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

**Board Meeting**

**Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 4.00 pm, Clubhouse**

**Minutes**

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

**As Secretary:** Jean McCann

1. **Apologies:** Stephen Fang

That the apologies be accepted

Moved Jean Seconded Brian. All in favour.

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (attached)**

Moved Jan, Seconded Michelle. All in favour.

1. **Matters Arising:**

* **Late Payment of Subs:** Terry sends out monthly Invoices.
* **New Green Fees** actioned.

1. **Correspondence**

Ken tabled correspondence with Jan Collier. Board discussed issues raised.

**Mixed Club Tournament:** Prizes were awarded on merit. One Lucky draw was given for team who did not win a prize but were there at the prize-giving.

13 Men’s teams – won 4 prizes.

12 Mixed Teams – won 4 prizes.

1 Ladies only team – finished in 16 place.

Board decided no further action needed.

.**18 Holers being excluded from 9 Hole Tournaments.** All 18 holers are most welcome to play the 9 holes in a 9 Hole Club Tournament.

That the correspondence be accepted. Moved Ken Seconded Brian. All in favour. Carried

1. **Finance**

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

Ken informed the Board that Club Finances were in good shape as seen by the fact that from the 22 December when the road opened until the 21 January (one month) total income inclusive of GST was Green Fees $41578 and Cart Hire 9612. The Rugby Club Golf day was successful with $2400 in bar takings.

Moved that report be accepted Ken. Seconded Riki. All in favour. Carried

1. **Reports received.**
2. **Membership**

**New members to be confirmed.**

**Tertiary** Zach Kouwenhoven, Sam Schofield, Gabriel Hughes

**First Years** Kay van Lubeck, John Carson, Kim Kelly, Donna Hunt, Michael Cook, Leigh Young, Paul McKiddie, Frances Reid.

**Junior** Charlie Sinton, Ezekiel Wyper

**Full**

Glenn Kilpatrick

**Seasonal** Bill Innes, Terry Hughes, Gay Warrington, Lionel Warrington,

Jeff Turner

**Country Golf Affiliated** Lynley Rose

**Country Golf Non-Affiliated** Idrean Conning, John Rose, Diane Corin, Peter Shalfron.

Moved that the new members be accepted Michelle, Seconder Jan

1. **Staffing**

The Board discussed the need for a full time Manager to take over role that Ken and Terry now filling. Appropriate salary ranges for this role were noted as Auckland $90000 pa or $45 /hour. NZ average is $52000 or $25 /hour. However $74000 was more competitive.

Board agreed that Ken and Jean should compose advert and place on appropriate websites such as Golf Assoc and Seek asap.

In the meantime Board agreed to an independent contract with Ken and Terry for services rendered at an agreed rate. NB Ken not part of this Board discussion.

Moved John Seconded Brian All in favour. Carried.

Also agreed that a paid Course maintenance person to drive tractor was needed.

1. **Re-instatement of House Committee**

Jean moved that House Committee be re-instated as previously to facilitate the smooth running of the Club. As before comprised of Golf Captains, Kitchen (Margaret), Social (Anna) and Bar (Ken) rep. Jean to chair.

1. **Upcoming Events and Newsletter**

Garden Opening, Dinner by Netball girls on 1st March, Beeches Golf Tournament Monday 24, Business House Golf and Finals, Bay Insurance Ambrose Easter Sunday

1. **General Business** 
   * + 1. **Elvis Show – Ken**

12 October 80 people at $20+ per head to break even.

* + - 1. **Volunteer Shout**

April/May

* + - 1. **Club Prize Giving**

Formal dinner with guest speaker to be held in November. Marine to be asked to cater.

* + - 1. **First Friday Catering**

Board recognised need to organise catered dinners. House Committee to discuss.

