

held on Wednesday 2 August 2023 at Leonay Golf Club

The meeting was opened by President Les at 2.00pm

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

PRESENT:

Dunheved - Peter Watson and Paul Fairbrother

Glenmore - John Lovatt (VP)

Leonay - Robert Chruszcz

Penrith - Russell Cruickshank

Richmond - Noel Byles (VP) and Chris Sharpe

Springwood - Mark Mostyn and Jeff Donley

Stonecutters - Kim Stockbridge (VP)

Wallacia - Noel Hoppe

President - Les Knox (Chair)

Secretary - In the absence of Judy Jordan - Mark has taken the minutes.

**APOLOGIES:** Secretary Judy Jordan, Bill Morris (Glenmore), David Craig-Williams (Glenmore), Martin Berg (Wallacia), Bruce Baker (Leonay), Wayne Beesley (Dunheved) and Brett Bellis (Stonecutters)

President Les warmly welcomed everyone.

Moved by Russell Cruickshank seconded by Paul Fairbrother and agreed by all that the apologies be accepted.

### **2. Obituary:** Chris Bucannon and Phil Packer

### **3. Adoption of Council Minutes 12th April 2023**

Moved by Jeff Donley, seconded by Russell Cruickshank and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting were a true and accurate record.

### **4. Matters arising from Council Minutes 1st February 2023**

Les discussed the Letter that Judy has sent on behalf of the WSRVG Association regarding the holding of forthcoming tournament in 2027 (AVGU Strokeplay Championships will be held in NSW), indicating that we were not interested in running or holding it.

Russell spoke about the drop box Michelle May wishes to implement on the website.

Moved by Chris Sharpe seconded by John Lovatt and agreed by all that the minutes be adopted.

### **5. Correspondence:**

Correspondence File has been emailed to all.

Lengthy discussion commenced by Les in relation to a comment posted on WSRVGA Facebook by Ruth Murdoch of Wallacia (Ladies President) and Juanita Robb of Glenmore in relation to a posting detrimental to all concerned in the running of WSRVGA, regarding the comment that events conducted by WSRVGA are all about men and ladies are an afterthought. It was agreed not to respond on Facebook but Noel Hoppe would discuss the matter with Ruth and report back at next meeting 27th September.

Everyone was happy with the response that Les sent out regarding the clarification of eligibility to play in the scheduled events of WSRVGA, subject matter raised at previous meeting 21st June 2023.

#### **6. Finances:**

Financial Statement for period ending 16th July 2023 has been emailed to all.

Judy to contact The Richmond Club re payment of last year's sponsorship, possibly due September 2023.

Moved by Noel Byles seconded by Noel Hoppe and agreed by all that the Financial Statement be accepted.

#### **7. Report Interclub event held at Stonecutters Wednesday 12th July 2023.**

Verbal outcome of the day given by Kim Stockbridge (VP), registration worked well with names up on wall for all to see and come to the hole they were commencing on to pick up cards. Only 82 Meals were ordered for lunch on the day from the 140+ starters very disappointing.

Once again, a major factor in the holdup of presentation is the problem in poorly marked score cards.

Les: Leave it up to host clubs to advise players about recording/entering scores etc. The Association can't make a rule that overrides the 'rules of golf'.

#### **8. Interclub event to be held at Dunheved on Tuesday 8th August 2023.**

Paul Fairbrother & Peter Watson gave an overview of what to expect on the day, the only major change shall be the 17th hole (par 3) where the tee for both ladies and men will be moved to the social tee as this hole is over water. The course has been well prepared for the day. Good roll up of volunteers. Match committee has discussed hole set up's and solutions for hold ups from last year.

#### **9. Interclub event to be held at Springwood on Friday 22nd September 2023.**

Mark handed out the invitation to each of the clubs with an electronic version to follow, the cost of Cart hire for the day shall be \$30, (not known at time of putting invite together), and the course shall be laid out taking into consideration the pace of play in particular. 4 choices for lunch with hopefully a few more of the golfers staying for lunch. Indicated each club, one rep to pick up cards from registration and distribute, advise starter of any non-attendees by 7.45am.

#### **10. Report from NSWVGA**

Les: Zoom meeting to be held 9th August, with further discussion to pass changes to Constitution. Disappointing as Sub Committee had done an amazing job.

Many policies are being updated.

Average age for lady golfers throughout NSW is 64.

#### **11. General Business:**

**Stonecutters:** Event conducted 12th July went well despite lack of ladies.

**Wallacia:** Still uncertain about their future even with changes to Government. No sign of cemetery.

**Glenmore:** Spending money on the course, bunkers now have sand in them, clubhouse remains closed.

**Dunheved:** Preparing for the day and looking forward to it, introduction of a scanner for reading of scorecards to be introduced after WSRVGA event 8th August approx 20th August. Road works going on currently around the course for better access to industrial area, expected to be complete April 2024.

*Common approach to prizes.*

**Les:** In the By Laws it is up to each of the clubs as to whether individual or multiple prizes.

*Presentation:*

Can results be delivered later by email, prizes given at next game or WSRVGA meeting?

Discussion~ Peter Watson- More important that results are accurate than being presented quickly with errors. Have lunch, raffles etc and go home.

**Springwood:** Jeff spoke about engagement of consultant Lyne Morrison (Golf Design) to look at increasing participation, improving practice facilities, Risk Reduction (balls out over the fence etc), sustainability/biodiversity & reducing maintenance costs/time.

**12. Next meeting will be Wednesday 27th September 2023 at Leonay Golf Club beginning at 2pm.**

Les Knox

President WSRVGA

The meeting closed at 3.20pm.