

**TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)**  
**Board Meeting, 26 January 2022 at 1 pm, Clubhouse**  
**AGENDA**

1. **Present:** Ken Edwards Chair, Jean McCann, Mike McCann, John Fraser, Steven Fang, Brian Fellows

2. **Apologies:** Michelle McLean

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (attached)

Proposed that the minutes be accepted Mike Seconded Brian

4. **Matters Arising**

- Amendment to Motion proposed by Michelle re Vaccinations. The minutes were amended to read: "Michelle proposed a motion that Vaccination passes are mandatory for Golf Croquet. Discussion followed and Board decided that this would apply to the Club House and all Golf Tournaments." Proposed Brian Seconded Ken Carried.
- The Eftpos Machine. Westpac requires that all Board members go to Thames with photo ID and proof of address. Ken will organise letter to be drawn up by John Sands to take with us to identify us as members of the Board. **KEN**

5. **Correspondence**

**IN:** Letter from Jan Collier re volunteer incident; Membership from Ruth and Jim Hope and Josephine Feasey. Letters re membership. Letter from Pauanui Security.

**OUT:** Reply to Mark Towers

David Powell incident discussed, and the Bylaw proposed by John seconded Brian to be accepted. All in favour.

**Bylaw** to read as

*"Given that we (TGCC) have provided practice nets adjacent to the Clubhouse, and a practice area on #17 fairway for the practising of Tee shots, no more than one practice tee shot is permitted to be played off any Tee block on our course.*

*More than one practice shot into our greens is not permitted.*

*All divots and pitch marks must be repaired.*

*There is a practice putting green adjacent to the Clubhouse, practice putting on any other greens on the Course is not permitted."*

John to reply to David Powell re the above.

**JOHN**

Proposed that the correspondence be accepted. Jean seconded Steven All in favour.

## 6. Issues to be addressed

### I. Staffing

#### Office staff

##### a. Job descriptions to be ratified

Proposed that the job descriptions be accepted. Jean seconded Steven All in favour.

Noted that in the employment contracts there is no mention of notice period of termination. This needs to be amended.

##### b. Review matters of concern to be addressed.

Review of Staff matters was discussed and actioned.

##### c. Replacement for Darren's position

Board agreed in principle to advertising for position of groundsman after discussion with Jeff. Brian to action.

**BRIAN**

Apprenticeship scheme discussed. Worthwhile as Jeff can act as mentor in the role of Horticulture and Sports Turf Manager.

### II. Ron Abbots Proposal

Board discussed the proposals. Sub-committee to be formed of Ken, John, and Brian to visit Auckland premises. Ken to approach Ron to contact supplier/agent for on-site inspection.

**KEN**

## 7. Finance

Garden group report discussed and agreed that budget should be \$1000. Invoices will need to be completed for expenditure.

**BRIAN**

- Board inspected financial sheets distributed by Ken. Bar figures to be adjusted as no stock on hand included in the calculations as closing and opening figures needed. **KEN** to talk to John Sands.
- Golf Croquet shed to be built and costs to be taken out of suspension account.
- Blinds approved and to be actioned by Janine.

Proposed that Finance Report be approved Ken Seconded Brian All in favour.

## 8. Reports to be confirmed Please circulate before meeting

Proposed that Board Reports be approved Mike Seconded Steven All in favour.

## 9. Membership

### New to be confirmed

#### Full Golf Members

- ♣ Ken Garrett

#### First Year Golf Members

- ♣ Meg Douglas, Bruce Meikle, Laurinda Sutcliffe and Brent Sutcliffe

#### Country Golf Members

- ♣ Jeanine Browne, Roland Russell

#### Tertiary Golf Members

- ♣ Blake Hughes

#### Junior Golf Members

♣ Coby Carmichael, Dominic Kaaka

### **Golf Croquet Members**

♣ Bruce Gilberd, Ben Grubb, Donna Harvey

Proposed that new members be approved Steven Seconded John All in favour.

- Request for issue of Senior Memberships to Bob McCabe and Neil Taylor
- Proposed Brian seconded Steven All in favour
- Complimentary Full Membership to Fred Watts who sponsors cricket and the course. Proposed Ken seconded Brian. All in favour
- Request from Jim and Ruth Hope for Green Fee membership of \$150. Falls under Green Fee Membership. Proposed John seconded Brian All in favour
- Request from Jo Feasey for membership to be put “on hold (or freeze) membership” Proposed Brian seconded Ken. All in favour

### **General Business**

- Don Tee stickers issue raised by Jan Stanley. Always done for free but given a free membership. Proposed a letter of thank you and same offer be sent to Don to show our appreciation. Proposed Jean Seconded Mike
- Opening Day arrangements. Both 9 hole and 18 hole opening days should be on one day in future.
- Jean brought up issue of Ladies Golf not represented on Board. Jean to contact Jan Stanley to discuss and ask for nominations as Board Representative. **JEAN**
- Match Committee have decided that scrambles will be now \$6 and meat pack day will be \$12 in line with rising costs from next Thursday. To be included under golf in the Newsletter. **MIKE**
- Business House delayed till February but planning for an event in January will start in October. **KEN**
- Fishing Club v Golf Club golf croquet competition planned to be held twice a year with one golf croquet member in each team. Entry of \$5 to go to golf croquet. **KEN**
- Timing of Board Meetings discussed and moved to be held on Wednesday before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Meeting closed 3.30pm.

**Next meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 1pm**

### **Reports sent prior to meeting**

#### **President's Report January 2022**

We have had an extremely busy summer period reflected by the great takings from green fees and cart hire. Everybody involved has certainly given their all. The Yamaha carts have gone back after a very profitable four years. The boosted up power supply will be in action as from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> so we can do away with leads running out of the clubhouse to charge the new carts. We must acknowledge the

efforts of Geoff in single handedly producing the course in pristine condition in these very trying times. Covid did have an impact on December but when the gates opened, we welcomed the visitors with open arms and in January certainly made up any shortfall.

