

TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)
Board Meeting, 25 January 2023 at 1 pm, Clubhouse
Minutes

1. Present: Ken Edwards, Mike McCann, Brian Fellowes, John Fraser, Jan Stanley

As Secretary: Jean McCann

2. Apologies: Michele McLean, Steven Fang

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (attached)

That minutes of last meeting be accepted as true and accurate.

Proposed Ken Seconded John All in favour.

4. Matters Arising: None

5. Correspondence

IN:

OUT: Letter to Land Sar, Bryan Farquhar. (See discussion later)
Pam Balt, Emergency Evacuation Procedures

6. Issues to be addressed. (See later).

7. Finance

- **Reports received:** Membership, Actual against Budget
- **Approval of Payments**

That the Finance Report be accepted, proposed Ken seconded Mike. All in favour.

Discussion ensued as to the Club's financial position which was summarised as that whilst the club is in a sound financial position the inclement weather has produced a huge decline in green fees over the summer period.

8. Reports to be confirmed Please circulate before meeting.

That Reports be accepted, proposed Jan seconded Brian. All in favour

9. Membership

New members to be confirmed.

Full Golf: Jan Sipsma

Seasonal: David Hayes

First Year: Scott Kerr, Michael Cooke, Tim Nicholson, Jamie Faiers

Tertiary: William Roberk

Junior: Archie Manning

Social: Heather and Richard Mullin

That new members be confirmed. Proposed Jan Seconded Brian. All in favour

10. General Business

(i) Land-Sar proposal

The motion proposed by a member at the AGM was deemed out of Order. In the light that the Constitution (Page 4, 11 Management) allows the Board to enter into

leases in the name of the Club as necessary, an SGM was not needed. The Board felt it could not commit the future Board of the Club to a 20 year lease and the Board decided to re-offer the 4 year lease of the Land Sar relocatable building with the right of renewal to be negotiated by both parties for a further 4 years.

Motion proposed John, seconded Ken. All in favour.

Ken to write letter to Bryan.

(ii) Geoff Cambie contract

Contract last issued Jan 2021. Geoff's salary was discussed in the light of his dedication and his value to the Club and the Board decided to increase his remuneration..

Proposed Ken, seconded Brian. All in favour.

- **Ken to tell Geoff verbally.**
- **Jean to check current entitlements such as sick leave etc, re-type contract for checking by Board and signature.**
- **Board to review Contract at December 2023 meeting.**

(iii) Staffing

Ken discussed current staffing issues of the Club including burnout of himself and Mike over this summer period and the need for employment part-time staffers to relieve load. Putting carts away and cashing up required.

Needs discussed as

Starter's office

- Friday afternoon 1 – 4pm
- Saturday all day 10 – 4 pm
Anna currently works this, but Board discussed the need for payment of wages rather than vouchers.
- Sunday all day 8 – 4 pm.
After discussion it was decided that Mana Grundling to be approached to see if she had the necessary skills and was interested in the part-time position previously mooted.

Ken to action.

Bar

- Friday 4-8pm
- Saturday 2-6 pm
- Tournament Days.

Warwick Rogers may be interested.

Warwick to be approached by Ken.

John raised the point that this was an interim measure until Club Manager is employed.

- **Club Managers role to be re-considered in coming winter months.**
- **Discussion needs to be held around salary.**
- John Sands letter was discussed by the Board and his role in the interim and the extra work he has been doing to be investigated.

(iv) Spark Cell phone Tower

Ken referred to a letter he received in a personal capacity from Bruce Dubbing. The Board has always been agreeable to a tower near the 11th green and has had discussions with spark re siting and colouration as disguise. Spark after sending up drones changed site due to lack of coverage. Board would welcome Spark Tower and annual rental it would bring.

Ken to reply to Bruce and ask for Spark rep mention to contact him for further discussion.

(v) John Fraser re Waikato council

John approached WRC re ongoing problems of drainage into the estuary and silting of ponds due to lack of estuary drainage. He has submitted application and expects a reply back within 20 working days as promised to his personal email.

John to report back to Board on progress.

(vi) Grants update from John Sands

Board discussed the various needs of the Club.

