

TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)

Board Meeting

Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 4.00 pm, Clubhouse

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Ken Edwards, Brian Fellows, John Fraser, Jan Stanley, Steven Fang, Michelle McLean

As Secretary: Jean McCann

2. **Apologies:** Mike McCann

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (attached)** Moved Brian, Seconded Jan All in favour.

4. **Matters Arising**

Volunteer shout very successful as Invitation only event and much appreciated.

5. **Correspondence**

IN: Lawyer re John Sands

The Board discussed the personal grievance case that John Sands has brought against the TGCC.

John Fraser outlined the events that led to the position of Club Manager being made redundant.

The closure of SH25A and the terrible weather events we have endured since October 2022 has had a huge impact on our town's businesses and also upon your golf Club.

Our green fee income which we rely on so heavily to keep afloat and to keep your subscriptions at a reasonable level have been almost non-existent in comparison to previous years.

The Board has worked hard to ensure that the Club remains solvent, despite this, we are facing the prospect of making an operational loss for this financial year.

We have also worked very hard in recent months to retain our office employee even though with the downturn, weather and road closures, there became less and less for him to do.

We reached the position where there was simply not enough business happening through our Club to justify the continuing cost of a paid employee.

It was with regret that the Board made the decision, for the benefit of the Club, that the position of Office Administration Manager be made redundant.

Sadly, despite all of our efforts to retain his position through many months when there was little work available to justify it, this person has now chosen to make a personal grievance claim against your Club, which either way will result in more expenses for our Club which we can ill afford at this time.

Advice on this matter has been taken from lawyers and a claim has been lodged with the Club's Insurance Company.

Discussion ensued as to whether to remain with the current lawyers or to go with the Insurance company lawyers.

A motion was proposed to move to the Insurance company layers John Seconded Ken. All in favour.

OUT: None

6. Finance

- **Reports received:** Membership, Actual against Budget
- **Discussion of Club's short and long term finances.**
Green fees down by 45% and Club Income down in total by 45 to 50%
- **Approval of Payments**
That the Financial Reports be received Moved Ken Seconded Michelle. All in favour.
- Practice Nets: and it was resolved that the Club would apply to Pub Charity for the funding of the \$41,250 (plus GST) for this facility.

7. **Reports to be confirmed.** Moved Jan Seconded Brian All in favour.

8. Membership

No New members. Any members joining will be from the 1st of October, the start of the new financial year.

9. General Business

1. **Ladies Vets** 16 October to be held in Tairua Jan S to discuss with Jan Collier.
2. **Pétanque Court** Michelle went over plans and quotes received.
Michelle moved that two courts be built for a max of \$600 to be ready for the summer season. Seconded Ken All in favour.
Jean to investigate railway sleepers. Mailchimp to go out separately asking members for donation of pétanque balls.
3. **Plate in kitchen** needs cleaning. Brian to action.
4. **Evening of Karaoke and Music Quiz** (Jenny Tawa) with Burgers/Chips/Beer to be organised. Tentative date is 23 September. Mail Chimp to be sent out when finalised.
5. **Golf Tournament** organised by Enterprise Whangamata on 1,2 and 3 December. Friday and Saturday games of 60 each to be held in Tairua and Pauanui with final of 120 players at Whangamata.
6. Glass Washer a replacement to be purchased in September. Terry/Ken to action.

7. **Meeting closed 4.55 Pm**

Next meeting Tuesday 19 September 2023 (To discuss AGM)

President's Report

Whilst we still do not have many visitors it is nice to see some sunshine at last. We are told the bridge on 25a is on track which when open should bring back some welcome green fee players.

This month we had a small function to thank and acknowledge the faithful volunteers that continue to work tirelessly around the club, without them I don't know where we would be, so thank you all.

After a year of nursing the glass washer in the bar finally needs to be replaced. Also, one of the TVs in the club house gave up the ghost but a replacement appeared immediately, will be installed this week.

