

Constitution of

The New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association (Inc.)

1. Interpretation.

- 1.1 “The Association” means the above named Association
- 1.2 “The Governing Council” means the Governing Body of the Association constituted hereunder provided and its members who are Councillors of the Association. “Councillor” means a member of the said Council.
- 1.3 “The Executive Council” means an executive of twelve elected councilors who will manage the affairs of the Association on behalf of the Governing Council. The Governing Council shall at all times have the power to amend or rescind any decision of the Executive Council in respect of any matter or thing provided for in this Constitution or otherwise.
- 1.4 “The Office” means the registered office of the Association. It will be situated in Sydney in the state of NSW, or at the place of residence of the incumbent Secretary of the Association.
- 1.5 Members of the Executive Council will include the President, two (2) Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and **seven (7)** Councillors, but does not include the auditor.
- 1.6 A Golf Club, for the purpose of this Constitution, is a club which is recognised by Golf NSW, including Affiliated and Associated Golf clubs, but does **NOT** include a Social Golf Club.
- 1.7 “Financial Member” means a member who has paid all entry fees for membership or otherwise to the Association on behalf of the Group **or Ungrouped Club** that member represents and the annual subscription of such Group or **Ungrouped Club** within such time as the Executive Council shall in respect of any member or members allow.
- 1.8 Affiliated financial members **which are a Veterans Golfers Association, or an Ungrouped Club** shall appoint a Councilor to represent their respective Group **in accordance with clause 4.3**. These appointed Councillors form the Governing Council of the Association.
- 1.9 “A Playing Member” is a financial Amateur member of a Golf Club, but **NOT** a Social Golf Club, & is recognized by Golf NSW, who has attained the age of fifty-five years, and has a Golf Australia handicap, and is a financial Amateur member of a Veteran Golfers Association or an Ungrouped Club affiliated with the New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association. (This prevents Professional Golfers competing in NSWVGA auspiced tournaments)
- 2.0 “Life Member” is a past or present Playing Member who has rendered outstanding service to the Association and has been elected to Life Membership of the Association by resolution carried by three quarters majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting. No past or present Playing Member shall be eligible to be a Life Member unless that member had or has been a past or present Playing Member of the Association for no less than a period of ten consecutive years. A person elected to Life Membership may be relieved from payment of any subscription or levies in events conducted under the auspices of the Association but shall have all the rights and privileges of Playing Members.
- 2.01 “The Register” means the register of members to be kept pursuant to this Constitution.
- 2.02 “An Ordinary Resolution” must be proposed and seconded and passed by a majority of Councillors present.
- 2.03 “Month” means calendar month.
- 2.04 By-laws shall mean and include rules.
“Sydney Metropolitan Area” means for the purpose of this Constitution the County of Cumberland. Any Association on the fringe of the Sydney Metropolitan Area or a Country District Group has the right to apply for a re-allocation.
- 2.05 “Group” means a collection of district Associations determined by the Executive Council as hereinafter provided.

- 2.06 The financial year of the Association shall commence on the first day of October each year and shall end on the last day of September of the next succeeding year.
- 2.07 A Registered Golf Club, for the purposes of this Constitution, is a Club which is affiliated with Golf NSW or Golf Australia, which has a Constitution and owns, leases or has a formal or tacit agreement for occupancy of a golf course and/or clubhouse, the facilities of which have been approved for that use by a local Council Authority, and in respect of which that Club holds legal and insurable responsibilities to its membership.