## **Ken Edwards**

### **Course Convenor Report**

The new pump is working very well and providing a much improved coverage of the greens. The last old concrete tank that was leaking has been repaired. For next season we will need a larger tank to ensure we can put the maximum allowed daily water on our greens.

The hot weather has created problems on our greens i.e. dry patch. Geoff is having to put a lot of time into hand soaking these areas.

The rough mower we were given is now in use and will be able to be used.

Wood. A steady supply has started but as fast as we cut and split it is sold. Many thanks to the people who do this. It is tough work. Mike King has volunteered to deliver to our locals. I will take the white ute for a warrant. Hope it passes. This is a very useful vehicle for delivering wood especially up Paku. We need to set a price for a Ute load. Possibly \$160.

Gardens. We have a number of very keen ladies who work tirelessly. They need a budget to get plants, fertiliser etc I suggest \$1000 for the year.

Working Bees.

This will be every Wednesday from 8:30 -12:00. This will allow members to come and help on a regular basis and bring lady and men volunteers together. Many of our volunteers come almost every day to help. Generally these volunteers have specialised tasks: - mowing, chain sawing.

Planning is under way for the renovation of number 7 green. This will be a good learning experience and will help in future planning for our next green.

## **Brian Fellows**

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT January 2022**

We have had one reported incident in this period on 18/1/22

According to his statement, David Powell, who I believe is a Country member, was chipping and putting multiple balls onto No. 1 green. Upon seeing a player coming down one, he raised his arm to acknowledge him, then turned away to begin picking up his golf balls.

He was struck high on his back.

When spoken to in regard to another matter, his hitting of multiple balls off our tee blocks, he became extremely belligerent and abusive, and demanded that we track down this "murdering B.....d who hit him, whose name was Hamish, and whose partner has a tattoo on her arm"

He would not accept that a raised arm to a waiting player is a signal for that golfer to play up, and upon making that signal it would have been prudent for him to watch that player's incoming ball.

He continued to insist that he had a right to play as many balls as he liked off our tee blocks and onto our greens, even after admitting that his home Club, Remuera doesn't allow this.

I suggest that, in our next newsletter, we remind all members that a practice area for hitting tee shots is adjacent to the greenkeepers shed, on 17, where there are also astroturf blocks for practising iron shots, and that a maximum of two balls may be hit off our tee blocks when practising, and only one ball may be hit into our greens, divots and pitch marks must be repaired.

**John Fraser**

### **House Committee and PR Report January 2022**

The House Committee met on the 19 January. Of special note from that meeting are the following:

- **Volunteers Shout** in recognition of the work they do to be held in February. Open Bar 4pm – whenever. Sub-Committees are to send names to Ken.
- Club House Need for blinds was discussed. Quote remains the same with a 2-3 week wait. Board to ratify this.
- **Kitchen** Margaret and Shirley have organised 3 teams of volunteers to man kitchen on Thursdays and Saturdays. Caroline Williams has volunteered to organise catering for Tournaments.
- **Catering** for First Fridays Sharni to be approached to cater every Friday in February.
- **Budgets** Need for 2022 budget allocation from Finance Committee to be known for each sub-committee to speed up jobs.

### **PR – Signage update, Advertising**

- Golf Programme finalised.
- Lighting needed over new signs. Signage still required discussed. House rules Need for large Covid Vac sign.
- Advert gone in for Seagull Magazine for next edition 2022 but half size.
- Janine to take over Newsletter as per job description.
- Mailchimp between 61 and 76% (Thank you to retiring executive) opened by members and 100% successful deliveries.

**Jean McCann**

### **Men's Golf Captains Report**

What a fantastic couple of months we have had. The weather has been very kind to us, and no days were lost because of rain.

At **Surf and Sand Ambrose** on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December, 31 teams of 3 played plus 42 Green Fee players with all the Carts hired out some 3 times. It was a great day and after a number of players thanked both Ken and me, and some of the visiting players commented on how great the course was. Great job Geoff and the volunteers who help him on the course.

We also had the **Vistalite Tournament on 8<sup>th</sup> January**, another great day, we had +/- 80 players, plus a large number of green fee players again what a great success. It was a different format to how we normally play a tournament as we had Gross men and ladies, nett both men and ladies, and best stableford. Thank you to Carolyn Williams and the team of Ladies who stepped up to run the kitchen.

Our next tournament is the **Melanion Anniversary Weekend Tournament** this Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>, kindly sponsored by Neil and Judith Plummer with meat pack prizes.

On some of the weekdays we had up to 60 green fee players as well as our own members, again all the carts were rented out some 3 times.

It was good to see a couple of the 9 hole ladies joined the 18 holers on Thursday and they cleaned up, so Ladies you are welcome to come and join the 18 holers on Thursday and Saturday. We really have a great day.

**Mike McCann**

**Men's Golf Captain**

### **Golf croquet report January 2022**

Once again, our "croquet Christmas" was a great day and enjoyed by everyone. We had a capacity number of people playing and then enjoyed a lunch afterwards.

Thanks to Jenny and her team for organising this for us.

We had a small break from club days over the Christmas/New year period however it was great to see many of our members enjoying a twilight game with their families.

We are now back into our regular Tuesday and Friday club days with good numbers despite the searing heat of January. (Usually I'm writing about rain!)

As per usual our thanks to Rick, Tony and Brian, for their hard work in keeping our courts maintained.

**Michelle McLean**

**Golf Croquet**