Ken had instructed John some months ago to prepare application for Commercial Practice Nets including installation. This is vital in the light of Junior Golf and the encouragement of the Tairua young as a community service.

The Board requested a progress report on this application from John Sands.

Further grants identified as

Refurbishment of the Club House carpets and chairs in the light that the Club House was a designated evacuation centre for the community and also used for community functions such as Creative Coromandel, the Surf Life Saving Club events and Prize Giving. Outdoor furniture was also needed in relation to family golf days held.

The Board also instructed John Sands to meet with Brett (Tairua Butchery) who would share his expertise with grant applications.

(v) Golf Pro . Brian raised issue of whether the Golf Pro from the

Lakes could give coaching lessons at the Club as he had been approached by one of our members. Jan raised point that could be a community service to young players from Tairua School.

Jean offered to contact Jarred to find out information re golfing lessons for Ladies when golf recommenced.

No further business. Meeting closed at 2.40pm.

Next meeting 22 February 2022

Pam Balt TCDC Emergency Services to attend.

Board Reports

Presidents Report

As we all know the so called summer season has been patchy to say the least. The inclement weather has impacted hugely on our revenue stream of late. The Surf & Sand Ambrose tournament along with Marlene's kitchen has brought some good revenue and hopefully good conditions will enable us to catch up on postponed tournaments and bring back our green fee paying visitors. We must appreciate the efforts of Geoff and the volunteers who as soon as the sun came out turned up to work and get our course back up to scratch, a great effort seeing as last week we had a huge water feature rather than a golf course. On one particular day every one of our machines were out working, so thank you to all that were out there doing it. I have heard that Whangamata fared a lot worse than us and Whitianga was not great either. After Mike Jackson taking away \$500 members draw in December, Paula Parfitt's name came out for the first draw of 2023. She was not in the club so February will be \$100.

Ken Edwards

President

Course Convenor Report

The wet weather and high tides are still causing problems. We have been very fortunate to have a great number of volunteers to keep our course in good working order after our recent storms.

The new number seven green has areas that have been reseeded.

We are hoping to relay 4 & 10 greens this year. We will use a turf cutter-lay out the cut grass, take the old soil away, reshape where necessary, add drainage and soil and then relay the turf. This will have the greens back to a playable standard in six weeks if all goes well.

The gardens around the course will be attended to before Opening Day.

Brian Fellows

Course Convenor

Health and Safety Report

Nothing to report this month.

John Fraser

Health and Safety Officer

Ladies Golf

We have not been playing Golf during the Christmas break and as the weather has not been kind we are looking forward to better weather in the month of February. We will have our Opening Day on Tuesday 7 February at 9 am. Men are welcome to join us as both 9 and 18 Hole players will be playing together. We are playing 9 Holes only. This will be followed by a Shared Lunch in the Clubhouse.

February and March are very busy months with Karin McGirr and the Beaches in February followed by Pennants in March.

Let's hope we have fine Tuesdays for 2023. Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7 February.

Jan Stanley

Ladies Captain

Men's Golf

Thursday 31st December was the last official scramble we played until the 19th of January. We had a good turnout on the 31st of December for the final game with 21 players in the scramble with a number of green fee players giving with a total of 75 cards printed. The next scramble was on the 20th January and 20 players took part. with 32 cards printed. On the 24th we had 24 players in the scramble, we were joined on the 19th and 20th by two players who had come back from UK who had been playing 9 holes. Welcome back Jane and Chris Hall.

Mike McCann

Men's Golf Captain

Golf Croquet

We have only managed 2 club days since my last report. Croquet had a small break over Christmas /New Year and the ex-cyclone Hale put paid to starting back on the 10 January. Like the rest of the lower golf course the croquet courts took the brunt of the tide, thanks so much to Geoff and his team of volunteers who cleaned up.

Croquet Christmas games were unable to be played because of the weather, however we had a lovely lunch and raffles and lucky draws. The alternative date for the games was set for 13 January however ex cyclone hale had something to say about that.

A decision was made at croquet AGM to play Tuesday morning during the peak summer time (February /March) so from 7 February Tuesday club day will start at 9-30am. This will run for 6 weeks.

Michelle McLean

Golf croquet captain