

TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)

Minutes of the Board Meeting held 31 March 2021 at the Club House

Present

B Fellows (President), M McCann, J Harrop, J Collier, J Chalmers, Jean McCann, S Fang

Apologies

none

Minutes of the February meeting

Moved that the Minutes of 24 February 2021 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record

Jenny/Jack PASSED

Matters Arising

Privacy issues – Jack shared a handout re By Law. I was suggested the following or similar wording be added to the Membership Form ‘by signing this form I agree to receive emails from the club’. Jack reminded the Board that The Statute overrides Club By Laws.

Privacy Officer – The Board are to follow procedures stated in Constitution and By Laws. Complaints should be diarised. Reduce, isolate and minimise the risk identified. Signage and other means of reducing the risk, isolate hazard, minimise risk. Safety of carts on holes 13, 9, 15 was raised.

MOVED that the course committee and golf captains look into all safety issues that golf carts on the course pose and report back to next meeting

Jean /Jack PASSED

Correspondence

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Letter from Jill Shanley re membership categories Board to reply informing Jill that the Board are looking into the eligibility of Country Membership in particular 9 hole ladies. Status quo remains until 1 October 2021.

MOVED that the inward correspondence tabled be accepted and approved

Brian/Steve PASSED

Reports as circulated be taken as read

1. President – red tractor in need of repair, digger to be used to lift and repair, suggested it is sold on as a boat tractor as is where is. Brian will continue to use his vehicle firewood. Suggested that redundant vehicles/equipment be sold off. Golf cart from Prescott’s was offered to us for \$500. Needs batteries. Bruce is looking into whether or not this is a viable option for the Club. Brian to email board member re outcome. Syd cart has been donated to club. Brian recommended ? be offered a complimentary country membership for felling large pine at no 10.
2. Club Captains to follow up with Associations re who is eligible to play in 9 hole tournaments. A By Law was recommended for our club.
3. Golf Croquet
4. Financial

Account	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Current	\$ \$19,113.42 CR	\$8,314.55
Saving	\$100,055.65	\$50,035.29

Both these accounts are after the digger payment of \$41,112.50

Income & Expenditure Report- circulated

Golf Income Streams

Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees (\$7,741) - \$6,825.20 was paid to NZ Golf for Affiliation Fees

Club Operations

General Income – see attached PDF (Campers & Kitchen)

Operating Expenses – see attached PDF (Consulting, Eftpos, Kiwi Saver, Wages)

Croquet

Referred onto Michelle to check

Surf Club is hiring club house for Easter Saturday – expecting 90 people in attendance. Janine setting up. Ken on bar. Michelle cleaning.

MOVED that the March accounts totalled \$9207.87 approved by the Finance Committee for March be approved for payment and the reports be adopted

Jean/Brian PASSED

Membership as at 1 March

Full Members 104

Country Members 96 (up 16)

First Year 15

Juniors 23

Croquet 33 (up 3)

New Members - 5

Brett Collins (First Year)

Jo & Stuart Williams (Full Members)

Andreas Hausrser (Country)

Terence Brown (Country)

MOVED that the new members be welcomed, and accepted Brian/Jean PASSED

General Business

- a. **Golf Cart Business Case** – Steve to follow up with the Business Case tabled by Jack.
Lease extension – Board not in favour of the extension of lease beyond October 2021
Repairs for No 4 cart – still waiting on parts. Club has received a three month credit for this card of \$?
- b. **Guidelines for purchases for office staff**
MOVED that purchases over \$300 need to be passed by the Finance committee
Jean/Jan Passed
- c. **Health & Safety on Course**
Children driving carts on course. Children using bunker as sand pit. To be mentioned in Newsletter.
- d. **Strategic Plan Review** – copy emailed to board – Jack outlined plan of action for board – board identify what is relevant and still needs to be done – process steps to come from Jack, SWOT analysis survey.
- e. **Easter Ambrose Tournament** – reminder email
Golf Office over Easter – to be staff by volunteers when Janine is not in.
- f. **House Committee** – petition from 9 hole ladies re furniture in clubhouse presented. Jean presented By Law for House Committee. Janine was asked and agreed to chair house committee. MOVED that the house committee be reinstated under Janine’s leadership. Jean/Jenny PASSED
- g. **Newsletter** – Jean’s effort in putting together the monthly newsletter was complimented by Jack
- h. **Digger Operators** – Document prepared by Jack was circulated re safety and training requirements and accepted by the board. Jack is working with John Fraser.
- i. Doug’s status as a Board member – to be followed up by Brian with reference to Constitution.

11 (vii) **A member of the Board shall vacate office if:**

- (b) A Board member is absent from three consecutive meetings without an apology acceptable to the Board.