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The Association is deemed to be a non-profit organization.
- 2.2 The assets and income of the Association shall be applied solely for the purpose as referred to in 2.3 and 2.4 and that no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association except for bone fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association as referred to in article 3.2.
- 2.3 To provide and maintain a central organization for the promotion of Veteran Golf in N.S.W.
- 2.4 To promote, control and manage Veteran Golf Championships and tournaments throughout the State of NSW and to select representatives for Intrastate and Interstate competitions and matches.
- 2.5 To provide representation on the Australian Veteran Golfers Union and to represent the State of N.S.W. in dealing with all other Veteran Golf representative bodies.
- 2.6 To deal with and, if thought fit, adjudicate on any matter of dispute, appeal, interpretations or questions that may from time to time be referred to the Association.
- 2.7 To allocate district associations to Groups and allot groups into zones, and to vary the same from time to time by defining their boundaries if required.
- 2.8 To conduct or assist or take part in the conduct of art unions, appeals or functions and the like for the purpose of raising funds to carry out the objectives of the Association.
- 2.9 To hire and employ all classes of persons considered necessary for the purpose of the Association and to pay to them and other persons in return for service rendered to the Association, salaries, wages, gratuities, pensions, superannuation allowances and other benefits.
- 2.10 To undertake such other representations or activities on behalf of the members as the case may from time to time require.
- 2.11 To promote and hold either alone or jointly with any other association, club or persons, meetings, competitions or pastimes and to offer or contribute towards prizes, medals and awards.
- 2.12 To support and subscribe to any charitable or public body, and to support and subscribe to any constitution, society or club which may be for the benefit of the Association.
- 2.13 To invest and deal with the moneys of the Association not immediately required upon such securities and such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- 2.14 To accept subscriptions and donations (whether of real or personal estate) and bequests for all or any of the persons aforesaid to take any lawful steps by personal or written appeal, public meetings or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
- 2.15 For the purpose of furthering any objects of the Association to enter into any arrangements for co-operative or reciprocal concessions with any other association or club whether incorporated or not which may have objects similar to those of this Association.
- 2.16 To enter into a guarantee or bond for the benefit of the Association or any person or persons employed by or associated therewith in any way and to indemnify any person or persons whether members of the Association or not who may incur or have incurred any personal liability for the benefit of the Association.
- 2.17 To establish support or aid in the establishment and support of associations, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit the members of the Association and/or veteran golf or the dependents or connections of such members and to make payments towards insurance of all types and for any

purpose and to subscribe and guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object.

- 2.18 To do all such acts, deeds, matters and things and to enter into and take such agreements as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.
- 2.19 From time to time to make, vary and repeal By-laws for the regulation of the business of the Association, its officers and servants.
- 2.20 Generally to further and safeguard the interests of the Association and its Members.
- 2.21 To ensure that each and every playing member undertakes to play the game of golf in accordance with the rules as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

3 Liability

- 3.1 The liabilities of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount of any unpaid by the member in respect of the membership of the Association as required in clause 3.2 and 3.3 (iii).
- 3.2 The income of the Association whence so ever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members or any member of the Association provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith or remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or to any member of the Association or any person in return for any services actually rendered to the Association.
- 3.3 Winding up –
 - (i) The Association may not be wound up or dissolved except at a Special General Meeting for the purpose.
 - (ii) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the proceeds thereof shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Association, but, in the first instance, shall be used for the reconstruction and re-establishment of the Association; however, in absence of such re-establishment being possible, the proceeds shall be paid to Golf NSW.
 - (iii) In the event of the Association being wound up during the period of anyone's membership or within one year afterwards, the liability of each member is limited to the extent that the member undertakes to contribute such amount as may be determined but not exceeding five (5) dollars towards both the payment of debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before ceasing to be a member, and the costs, charges and expenses of such winding up.

4 Membership

- 4.1 Every person elected as a Councilor shall on election, and as long as that person remains a Councilor, be a member of the Association.
- 4.2 The Governing Council shall have the power to admit or to refuse to admit as a Member any person who shall be eligible for membership and may exercise those powers as the Council shall think fit.
- 4.3 Membership of the Governing Council **per Group (including Ungrouped Clubs)** shall be :-
 - (i) Group with financial members less than 150 - no Councilor
 - (ii) Group with financial members from 150 to 1000 - one (1) Councilor
 - (iii) Group with financial members in excess of 1000 - two (2) Councilors

5 District Associations, Groups and Zones

- 5.1 The Executive Council shall have the following powers in respect of allocation of District Associations, Groups and Zones :-
 - (i) Transfer any District Association/Club from one Group to another.

- (ii) Appoint to a Group any such other Association that it may from time to time grant affiliation in and for such Group, and to disaffiliate such Associations.
- (iii) To allot Group numbers as required.
- (iv) Transfer any Group from one Zone to another.

5.2 The Executive Council from time to time may pursuant of clause 2.17 herein make By-laws regulating and detailing the various Groups and Associations that may belong to or be affiliated with the Association.

6 Register of Members

A register of Members of the Association for the time being will be kept by the Group or Club Secretary on his premises, and shall state the names in full and addresses of these members. The register must be made available to the Governing or Executive Council if required.

