players Individual Stableford

March Garfield 102 players Individual Stableford

April Yallourn 47 players Eastern Zone - Individual Stableford

Trafalgar 90 players Individual Stableford

May Traralgon 84 players Individual Stableford

Winter Break (No Golf) - June, July & August

September Moe 94 players Individual Stableford

October Mirboo North 73 players 4BBB Stableford

Drouin 51 players Individual Stableford

November Traralgon 53 players East v West - Individual Stableford

Garfield players Individual Stableford

After the winter break, a strong return at Moe with 94 players. Mirboo North "Rainbow Tees" event was a novelty day that may happen again. Wet weather intervened for the Drouin event with only 51 hardy members playing.

I would like to thank you the members for travelling to participate in these events. The numbers are encouraging for the committee.

I would also like to thank the Club Delegates for collating and forwarding players names so that the cards are ready to go at registration making it a lot easier for starters at the event club.

And lastly to my fellow volunteer committee members, for which without, the association would not happen.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with queries, issues/solutions and/or suggestions as to improving the veteran's golf experience for everyone.

Good golfing to you all.

David Rash

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### Secretary's Report 2023

2023 Events schedule has proceeded as per schedule with the exception of DEEP CREEK November event due to the issues of DC. The event was moved to Garfield GC and the original date was kept. Thanks to Garfield GC for making the offer to host the event.

The WINTER break has served our district well in 2023 as wet weather during winter did not interfere with the running of our events. The winter break has been scheduled in the 2024 calendar.

A lot of work has been done to retain and attract sponsorship to help maintain prices down. Currently we have 5 sponsors committed to continue their sponsorship for the 2024 year:

- Latrobe Valley Village
- Latrobe Valley Funeral Services
- Drummond Golf Traralgon
- Traralgon Golf Club
- Jeff Herdman

Some golf clubs have expressed the need to revise the cost per event for 2024 to \$30 due to inflationary effects on the cost of food.

Additionally:

- The 2024 CALENDAR will be available on our website; we encourage all our members to access our website for information.
- The committee has developed the 2024 calendar with a mid-winter break.
- Our WEBSITE is running well and is regularly updated with all the relevant information. Please use it
- My thanks to all DELEGATES for your help and input. I encourage all member clubs to assist delegates in running their allocated events.
- Thanks to other Committee members for their contribution and support.

**Bill Estrada, Secretary West Gippsland Veterans Golfers Association.**

**Zone Councillor's Report**

Nil.