



**Western Sydney Region
Veteran Golfers Association
Sponsored by: The Richmond Club
St Johns Bowling Club
NSWVGA**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on
Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at Leonay Golf Club.**

The meeting was opened by President Les at 2.00pm

He welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Paul Fairbrother will take on the secretarial duties that are usually performed so well by Judy Jordan.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attendance:

DUNHEVED: Paul Fairbrother, Peter Watson & Wayne Beesley

GLENMORE: Peter Aroney & Ron de Vries

LEONAY: Bruce Baker & Robert Chruszcz

PENRITH: Terry Smith

RICHMOND: Noel Byles & Gary Willett

SPRINGWOOD: Mark Mostyn

STONECUTTERS: Kim Stockbridge

WALLACIA: Noel Hoppe

PRESIDENT: Les Knox (Chair)

(14 present)

Apologies:

Judy Jordan (Secretary/Treasurer), Col Barton & Bryan Francis Penrith, Jeff Donley (Springwood), Martin Berg (Wallacia). Moved by Peter W and seconded by Bruce and agreed by all that the apologies be accepted.

2. Obituary.

Nil.

3. Adoption of Council Minutes 5th February 2025.

Moved by Mark seconded Noel H and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting were a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising from Council Minutes 5th February 2025.

Peter Aroney will provide a demonstration of the newly developed website. Moved by Noel H and seconded by Wayne and agreed by all that the Minutes be adopted.

5. Correspondence.

Correspondence tabled.

6. Finances.

Term deposit matured and has been reinvested. Les advised that interest received from the term deposit has been moved into the operating account. Les advised that the interest will offset some current expenses. Moved by Noel B and seconded by Noel H and agreed by all that the Finance Report be adopted.

7. Website Demonstration

Peter Aroney gave the council a live viewing of the website. Notable changes highlighted by Peter are:

New fresh colour scheme for the background, Events can be downloaded (in Excel), Member Club listing with club contacts, Search facility, Competition results (including past years), A new menu bar with drop down lists that include:

- News Pages
- Contact Us link
- Minutes from past meetings
- History of the Association
- Cumulative scores for current club and player of the year
- Honour Boards
- Resources such as course layout for each club, daily handicap calculator, golf etiquette & link to rules of golf

Peter requested that each club review the tees he selected for the handicap calculator and also provide feedback on the golf etiquette list he developed.

Mark asked about the competition result template and Peter advised that each delegate will be provided access in the near future so they can download the template to complete. The delegates will then need to send to Peter A for uploading to the website. Mark suggested that the template have a field added so the number of players in each competition can be recorded. Peter A to action.

Peter A advised that any suggestions to make additions or modify the website would need to be considered and approved by Les and Judy before being applied.

Les commended Peter on the great work he had done in developing the website. All present agreed and gave Peter a warm round of applause.

8. Interclub games.

- **Dunheved 18th February.**

Paul: 144 players hit off and the round took 5 hours (possibly due to bunkers being in play). The volume of meals sold was disappointing even though they were discounted to \$15.

- **Penrith 15th April**

Terry: All clubs have provided a full list of nominations apart from Stonecutters but extra players will be provided by Penrith and Wallacia. Registration will commence at 7am and the reps from each club should collect the cards for their teams and distribute on the day. There has been very little support from Seven Hills/Toongabbie RSL and as a result there will be no raffle and trophy prizes may be slightly reduced in value. Players will need to order meals after they have completed their game. Terry will be absent on the day as he will be in hospital. Russell has agreed to stand in his place on the day. Russell will complete the results sheet for the day.

- **Glenmore 7th May**

Ron: Invitations have been issued. Club will be open in the morning for collection of cards and coffee. It will be closed after the game and refreshments will be available from the Kiosk. Peter asked for clarification on how reserves are assigned. Les advised that the guideline was recently added to the By Laws. Home club has first right to provide two reserves and then it is offered to the clubs based on the order in which they returned their nominations. Ron asked that each club send their competition fees by EFT (as shown on the invitation) as the delegates do not want to manage cash.

9. WSRVGA Open

Les: The purpose of the Open was to encourage more players from the Association clubs to play and then join the WSRVGA. The result has been that those playing have already been WSRVGA members and the playing roster has not increased. The Executive has reviewed and advises that the \$2000 sponsorship will not continue. However, if an association club wants to run and sponsor the event, they should make an approach to the Executive for consideration and approval.

10. General Business

Terry: Seven Hills/Toongabbie RSL is taking and retaining the competition fees from the upcoming event and not contributing to the raffle or trophy prize pool. Les offered to assist Terry in approaching Seven Hills/Toongabbie RSL and promoting the benefits of supporting the future Penrith WSRVGA event.

Les: The Executive discussed the pending move from Golflink to Golf Connect and the change from Golflink numbers (that identify clubs) to a new Golf ID. It appears that the Golf ID will stay the same for each golfer even if they move to a new club or are a member of more than one club. When more is known, we may need to modify the By Laws.

Peter A: Advised that he will soon send a link to club delegates so they can set a password and access the website to download the competition results template for their event and to also be able to view Executive meeting minutes.

Les: Indicated that Leonay had recently discussed the out of bounds option where a player can take a 2 stroke penalty and then take a drop on the fairway. Although some clubs had considered the option, none had implemented.

Les: Asked for feedback on the refund of competition fees if there is a severe storm and no player can complete the competition round. There was some discussion with several clubs indicating that, in a normal competition, play is suspended and resumes when the storm passes. In the case where it is a WSRVGA event and players do not show up to play, then their competition fees are not refunded.

Mark: Suggested that there should be some standardisation of competitions across clubs, in particular, how trophy prize money is budgeted and applied. Noel B indicated that this is a complex matter given that parent clubs have differing priorities and approaches. Noel B and Mark noted raffles are a method of generating funds to supplement trophy prize money.

Noel B: Asked that attention be given to advertising on the website as he feels it is a real opportunity to generate additional funds for the WSRVGA. Each delegate was asked to consider and provide input at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th June 2025

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Les Knox President WSRVGSA

Paul Fairbrother Minute Taker