7 Executive Council

- 7.1 The Association and all its assets, rights, business and affairs shall be managed by an Executive Council, elected from the Councilors who were selected in the ratio prescribed in Clause 4.3 of this constitution.
- 7.2 The Executive Council shall have all such administrative powers including the power to make, vary and repeal By-laws to affect the purposes and carry out the objects of the Association.
- 7.3 The Executive Council may give advice to Groups and District Associations with respect to the participation, exclusion, conduct and discipline of individual players, members, associates and guests of those Groups and District Associations in relation to Golf Championships, tournaments, competitions and matches and also functions with which the Association is concerned. The failure to observe any such advice shall be conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- 7.4 The following condition of appointment will operate in respect of the Executive Council: "A Councilor elected to the Executive Council at the Annual General Meeting of the Association will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association."

8 Management and Control

- 8.1 The Governing Council shall hold an Annual General Meeting once a year. In addition, there shall be two Special General Meetings if required attended by all Councilors, and three Executive meetings, or alternatively, at least five Executive meetings to provide for continuity of business. If any matter arises relating to the management or control of the affairs of the Association which is not provided for by the Constitution, the Governing Council shall have power to deal with same.
- 8.2 At least 14 days notice of all Special General Meetings specifying the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of special business the general nature of that business, shall be given to all members but the accidental omission to give notice of the meeting or the non-receipt of the notice of the meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
- 8.3 At the General Meetings each Group shall be represented by the prescribed Councilors who shall be
 - (i) bona fide members of affiliated Veteran Golfers Associations referred to in the By-laws;
 - (ii) formally appointed by the Group they represent
- 8.4 A Group may appoint an alternate delegate whose name and address shall be advised to the Secretary of the Association. Such alternate delegate may in the absence of the Councilor attend the meeting and shall be entitled to vote thereat as if such delegate were the appointed Councilor.
- 8.5 Meetings of the Executive shall be convened by the President or such of the Executive Council as the President shall nominate.
- 8.6 Nominations for the positions on the Executive Council should be made by Groups on the prescribed form and should be in the hands of the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General

Meeting. In the event of insufficient nominees, delegates may submit nominations for vacancies at the Annual General Meeting.

- 8.7 At least six (6) weeks but not later than twelve (12) weeks after the end of each financial year the Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Council with six (6) weeks prior notice being given to all Councilors.
- 8.8 The Governing Council may whenever it thinks fit convene a Special General Meeting and it shall on the requisition of not less than thirty per centum of the Councilors of the Association having at the date of lodgment of the requisition at the office of the Association a right to vote at General Meetings of the Association, forthwith proceed to convene a Special General Meeting of the Association and in the case of such requisition the following provision shall have effect:-
“The requisition must state the objects of the meeting and must be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the office and may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the requisitionists.”
- 8.9 “Public Officer” will be the Secretary of the New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association.

9 Proceedings at Meetings

- 9.1 At all meetings Councilors shall have one vote and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 9.2 No business shall be transacted at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of members unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum at all such meetings shall not be less than six (6) present and entitled to vote or 30 per centum of the members entitled to vote, whichever shall be less.
- 9.3 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be
- (i) to receive and consider the Financial Statements, the Balance Sheet and Accounts, the reports of the Executive Council and the auditor,
 - (ii) to elect an Executive Council for the ensuing twelve months comprising the President, two (2) Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, **and seven (7) Councillors,**
 - (iii) to appoint an auditor,
 - (iv) to consider any business required or authorized by this Constitution to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting,
 - (v) to consider any proposed alteration to the Constitution, due notice of which has been given in terms of clause 16.
- 9.4 Minutes of all resolutions and proceedings at General Meetings shall be made in a book provided for that purpose and any such minute will be signed by the chairman of the meeting to which it relates or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting and if purporting to be signed shall be receivable as evidence of the facts therein stated without further proof.
- 9.5 No business shall be transacted at any Executive Meeting unless a quorum of the elected members of the Executive Council is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum at all Executive Meetings shall be not less than five (5) members present who are entitled to vote.
- 9.6 One person in attendance at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting shall vote on behalf of one other person only, provided the voter has written permission from that person.

10 Casual Vacancies

- 10.1 If any Councilor shall die, resign or cease to hold office, the Member District Association of the Group concerned shall appoint another in their place to hold office only until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.
- 10.2 The Executive Council shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any eligible person to fill a casual vacancy. The person so appointed shall hold office only until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.

