

MINUTES OF MEN'S PLAYERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TAUPO GOLF CLUB ON SATURDAY NOV 14th 2009 COMMENCING AT 9.00am

PRESENT: George Lasker, Dick Fraser (Chairman), Neil Hickman, Ron Forbes, Bryce Cutler, John Howell, Michael Manden

APOLOGIES: Jason McIntosh

IN ATTENDANCE: Grant Hill

Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were approved as a true and correct record of that meeting. Approved Cutler & Lasker.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Roster – draft roster tabled. Members reminded to arrange replacement if unable to do duty.

Use of GPS devices on course – discussed use of these in club play and tournaments. Committee are aware of several players who utilise these devices and had no issue with their use. Consensus was to allow in casual, club and tournament play.

Action: Grant will put in place a suitable local rule.

Handicapping – Grant advised he has been reviewing handicaps of members based on results over recent months. Reminded committee that the handicapping system is based around a player's potential scoring ability and any players who consistently play below their current handicap may need an adjustment. The process for this is a request to Graeme Scott at NZ Golf.

Action: Grant will advise Dick of any players who may need an adjustment for consideration by sub-committee.

Raffles (George) – queried where funds are allocated from raffles. Grant advised that it is simply budgeted income to off set general expenses.

Jacob Messenger – application for Intermediate status. Test completed with Grant and Grant advised Jacob passed with his recommendation to play Saturdays. Neil Hickman has also played with him and supported application. Action: Committee agreed to accept application, Grant will issue formal letter and attend to upgrade to Intermediate status.

Prizegiving – suggestion that trophies won through the year be presented at year end again to provide more substance to the day. Committee agreed. Grant suggested that trophy should also be awarded on the day for publicity purposes, agreed.

Shootout – confirmed at \$30 which needs to be paid within 3 qualifying rounds.

Club day vouchers – board has directed savings be made by suspending club day vouchers for time being. Discussion arose around options such as running a \$2 club competition in addition to Proshop comp or finding weekly sponsors. It was agreed preference was to encourage players to enter Proshop competition. This left a need to find prizes for team/pairs events and Bryce suggested a sponsor be found to provide prizes for this. First day for this is March 14th which is split sixes and Neil is on duty. Neil has agreed to find a sponsor for this day. George will discuss with James options for his competitions to ensure maximum interest from players and best return to Proshop.

Communication from board (Neil) – encouraged more information to flow from board level to enable committee to be better informed when talking to members. Dick undertook to do this.

Committee members (Neil) – sought decision on position of Jason McIntosh on committee given his professional status and fact he will be away playing when meetings are held. Committee thought it appropriate for Jason to stand down and replacement(s) be sought. Action: Dick will approach members who have expressed an interest previously.

Special General Meeting – Dick reminded committee of importance of attending this meeting on Monday Feb 23rd. Board will advise current financial position, some ideas to remedy situation, and seek ideas from the floor.

Management structure change – Dick advised that the board had decided to “disestablish” the GM and Golf Manager roles and create a new combined Manager role. Application process underway. This will very likely have a significant impact on the requirements of the committee and suggestion was made to increase committee size to assist. Dick will approach some members to see if they can be seconded or if constitution allows for additional appointments.

Course information – Dick suggested that a copy of the Course Manager report be provided to committees to keep them informed. Action: Course manager please forward by email to both men’s and women’s committees.

Pennant Manager selection (John) – had received queries on how these were made. George advised that expressions of interest were sought at same time as players were sought.

Fairways (Bryce) – queried if the plan this year was to allow more length on fairways to help with avoiding dryness. Course Manager to comment.

Scorecard entry – Grant advised that the club will be progressively introducing “self entry” of scorecards for club day and casual play. This will assist with reducing staffing costs and also allow “hole by hole” scores on all rounds.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05am and thanked everyone for their attendance. **Next committee meeting: Saturday March 7th.**