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Minutes from Conveners Meeting

Monday 12th July 2022 @ 10.00 am at Morrinsville Golf Club

President Colin welcomed the 45 attendees from 25 clubs including some club's officials who had been invited.

Colin outlined what it was hoped we could achieve with good discussions and outlined some issues which would be up for discussion

- The role and responsibility of the Veteran Convener.
- Our Program
- He stated our structure is not broken or falling apart but many issues are now being faced and asked all to speak up.

Apologies were then called for

Coming forward was T Parish, C Riddell, T Coleman, B Mc Dowell

It was moved apologies be accepted by C Vincent seconded by R Bagshaw (Carried)

Minutes of the last meeting held in 2020 had been circulated.

It was moved Minutes of last meeting be accepted by C Vincent seconded by B White (Carried)

No matters came up as requiring attention.

Colin opened the meeting up for general business

The first item was the role of the club convener

- Convener should be a WDVGA member and familiar with vet's programme
 - Encourage membership of association and participation in vet's golf
 - Record resignations, change of club and deceased members
 - Liaise with members/ share news and events etc
 - Liaise with Zone conveners
 - Organise Waikato Days, Association Pennants etc
 - Oversee Shield and Pennant team selection
 - Liaise with club and club committee
 - Attend conveners' meetings
 - Liaise with WDVGA secretary re club results, news etc
 - Guidelines/expectations for Zone Conveners
1. Lauchie Phillips spoke to this and maintained Communication was the key especially with Zone Conveners when it came to pennants.
 2. Discussions from others pursued along the same lines especially relating to clubs and Zone Conveners.
 3. The idea was floated by Graeme that we create a manual especially for New Conveners, this manual would include relevant documents to be used as guidelines for the new conveners.

4. Graeme Heathcote, Steve Cooper, Rob Maurice all spoke of their experiences in being new conveners but not really knowing what was required of them so thought would be a good idea.

It was moved by Graeme seconded by Colin we produce a guideline Folder to be provided to all clubs (Carried)

5. B Goodwin offered to produce this in Wiro bound form at no cost to the association.

The next item raised was the program

- Dave Morgan (Tirau) was invited to present a proposal which would see the Pennants all being played in the first 3 months of the year and all zones running a round in a specific week, All shield rounds would then all be run in the last 3 months of the year on a similar basis. Clubs would then be invited to apply for a tournament date around those allocated dates for pennants and shield and association events.
- Much discussion ensued, mostly negative especially around the shields.
- It was pointed out the shields were only introduced as a means to attract more players to one day tournaments and were never intended to be a serious competition like the pennants.
- Graeme advised the meeting to date the association did not take a stand on when a club may hold a tournament. It was always on the basis one club should not compete with another club within 1 hour travel of another.
- Colin raised the issue of some clubs having more than one tournament a year and felt this was unfair and if all clubs could only have 1 tournament, then this would be a way of clearing the program and help make more dates available for the likes of Pennant rounds.

It was moved by K Jensen and seconded by B White all clubs only be allocated 1 tournament day per year (Carried).

- President Colin advise we could not stop clubs holding another tournament but they would not be on our program or promoted by the association in any way. Secretary to contact all clubs holding more than one tournament currently to advise which one they wished to have as their official one-day tournament for 2023.

The next item raised was the pennants

- Discussion ensued around when these should be played
- Colin Cowan indicated Monday was a preferred date and could see merit in Dave Morgan's proposal
- Lauchie Phillips reiterated this should be between the club convener and Zone Convener and if good communication existed there was not an issue to resolve.
- After general discussion it was agreed that Pennant rounds should be a stand-alone day at clubs or held in conjunction with the host clubs club day. Rounds should not be played in conjunction with a one day tournament.

Ian Grant presented an option to resolve an issue that arose this year on finals day.

- The issue was one if two or more teams finished on equal Nett team scores how to decide a winner the current clause was not clear.
- Ian's proposal was felt to be too complicated.

It was moved Lauchie Phillips that the trophy and relevant prizes simply be shared seconded S Cooper (Carried)

The next item raised was the Rotation Policy for Association Events

- Graeme spoke to this outlining current issues around getting clubs to apply especially the Classic.
- Consensus was clubs support the policy and clubs do want to be involved.

- Suggested if difficulty was being had getting clubs to apply from a particular Zone then clubs be asked from another Zone be asked to apply.

The next item raised was One Day Tournaments and Shield.,00

- Our tournament structure is seen to be sound
- Not all clubs host a Shield round
- Clubs should ensure they contribute a share of the days profit back to their clubs but it is acknowledged many clubs have differing ways of doing this.
- Suggested it may be time to move entry fee up to \$20.00 but that will be up to clubs.
- Cost are rising especially fuel so travel is becoming a cost issue as is number of carts now being used.
- Shield points came up for discussion and a consensus of clubs involved made it clear if a team arrives short then those teams do not get any points for the players not in attendance.
- This would apply to the 2023 year as most zone already under way for this year.

It was moved by C Vincent any team that arrives with less than six players No score will be applied to those players seconded by B Goodwin (Carried)

The next item raised was the future of Vets Golf

- Issue raised were that costs will become a major issue in coming years.
- Cost a cart hire age and availability at smaller clubs will impact on attendances.
- Age is going to be a problem going forward.
- Changes in how clubs are being increasingly run by managers is seen as a problem for conveners to deal with.

Meeting closed at 12.40 with a light lunch was served..