The front office is getting along ok without John but will need some more people when the busy season starts, if you are keen and able, please put your hand up.

Ken Edwards President

Course Report

Now the weather is starting to improve we will use machinery where possible to catch up areas that need attention.

Ladies have been cleaning up garden areas and spraying around the shrubs and waste areas. The wood mulcher is working very well.

If the weather stays settled Cart tracks and drains will be sprayed.

The new 7 green is coming along, and spring growth will give it a good boost.

A thanks to the club for the Volunteers night. It is great to see our many volunteers acknowledged.

Brian Fellows (Course Convenor)

Health and Safety Report

No incidents to report. I received a call from WorkSafe in regard to Rick McLean's mishap. After speaking with me, and directly with Rick, WorkSafe decided to investigate no further and the file is now closed.

John Fraser Health and Safety Officer

Men's Golf Report

I think it is the first time this year we have had a full month of scramble, and we played the full course. On Thursdays we play Nett and Stableford and on Saturdays we play Nett unless circumstances change.

Thursday 27th July, 10 players, won by Ray Russel.

Saturday 29th July, 16 players, won by Geoff Cambie.

Thursday 3rd Aug, 16 players, won by Kath Hale.

Saturday 5th Aug, 18 players, won by Tony Anderson.

Thursday 10th Aug, (Meat Pack Day) 17 players, won by Murray Graham.

Saturday 12th Aug, 13 Players, won by Warwick Rogers.

Thursday 17th Aug, 6 players, won by Mike McCann.

Saturday 19 Aug, 12 players, won by Mark Cory-Wright.

On Sunday Tairua Golf club hosted the Coastal Pairs Mixed Vets and congrats go to Bill and Brent for their organisation and to Margaret and her team of ladies in the kitchen who served a superb meal and to everyone who helped on the day.

Mike McCann

Men's Golf Captain

9 and 18 Ladies Golf Report

Congratulations to our 18 Hole Ladies who finished second to Hauraki in the Handicap Pennants Final. Robyn won all her matches and Linda, Connie, Nat, and Jan played in the four rounds of match play.

It was a chilly foggy start at Te Aroha, but the sun managed to come out during the afternoon play. The course was good as was the hospitality.

Final Results were Hauraki, Tairua, Pauanui, Te Aroha, Paeroa, Thames, Whangamata, Coromandel.

In the Coromandel Vets' Pairs Tournament played in Tairua on Sunday 13 August Connie and Murray finished second. Robyn Hayward also was called up to play when someone pulled out at the last minute, and she finished seventh with her partner out of 35 pairs.

Our next Vets tournament in Tairua is on Monday 16 October for both 9 and 18 Hole Golfers.

Anna, Carolyn, Jenny, and Jan played in a 9 Hole Tournament at Paeroa with Carolyn and Anna winning Stableford prizes. It was a very pleasant day, and it was great to be able to finally participate in Tournaments again after so many were cancelled earlier in the year.

We have had sunny or fine Tuesdays this month so we have had 14-16 players turn up each week to play on the Lower 9 hole's so this has been a real treat. We look forward to having many more sunny Tuesdays for the remainder of this year.

Jan Stanley

Ladies Golf Captain

Golf Croquet

The slightly settled weather has been great for play this month with full fields despite a lot of our players being away in warmer places.

Our end of July drinks and raffle was well attended with our birthday boy drawing the raffle and his own ticket! Well done, Graham, I hope you had a great day and many happy returns from us all.

Welcome to Tony Robinson and Brett Charmers who have joined our club.

Thanks to Geoff and Bruce (Crawford) for taking over mowing and maintenance on the greens whilst Tony is away, and Rick is out of action.

Also a huge thankyou to Kim and Mark for their generous donation of bags of cement, shortly we will have a working bee to concrete under our lean too.

Michelle McLean

Golf croquet captain.