

# TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)

## **Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, 24 March, 2021 at 9.00 am**

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

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Moved that the apology be accepted

Jan/Jenny PASSED

### **Digger**

Background – email sent to Board members by Brian Fellows

At our last Board meeting we discussed the purchase of a five ton digger based in Wellington. It was not officially for sale, but we could probably buy it for \$28-30,000. I enquired about flight times to Wellington plus costs. The best time was near the end of this month when two people could fly there and back in one day for approximately \$1000. Unfortunately, it was sold to a retailer based in Pukekohe and the asking price is now \$35,000. The retailer says it won't last long at this price.

Below are my thoughts on this. Feed back to me please.

1. pressure sales talk.
2. if bought it would not be able to renovate any greens until spring at the earliest according to Geoff.
3. it could do part of the ponds.
4. it would not be able to enter the harbour area to release the build up of sediment that is blocking the out flow from our internal drains. Rays quote for this is approximately \$12000 plus ponds.

It would be useful for wood retrieval.

1. There would be doubtful if the marina dredgings could be used until after winter. The leaching of this material has affected the big pine tree near the green and affected the grass near the dredgings.
2. We do have the use of Colin Birds small digger if required.
3. Do we leave this until our next Board meeting?

Jack made the following comments:

John Fraser's comprehensive report provides ample evidence of the need for a small digger to complete long overdue drain/pond/green rectification work.

If we set out say a "Five - Six Year" programme of work for the digger AND complete it, then it could be sold off. Providing we maintain and use it appropriately it should at that age and running hours, conservatively reap at least \$15-20K. There is always a market for well-maintained plant.

After completing the above work programme, we would have an "All Weather" course and occasional digger hire would then be appropriate for our maintenance needs.

Re the price. Researching the Aus/NZ marketplace indicates "good brand" similar sized diggers eg Komatsu, Caterpillar et al are selling for \$35 - 45K.

The Pukekohe retailer's spiel is not unexpected however I wouldn't be surprised if it does sell off quickly as there is a demand.

With Terry's previous report to you Brian indicating he was comfortable with the Club's financial position, my recommendation is we make a purchase offer subject to inspection, try out operation and meeting the requirements listed in my paper tabled at the last Board meeting PLUS that the seller deliver the machine to the Club, something he will be well equipped to do.

Mike, Jean and Stephen replied supporting the purchase, Jenny supporting purchases with the proviso that it be inspected.

Jan – wanted the decision to be held over to 31 March Board Meeting or the Board to Meet to adhere to Board Meeting Procedures as set out in TG &CC Constitution 11.8 (ii) and (iii).

(ii) The Board meetings may be called in an appropriate manner at such times as the Board so decides excepting that a fully constituted meeting shall be held at least once in each month and minutes of each meeting shall be kept and shall be approved as a correct record at the following meeting. The approved minutes shall be available for members' perusal.

(iii) All decisions shall be determined by a majority of votes of Board members present.

Geoff, John and Ken inspected the digger on site.

MOVED that following an onsite machine inspection by designated club members and staff and their positive Condition Report, the Board jointly and formally ratify the collective majority agreement previously confirmed by email, to purchase the 5 ton Komatsu Excavator at a price of \$35,000 plus GST. J Harrop/M McCann PASSED unanimously by the 6/8 Board members present.

Invoiced for payment of \$41,112.00 approved for payment 29 March 2021.

Moved minutes Jenny/Jack be accepted

Meeting Closed 10.15am

**Next meeting** Wednesday 31 March 2021 at 1 pm