

TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)
Board Meeting, 22 February 2023 at 1 pm, Clubhouse
Minutes

1. Present: Ken Edwards, Mike McCann, Brian Fellowes, John Fraser, Jan Stanley, Michele McLean, Steven Fang

As Secretary: Jan Stanley

2. Apologies: None

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:

- **Geoff Cambie contract** Geoff is happy with up dated contract and more than happy with increase verbally.
- **Land-Sar proposal** The letter from the Board re-offering 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. Bryan not happy. •
- **Emergency Response TGCC as Evacuation Center.** Civil Defence has decided to use St Francis House in future. Dylan has returned Golf Club keys. Pam Balt to attend next meeting?
- **Spark tower** Ken has sent letter to ask for Spark rep mention to contact him for further discussion. John will discuss with them about cell phone tower and Ken to discuss with Warren Maher Councillor for WRC>
- **John Fraser re Waikato council:** Emails and need for meeting. Jean suggested Jamie Boyle Club Manager and TCDC employer for coastal management be involved for his knowledge.
Staff Mana Grundling is working in the front office on Saturdays. ***Warwick is happy to work in bar on Fridays and Saturdays*** as an interim measure until Club Manager is employed.

• **Grants update from John Sands**

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

The Board also instructed John Sands to meet with Brett (Tairua Butchery) who would share his expertise with grant applications. After ratification today Ken will instruct John.

- **Golf Pro:** Jean contacted Jarred to find out information re golfing lessons for Ladies when golf recommenced.

5. Correspondence

IN: Pam Balt, Emergency Evacuation Procedures

OUT: Pam Balt

6. Finance

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

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

Finances hard hit. Ken to contact Terry and John re Mayoral Fund Jean to complete application form.

7. Reports to be confirmed Please circulate before meeting.

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

8. Membership

New members to be confirmed.

Full Golf: Fraser Simpson - (Our new local senior constable)

1st year Golfer: Murray Kerehoma - Graham

That new members be confirmed. Proposed Ken Seconded Mike . All in favour.

9. General Business

Course: Brian to talk to Geoff regarding the fill from the Pepe Bridge

No further business. Meeting closed at 2.pm.

Next meeting 29 March 2023

Apologies Mike McCann

Board Reports

Gabrielle smashed us causing devastation around a good part of the course, then came the clean up with all hands on deck, chainsaws going flat out dealing with fallen trees, too many to count. A team of heroes spent days raking and cleaning up fairways, rough and greens this is a thankless job that goes unnoticed. Then with no power a group of ladies produced morning tea for all of the workers, proving what a great club spirit we do have.

After a great effort Geoff was able to open the top course 3 days after the storm, which is a lot better than some of our close cousins

One of the wet Saturdays an email was sent out "bar open pool darts etc 3.00pm" Cabin fever had obviously set in as there were 4 members waiting at 3.00 follow closely by another 20 or so.

We are still getting good numbers for Marlene's dinners which does help keeping a few coins in the coffers.

First Friday saw Judith Plummer's name come out, she wasn't in the club so it jackpots again for March.

Presidents Report

Ken Edwards

President

Course Convenor Report

Cyclone Gabrielle has left a trail of large trees and many smaller trees uprooted all over the course. The course has been littered by windblown branches and other debris. Volunteers have been working with Geoff to clean up the course. The top nine holes were cleared sufficiently for golf to be played in the weekend. One area that required special attention was four green where trees had fallen on the bridge. If it wasn't for our digger this area would have been very dangerous to clear and repair. There is still trees to be cleaned up. The pine tree by seven men's tee is leaning on its mate and will need special attention.

This wet summer has made it difficult at times to keep the fairways and rough cut. The volunteers have been essential in helping Geoff in maintaining our course.

Events like this demonstrate the spirit of the Club.

Brian Fellows

Course Convenor

Health and Safety Report

Nothing to report this month.

John Fraser

Health and Safety Officer

Ladies Golf

On Monday 7 February we managed to have Opening Day with 21 players playing the Top 9 as the bottom fairways were suffering from constant rain.

It was a beautiful sunny day and we were able to play in three divisions. This happy day was followed by a Shared Lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Since then we have had Cyclone Gabrielle to deal with so we have been unable to play golf with the Course closed so our many volunteers have worked hard to have the Top 9 open for us.

On Friday 24 February the Karin McGirr Tournament is being held at Pauanui and on Monday 27 February The Beaches (9Holes) is also at Pauanui.

For Pennants this year we are going to be playing East Coast Clubs (Whangamata, Pauanui, Tairua and Mercury Bay) and Hauraki Clubs (Thames, Hauraki, Paeroa, Te Aroha and Coromandel). This will be done for 9 Holes only as 18 Hole ladies will travel.

Tairua Ladies will be running an Open Vets Tournament in association with BOPTV on Thursday 9 March. 18 Hole ladies can play in this if they are not going to play in the 18 Hole Tournament at Mercury Bay on the same day. This is Teams of 3. This is an Open competition.

Annette Eltringham is travelling to Millbrook on Friday 3 March to compete in the Final of Make Time Play 9 after being randomly selected as a Monthly Winner in a promotion run by Golf NZ. This is in conjunction with the New Zealand Golf Championship. The winner of this tournament flies to England to play in an invitational golf tournament leading into the British Open.

Jan Stanley

Ladies Captain

Men's Golf

What a Storm that hit the North Island. In Tairua I suppose we should consider ourselves lucky compared to some other areas.

There was quite a lot of trees and other damage to the golf course but thanks to the great volunteers at the club, most of the damage was sorted out and almost all of the downed trees have been removed. A big thank you to the ladies who helped them to keep their strength up by feeding them.

We did manage to get in some Scrambles since December, 19/1 we had 20 players, 21/1 24, 26/1 149/1 13, 11/2 11, 18/2 15.

Mike McCann

Men's Golf Captain

Golf Croquet

There is very little to report this month as most of our play days have been rained off.

Cyclone Gabrielle wreaked havoc flooding the courts and through our gear shed and croquet hut. The water reached the seats on the croquet shelters around the courts.

Special thanks to Peter who recently painted all our hoops, they look great. As always thanks to all the volunteers who helped clean up the courts and to Rick and Tony for their continued work keeping the courts in order so we can play.

Michelle McLean

Golf croquet captain