**TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)**

**August Board Meeting**

**Monday 26 August 2024 at 4.00 pm, Clubhouse**

**AGENDA**

**1.            Present:** Ken Edwards, John Fraser, Jan Stanley, Jean McCann, Brian Fellowes, Riki Tawa, Michelle McLean.

As Secretary: Jean McCann

1. **Apologies:** Steven Fang,
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (attached)**

That the minutes be accepted. Proposed Jean Seconded Riki. All in favour.

**4.            Matters Arising:**

Azimuth Proposal: work has been done. Trees still to come down.

Practice Nets almost finished at cost of $8400. Tiger Turf still to be bought at $600.

Tina and Arthur’s farewell do. Still waiting for a date from Tina.

**5.            Correspondence**

**IN:   -**

**OUT:  -**

**6.            Finance**

* **Reports received:**Membership, Actual against Budget
* **Discussion of Club’s****short and long term finances.**
* **Approval of Payments**

Debit Card acquired after 3 years of working with Bank. $150 000 has been placed on 6 months Term Deposit.

Ken proposed Financial Report be accepted. Seconded Michelle.

All in favour

7.            **Reports received**

**8.            Membership**

**New members**

Baden Wilton – Full Golf

Jack Dykes – First Year

Dylan Hughes – Country Affiliated.

Russ Harmer – Full Golf

**9.            Upcoming events**

**Prize Giving 23 November 5 pm**

House Committee actioning most but Board informed that Prize Giving will be Official Full Club Prize Giving on same day as AGM at 5 pm. Drinks and nibbles/finger food supplied. Prize giving 6pm.

**AGM 23 November 5 pm**

To be discussed at next Board Meeting. Decision that at the end of AGM there will be a session of general business from the floor. Members to be notified of this. Any motions have to be sent prior to AGM as set out in Constitution. Tea to be provided after.

**10.         Newsletter**

Jean to send information to Paul.

**11.         General Business**

·         **Parking area and Campervans**

We have had verbal communication from Spence re building fence on boundary with Bowling Club. TGCC discussed and agreed that further clarification is needed.

Vets Tournament advertised Campervans welcome when TGCC only licenced for two. Vet’s Convenor to be made aware of this and Poster needs to be altered to read “Campervans by arrangement with TGCC.” Poster needs to be approved by Club.

·         **Burglary**

Camera installed on shed and triggers to Pauls’ phone. Sensitivity might need to be altered. Ken dealing with Insurance Company at present. New chain saws and blowers bought in the meantime.

Quote for Installation of security equipment was discussed. Ken proposed that we approve acceptance in principle with proviso that Paul and Ken get further quote from Graeme Keyte. Seconded Jean All in favour. Carried.

Jean raised query about what Club Insurance covers? Golf Carts? Front/Starter’s Office now alarmed.

·         **Practice Nets**

See before under matters arising.

·         **Other**

1. Kitchen Licence has expired. Was not thought necessary when Marlene doing catering as she had own licence. Conditions re exemptions complicated as presented by Ken. Ken sent letter on the 19 August re TCDC clarifying Club’s position and no further action to be taken until response from Council. Jean to also investigate further.
2. Tree on No 4 dying and may be safety hazard. John to investigate. If needs to be taken down will either be done immediately or depending on danger next year when no 4 redeveloped.
3. Rabbits appearing on Golf Croquet lawns and No 13 and 14. Need to be dealt with by Course Convenor and Ground staff.

Meeting closed: 5.05 pm

**Board Reports**

**President’s Report**

With the colder and wet weather upon us the course has been fairly quiet which is the norm for this time of year.

The developers of stage two of the azimuth subdivision recently felled numerous trees along our fence line allowing much better views for their section owners and heaps of firewood for us, I am sure we will not run out this season.

The practice nets are coming along quickly, with the usual team of club volunteers performing the tasks from breaking ground to the finished product. Special thanks to Dave Casey for his help and expertise in laying the concrete slab.

The burglary of our greenkeeper’s shed will come at a cost to us, losing all of our chainsaws, blowers etc. Cameras, lights and alarms will hopefully deter any further attempts.

**Ken**

**Course Convenor Report**

This winter has been relatively kind to the course. The greens and fairways are looking great. There will be coring in the near future. All dependent on the weather. Part of the course may be closed.

The gardens are being well cared for by the ladies. The island by four green looks great. A feature for the hole. The pine tree before Wilson’s Pond is on its last legs. A decision will have to be made soon on its removal and possible new planting A very good supply of firewood is ready to be split up.

**Brian Fellows**

**Course Convenor**

**Men’s Golf Report**

Spring is here, bringing with it the usual mix of unsettled weather—a continuation of winter, really. Despite that, we’ve enjoyed a few fine days this month, and it’s encouraging to see more golfers out on the course. The course is holding up well, thanks to the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers and greenkeepers who work hard to keep it in top condition.

Each month in the men’s section, we present two fun awards to recognise golfers who have either excelled on the course or had a bit of a rough time. The 'Green Jacket' is awarded to the golfer with the best nett score of the month. The winner of the jacket earns the right to tap any player on the shoulder to buy them a drink. You can only tap each person once during the month, and if you tap the wrong person, you’ll be the one buying the drink—a situation that has happened more than a few times! From talking to different members, it seems this tradition began around 12-14 years ago.

This year, we introduced a new award, the 'Bunny Trophy,' given to the member with the lowest stableford score of the month. The winner of this 'prestigious' trophy must proudly display it beside them whenever they’re in the clubhouse on competition days. Keep an eye out for this unique trophy—it’s hard to miss and always sparks conversation.

These light-hearted awards and the camaraderie they foster are a big part of what makes our club such a welcoming place for visitors. Thank you all for embracing the spirit of fun and laughter that keeps our community strong.

Until next time, happy golfing everyone! Remember, 'Golf is an easy game…it’s just hard to play.'

**Riki Tawa**

**Men’s Golf Captain**

**Ladies Golf Report**

It has been great to have many sunny days in August although the Course was closed for almost a week with wet weather.

Robyn Hayward, Jan Collier, Linda Keyte (18 Hole Team), Jan Stanley, Jenny Cosford, Carolyn Williams (9 Hole Team) represented the club in the Dorothy McNicol Vets Tournament played at Tauranga Golf Club on Monday 5 August. There were 39 players in both 18 and 9 Holes and it was a chilly start for the 18 Hole players at 9.30am. The 18 Hole team finished a commendable fifth place.

On Monday 12 August Carolyn, Anna and Jan played in a 9 Hole Tournament in Paeroa with 74 keen golfers. Although it was a little wet it was a very enjoyable day meeting golfers from as far away as Ohope.

We continue to have a good number of players on Tuesdays and the introduction of Thursdays at 12.30pm is proving very popular. This has enabled us to socialise with the 18 Hole players and share in the Prize Giving. Hidden Holes each week has also been a hit.

We have many tournaments coming up in September, so we look forward to supporting our neighbouring clubs, Williamson, Waihi and Pauanui.

**Jan Stanley**

**Ladies Golf Captain**

**Golf Croquet Report**

Fickle winter weather has impacted this month’s play with quite a few no go days. However as usual these days’ numbers have been very strong when we have been able to play.

It’s good to see Tony back playing as well as weed eating and mowing around the hut. Thanks, Tony, for all you do. Also thanks to Rick for keeping our courts in good order.

**Michelle Mclean**

**Golf croquet captain.**