11 Annual Subscriptions

- 11.1 Each Group affiliated with the Association shall subscribe annually such sums of money as the Governing Council may in each case determine.
- 11.2 The subscription rate shall be determined on the basis of a paid amount for each member in a Group.
- 11.3 The Executive Council shall have the right to increase or reduce the subscription during any financial year by a resolution passed at a duly convened meeting of the Council. Such subscriptions shall become payable on such date as the Executive Council shall determine. If any member Group or District fails to pay the annual subscription within the time laid down by the Executive Council in each year, or any other monies due, the Group or District at the discretion of the Executive Council shall cease to be a member of the Association, but such Group or District may be reinstated at the discretion of the Executive Council on payment of arrears.

12 Cessation of Membership

Every person ceasing to be a member of the Association shall forfeit all right or claim on the Association and in no case is membership transferable provided however that membership of a particular Group can be transferred to another member of that Group with the approval of the Executive Council.

13 Appointment of Officers

The Governing Council shall appoint such officers as it may deem necessary and shall engage and pay them such remuneration as agreed upon. Such engagements may be terminated at the discretion of the Executive Council.

13.1 The Governing Council shall establish a position of Patron, the role of which shall be determined by the Executive Council from time to time.

14 Duties of Vice President's , Secretary and Treasurer

- 14.1 It is anticipated that Vice-Presidents' will take on additional responsibilities in areas such as sponsorship/marketing, administration, programming, membership & insurance but not be limited to these only.
- 14.2 The Treasurer shall receive and disperse the moneys of the Association as authorized by Resolution of a General Meeting or of the Executive Council. The Treasurer shall keep correct accounts of all such transactions and shall deposit all moneys received to the credit of the Association's Bank Account.
- 14.3 Whenever so required by the Executive Council, the treasurer shall furnish to it a financial statement to date together with the bank statement of account and shall present a report and audited account to the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the report and audited accounts shall be circulated to ordinary members with the notice calling the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer shall keep in custody all financial records of the Association.
- 14.4 The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all business transacted at General Meetings and by or on behalf of the Association or the Executive Council and shall perform all secretarial duties imposed upon the Secretary by the Rules and By-laws made hereunder and such as may be required of the Secretary by the Association or by the Executive Council.
- 14.5 Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary shall keep in custody or under personal control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

15 Indemnity to Officers

Every Councilor, Officer or servant of the Association who accepts or incurs any pecuniary liability when acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Association shall be indemnified out of Association funds against any personal expense in respect of such liability, provided that such liability and personal loss were not the outcome of that person's fault or dishonesty.

16 Alteration of the Constitution

- 16.1 No repeal of, or amendment or addition to, the Constitution of the Association shall be made except by resolution submitted to an Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting.
- 16.2 Notice of any proposed alteration shall be forwarded to the Secretary in order to reach that person thirty days before the date of the General Meeting referred to in 16.1, specifying the nature of the proposed alteration.
- 16.3 A resolution to repeal, amend or add to any Clause or Clauses of the Constitution must be passed by a two-third majority of Councilors present in person.

17 Common Seal

- 17.1 The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- 17.2 The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Executive Council and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two (2) members of the Executive Council or one (1) member of the Executive Council and the Secretary.

18 Custody of Books, etc.

- 18.1 Except as otherwise provided by these rules, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall keep in their respective custody, or under their control, all financial records, books and other documents relating to the Association.
- 18.2 The records, books and other documents of the Association shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

By -Laws

By-Law 1 : Allotment of Clubs/Associations Within Groups

- Group 1: Far South Coast VGA
Bega, Bermagui, Candelo/Kameruka, Eden, Moruya, Narooma, Pambula-Merimbula, Tathra, Tura Beach, Tuross Head.
- Group 2: Mid-South Coast VGA
Callala, Catalina, Mollymook, Nowra, Shoalhaven Ex-Services (Worrigeer), Shoalhaven Heads, St. Georges Basin, Sussex Inlet, Vincentia.
- Group 3: Illawarra VGA
Gerringong, Jamberoo, Kiama, Port Kembla, Russell Vale, The Links Shell Cove, The Grange, Wollongong.
- Group 4: Sydney VGA using various Sydney Metropolitan courses