Meeting closed at 5.25 pm

**Next meeting: Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 4 pm.**

**Reports**

**President’s Report**

Wow after two rubbish summers the weather gods finally got it right this year, the course has been busy, carts have been in and out and the bar has had a good patronage. Financially green fees and cart hire have hit numbers not seen for a very long time. We have had a lot of first-time visitors and some of the comments have been; “a great experience, wow what a hidden gem, one gentleman said what a xxxxxx magnificent course I have never played here before but definitely will be back.” These sorts of comments were common in the golf shop through the whole summer period, all concerned can be very proud of the way the course was presented along with gardens clubhouse etc. Our hospitality got a lot of positive comments as well. Our new outdoor area is looking great with the three new umbrellas along with four more donated by the fishing club and of course the new tables produced by Brian Cole (Coley). Sunday this area got a good workout as we hosted the annual Rugby Club funday which it really was, producing lots of laughter, an empty beer chiller and a full bar till. Pennant golf has started so looking forward to hopefully good results from all participating teams. May this weather stay with us a bit longer.

**Ken**

**Course Convenor Report**

The course is well groomed and looking a picture. thanks to all volunteers and staff that have been working over this summer period. Visitors have been very impressed and complimentary.

The new seats have had a second coat of paint and are now ready for the opening of the outdoor area.

Many of the drains and ponds have been cleaned using the digger. This will benefit drainage next winter.

The large pine tree in the wet area between 9&10 is being cut up for firewood.

I will be away in the South Island from 28 February until sometime in April.

**Brian Fellows**

**Health and Safety Report**

We have had one incident reported during this period.

One of our volunteers operating the log splitter got his hand caught between a log and the frame of the machine. He himself was operating the hydraulic ram at this time.

He suffered two badly lacerated fingers, one of which was broken in two places.

He was taken to Thames Hospital then to Waikato. His admission to Hospital meant that we were required to notify WorkSafe.

After telephone discussions with WorkSafe discussing the incident and the preventative steps we will take, they advised us that they

will have no further interest and the file will be closed.

**John Fraser**

**Men’s Golf Report**

With summer well and truly upon us and the weather gods smiling down on us both Thursday and Saturday Scrambles have seen great attendance this past month.

The Atkinson Shield marked the start of the golfing season and a good number of golfers played under excellent conditions. Kath Hale and Gareth Hughes were the winners of the day, each scoring 38 Stableford points and sharing the shield as the best female and male golfers.

Business House Golf is being held once again on Wednesday nights with a lot of support for the competition using the Ambrose format. We would like to thank the BBQ boys, Norm, and Bob, and those who man the bar each week for their help.

At the time of writing, Peter McGregor has won the Latham Cup with a Nett score of 69. Congratulations Peter! The men's golfing calendar is now available, so make sure to grab one at the office to keep up with the play. Until then, "Good Golfing Everyone."

**Riki Tawa**

**Ladies 9/18 Golf Report**

What a great start to the year we have had! We are having between 18-22 players on a Tuesday, and I know the early start of 8.30am has deterred a few from turning up. We will tee off at the later time of 9am in March.

We welcome Kay van Lubeck, Kim Kelly, and Donna Hunt to our 9 Hole Group.

It will be sad to say goodbye to Marian and Ken from Canada who have been playing regularly on our course (most mornings at 6.30am).

On Friday 23 February five 18-hole players and two 9-hole players will play in the Karin McGirr.

On Monday 26 February six 9 Hole players are playing in the Beaches at Tairua. This tournament is played between Titoki, Williamson, Pauanui and Tairua annually. Tairua holds the trophy at the moment.

In March we look forward to our Pennants beginning. 18 Holes begins on 4 March in Thames, and the 9 Holes begins on 11 March at Te Aroha. Now the road is open we will be reconnecting with the clubs over the hill.

We would like to thank the great work from Geoff, Alex and the many volunteers who make our course so good to play on.

**Jan Stanley Ladies Golf Club Captain**

**Golf croquet report**

After a short break over the Christmas New Year period croquet is now back to full swing. Despite the hot weather numbers are still very strong with over 20 being the normal play day figures.

Our lean too shelter has been well used this summer protecting us from the sun.

Shortly we are planning to have a Sunday BBQ and croquet to thank those who completed our shelter and concreted the base.

As usual thanks to everyone for maintaining our courts especially, Alex and Geoff in Rick’s absence.

**Michelle McLean Golf croquet captain**