Meeting closed 3.40 pm

Next meeting Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 3 pm

Reports

President – Brian Fellows

At a special meeting on Sunday 28 March it was unanimously passed that the five ton digger that was inspected at Pukekohe at \$35000 + gst be purchased. This will allow our club to accomplish many of the tasks that we have identified .- renovation of our wet greens, enhance our tees, repair buried and open drains, renovate croquet greens, improve cart tracks, remove and spread dredgings, clear some ponds, ensure that tree cutting will be safer and help to retrieve fallen trees.

If after four years we have accomplished our list of jobs or it doesn't meet our requirements we have a reputable make of digger that will have a good resale value.

The hydraulics of the front end loader is beginning to fail. I have spoken to Bill Prescott and he has said there are no spare parts for it. Also there is only one working brake and both back wheels have rusted through in places. A health and Safety hazard. After talking to Geoff he can attach the front end bucket to one of our other tractors. Geoff recommends we sell the old red tractor as a boat tractor.

While I was talking to Bill Prescott he said we could have his electric golf cart for \$500. It is Clubcart and is being assessed by Bruce to ascertain its viability as another golf cart to hire out. It would need new batteries. Approximate cost of cart plus batteries is around \$2500.

Syd Norton has donated his golf cart to the Club and when he needs it his or a club cart will be used by him at no charge. Syd told me about this proposal 10 years ago. Just shows his mind is as sharp as ever. He also has a small shed that housed his cart. This is available if the croquet club want it. Please inspect and let me know.

We have been offered pine logs for cutting up for firewood at the end of the road where I live. Ken and his group have been doing this. With this steady supply of wood Darren and I are delivering 6/8 loads per week. Everybody is told the wood is green. Trees are also being cut down at our Club ensuring we have a steady supply to sell. At the moment I am still awaiting a possible warrant for the Ute to use as a delivery for firewood.

A special "get well soon "to Craig who fell over in garden and damaged his broken arm and to Bob who collapsed on the golf course. Both are home and on the road to recovery.

Men's Report – Mike McCann

Over the past few weeks, the weather has been very kind to us. We have had a lot of green fee players who have been very complimentary about the course and I believe there have been a few new members signed up. A group played a week or so ago, one of the players was a greenkeeper from another club and remarked on how well kept the course was (thanks to Geoff and our great volunteers) and how wonderful the views were from the fairways.

We had a visit of 10 players from the New Lynn RSA. The competition we played against them consisted of six holes Canadian scramble, six holes fourball best ball and singles. Unfortunately, we were well beaten, but a good day was had by all and a lot of money was spent in the bar.

The matchplay championship is well under way and should be completed in the next few weeks. Last Saturday we had an unfortunate incident as Bob McCabe had a medical incident on the course, thankfully he seems to be much better now. I sure you will join with me in sending our best wishes to Bob and Marilyn.

Ladies Report – Jan Collier

February has been a busy month for ladies golf. The month started with Karin McGirr at Pauanui for 18 hole players and 9 hole players hosted Karin McGirr at Tairua. Both 18 and 9 hole teams have played two round of BOP Association pennants. Both are teams are 4th overall with the final round to be played in April.

Teams of 18 hole ladies have attended Mercury and Thames ladies tournaments. May 7th, the 9 hole ladies will be running their tournament. They have obtained a fantastic sponsorship from Donna Satner once again.

Course Report – Brian Fellows

All the green coring has been completed. The recovery of these greens has been very good this year. The new tank has arrived and is now residing in the bowling green until needed. Geoff and Jim Bell repaired the badly leaking tank closest to the Clubhouse. A special thanks to both of them because it took two attempts and had to work in knee depth water. It is still leaching but the repair is excellent. The number two tank is showing marked deterioration, if necessary this tank will be demolished and the new tank placed there. This project will happen when the watering season has finished.

Geoff will be on holiday for the next three weeks.

A special thanks to Jenny Cosford and Carolyn Williams who did a fantastic job planting out the bank on 12 and to Margaret and Dave for keeping our entrance so neat and attractive, especially the new plant boxes in the clubhouse.

Kitchen/Catering – Jenny Chalmers

During the past month the four kitchen teams have rostered duties in rotation and have catered for the Beaches 9 hole tournament, the Veteran Men's Pennants and our usual Thursday and Saturday scrambles. Sharing the burden makes the job easier and seems to suit most of our volunteers. Tuesday Coffee Club (10.00 am) and Friday Happy Hour (4.00pm) are both attracting members for social interaction, a drink and a snack. Everyone is welcome to join in on either day.

Golf-Croquet

Good turnouts have continued during March for both Tuesday and Friday sessions. In addition, about 24 members and partners gathered for a game and twilight barbecue on February 28th and one Saturday this month we hosted a very convivial social group led by Gary Jamieson which contributed to our coffers. The times for golf-croquet are now Tuesdays at 1.30 and Fridays at 9.30am with new players always welcome. Players are reminded to arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to allow time for the draw to be completed before play.