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- Group 6: Brisbane Water VGA playing on various central coast courses.
- Group 7: Newcastle VGA
Newcastle VGA (playing on local courses), Belmont, Charlestown, Merewether.
- Group 8: Hunter River VGA
Cessnock, Dungog, Kurri, Maitland, Paterson, Singleton. Hunter Valley, Vintage.
- Group 9: Port Stephens VGA
Pacific Dunes, Karuah, Muree, Nelson Bay, Tanilba Bay, Horizons.
- Group 10: Myall Coast VGA
Hawks Nest.
- Group 11: Manning River/Great Lakes VGA
Buladelah, Forster/Tuncurry, Gloucester, Harrington Waters, Pacific Palms, Tallwoods, Taree, Wingham.
- Group 12: Lower North Coast VGA
Camden Haven, Crescent Head, Frederickton, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, South West Rocks, Wauchope.
- Group 13: Mid North Coast VGA
Bellingen, Bonville, ovraville, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Sawtell, Urunga, Woolgoolga.
- Group 14: Northern Rivers VGA
Ballina, Byron Bay, Casino, Coolangatta/Tweed Heads, Coraki, Grafton, Iluka, Kyogle, Lismore Workers, Maclean, Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah, Ocean Shores, Twin Towns Club Banora, Woodburn – Evans Head, Woodenbong, Yamba, Pottsville.
- Group 15: New England VGA
Armidale, Dorrigo, Glen Innes, Inverell, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha, Deepwater.
- Group 16: Central North VGA
Barraba, Boggabri, Gunnedah, Longyard, Manilla, Narrabri, Nundle, Quirindi, Spring Ridge, Tamworth, Werris Creek.
- Group 17: Upper Hunter VGA
Aberdeen, Denman, Murrurundi, Muswellbrook, Scone.
- Group 18: Mudgee District VGA
Coolah, Henbury (Kandos) , Mudgee.
- Group 19: Blue Mountains VGA
Blackheath, Katoomba, Leura, Lithgow, Portland, Springwood, Wentworth Falls.
- Group 20: Western Sydney VGA
Stonecutters Ridge, Glenmore Heritage, Leonay, Penrith, Richmond, Springwood, Wallacia, Windsor Dunheved.
- Group 21: Southern Highlands VGA

Bowral, Gibraltar Country, Highlands, Moss Vale.

- Group 22: Central West VGA
Bathurst, Blayney, Dundry League, Ex-Services (Orange), Molong, Oberon, Wentworth, Wellington.
- Group 23: South Western VGA
Coolamon, Cootamundra, Gundagai, Harden, Junee, Lockhart, Temora, The Rock, Tumut, Wagga City, Wagga Country, Young.
- Group 24: Holbrook District VGA
Holbrook, Batlow, Khancoban, Rosewood, Tumbarumba.
- Group 25: Murray River VGA
Corowa, Howlong.
- Group 26: Southern Riverina VGA
Berrigan, Cobram-Barooga, Finley, Jerilderie, Tocumwal, Yarrawonga,
- Group 27: Western Riverina VGA
Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Narrandera, Yenda.
- Group 28: Lachlan Valley VGA
Cowra, Condobolin, Forbes, Grenfell, Parkes, Peak Hill, West Wyalong.
- Group 29: Western Districts VGA
Binnaway, Cobar, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Dunedoo, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Gulargombone, Gulgong, Lightning Ridge, Mendooran, Narromine, Nyngan, Tottenham, Trangie, Warren.
- Group 30: North West VGA
Bingara, Goondiwindi, Moree, Warialda.
- Group 31: Macarthur VGA
Antill Park, Camden
- Group 33: Far Western VGA
Broken Hill, South Broken Hill

Provided however that the Executive Council shall have the power to:-

- (i) Transfer any District Association or Club from one Group to another
- (ii) Disaffiliate any Group, in which case the representative ceases to be a member of the Association.

By Law 2: Allotment of Groups into Geographical Zones.

- Zone 1: South Coast/Highlands
Group 1 Far South Coast, Group 2 Mid South Coast, Group 3 Illawarra, Group 21 Southern Highlands.

- Zone 2: Greater Metropolitan
Group 4 Sydney, Group 20 Western Sydney Region, Group 31 Macarthur.
- Zone 3: Newcastle/Hunter/Central Coast
Group 6 Brisbane Water, Group 7 Newcastle, Group 8 Hunter River, Group 9 Port Stephens, Group 10 Myall Coast, Group 11 Upper Hunter.
- Zone 4: North Coast
Group 11 Manning Valley, Group 12 Lower North Coast, Group 13 Mid North Coast, Group 14 Northern Rivers.
- Zone 5: New England/North West
Group 15 New England, Group 16 Central North, Group 30 North West.
- Zone 6: Western
Group 18 Mudgee & District, Group 19 Blue Mountains, Group 22 Central West, Group 28 Lachlan Valley, Group 29 Western Districts, Group 33 Far West.
- Zone 7: Border/Riverina
Group 23 South West, Group 24 Northern Riverina, Group 25 Murray River, Group 26 Southern Riverina, Group 27 Western Riverina.

Provided that the Executive Council shall have the power to :-

- (i) Transfer any Group from one Zone to another
- (ii) Grant permission for a Zone to hold a structural formal meeting after prior application for approval by the Executive Council.

By Law 3: All affiliation fees must be paid to the Treasurer of the New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association by the 31st December each year, which sum represents the number of Association/Club members at the 30th September of that year.

By Law 4: Executive Members attending Special General Meetings and Executive Meetings are to receive a travelling allowance as determined by the Executive Council from time to time.

By Law 5: Executive members attending NSWVGA tournaments in an official capacity, or attending Group/Zone meetings, are to receive a reimbursement of expenses as determined by the Executive Council from time to time.

Note: This Constitution had been restructured by the NSWVGA Executive Council at a series of meetings over the period June 1998 to October 1999. It was submitted for ratification by the NSWVGA Governing Council at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday December 2nd 1999 and duly accepted as the official Constitution of the Association.

Subsequently as a result of changes made in early 2005, this document was updated on Wednesday February 2nd 2005, including By Law 1 showing updated Groups and member clubs/associations.

This document was also updated showing the new structure of the Executive Council, including seven (7) Councilors, as the result of a general meeting held on Thursday September 28th 2006.

Further as a result of the adoption of geographical zones at the Annual General Meeting on Friday December 8th 2006, a new by-law 2 was introduced and the old by-law 2 became by-law 3, and the old by-law 3 became by-law 4.

Further at an Executive Meeting on Monday June 18th 2007 by-law 5 was added, as was updating of references to zones, and “Australian Golf Union” was replaced by “Golf Australia”.

Further at the 2008 AGM held on December 4th article 1.9 was altered to include past and present playing members being considered for life membership.

Further at a Special General Meeting held on March 24th 2010 article 1.5 was altered to include Webmaster with the addition of 1.17 and change to 9.3 (ii). A new 2.1 and 2.2 were added under Objectives with all other articles pushed back two places numerically. Also 16.2 was changed to encompass all General Meetings, and the By Laws were updated with the inclusion of Group 20 and the removal of Group 35. Club and town names were also reviewed and updated.

Further at a General Meeting held on the 1st December 2011, and as the result of a motion moved and passed at the AGM on 3rd November 2011, Article 1.8a was altered to read as now noted.

At the Executive Meeting of 2nd of February 2012 Group 35 Western Sydney Region was renumbered as Group 20 previously vacated by Nepean.

At a Special General Meeting held on the 6th September 2012 Article 11.3 was altered to read as now noted.

At a Special General Meeting held on the 3rd July 2013 changes were made to remove gender references from within this document. Also details of clubs within Groups were updated.

At a Special General Meeting held on the 28th January, 2016 changes were made to Clause 14, to include reference to duties of Vice-Presidents’ & Clause 14.1 was added to provide guidelines to effect this.

At the Executive Meeting of 6th October 2016, Group 32 Albury district was disaffiliated at their request.

At the Annual General Meeting of 2nd November 2016, Articles 1.6, 1.7 & 4.3 were altered to read as now noted. Additionally, new Articles 1.18 & 13.1 were added to the Constitution.

At a Special General Meeting of 2nd February 2017, Articles 1.5 & 9.3(ii) were altered to now read as now noted. Also, Article 1.17 was deleted.

At a Special General Meeting of 31st January 2018, Constitution Article 1.17 was deleted, with a new Article 1.6 inserted with current Article 1.6 re-numbered as 1.7, 1.7 re-numbered as 1.8 and a new Article 1.9 inserted with subsequent Articles in Section 1 being re-numbered.

At a Special General Meeting of 2nd May 2019, Constitution Article 1.9 was amended to include the word “Amateur” after the word “financial” in two instances. This was to prevent Professional Golfers competing in NSWVGA auspiced tournaments.

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