

## **Minutes of Men's Players' Committee**

Held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.

Present – Mark Tito- Club Captain, Jason McIntosh, Russell Wineera, Bryce Cutler, Dick Fraser, and John Davis.

Apologies – Grant Hill.

Matters arising from previous meeting –

1. 9th tee Tauhara –tree branch not yet removed. Green keepers are down in numbers and flat out keeping ahead of grass growth.

Action – Check with Grant Wilson as to removal asap – John.

2. Centennial practice ground – replacement of distance markers - check with Grant re availability of suitable pipe etc – John

3. Pennant selector appointments – Committee's appointments were not included in minutes - the appointments to be added to the December minutes.

Mark has informed George Lasker and Daryl Morris that John Davis will be assisting them with this year's pennant selections. With four teams involved in Pennant play this year the Committee felt that two selectors would need assistance. –Mark to follow up..

General business -

1. The Mens' Players Committee believe it is their responsibility to appoint the pennant selectors each year, and will, in future years, ask for expressions of interest from club members before appointments are made. – Mark to include in agenda for future meetings.

2. Decision not to send a team to the Montana Tournament after three original selections could not attend was disappointing. We have sufficient senior golfers in the club available, and should have sent a team even if there was only a slim chance of winning the tournament. In future Mark wishes to be involved in the Montana and similar invitations sent to the Taupo Golf Club. – Mark to arrange a meeting with Bruce, Grant and the present selectors to discuss future opportunities.

3. After discussion re improvement in numbers of men golfers on Saturdays it was agreed to continue with a "Improve Saturday Golf" sub-committee. Committee members are Jason, John and Mark. Invitation to James Morgan to participate if he wishes – John to approach him.

4. Bay of Plenty Pennants. – Dick attended meeting on Marks behalf. Present format is up for discussion. Some clubs finding it difficult to find 10 seniors. The present format could benefit the Taupo Golf Club with the good numbers of low handicap seniors available. Committee will discuss with pennant selectors before making any comments. – Mark to arrange.

5. Table Cards – will we be continuing to use them this year? Committee feels they are well worth while, keeping the members well informed on future events. Mark to talk to Grant..

6. Discussion on Committee receiving minutes of Board meetings. Whilst it is recognised there will be some financial and personal aspects that would have to remain confidential, discussions and decisions involving members and the courses should be available. Mark may be able to give us a summary at each of our monthly meetings. With this in mind the Committee decided to continue with Monday night meetings , but they

will held on Monday evening following the Board meeting. - Mark to discuss with Board next meeting.

7. Our “Local Rules” board is in need of a face lift. The chalk board section is difficult to read and often fades out in adverse weather. A ‘whiteboard’ section may be more easily read. - Mark to discuss with Grant.

8. Stones in bunkers. There have been a few queries about the dangers of pumice and stones in the bunkers and the “local rule” in place during the “under 23’s” Tournament was discussed. It was agreed by the members of the Committee, recognising that the ‘Rules of Golf’ makes specific mention allowing the removal of stones in bunkers by declaring them to be ‘movable obstructions’ and the possible danger to players that a local rule be put in place. Possible wording would be - “Stones in bunkers are ‘movable obstructions’ and may be removed if the player believes he may endanger himself by playing a stroke and hitting the stone(s). It would be advisable to refer to the wording of the ‘local rule ‘ put in place during the under 23 tournament before listing this “Local Rule’. – John to discuss with Grant.

9. A discussion was held with possibility of “interclub’ events with other local clubs, possibly Wairakei. - John to investigate further.

10. Ray Trainor Memorial Trophy to begin with competition early March to determine initial positions of participants on the ladder. – John to discuss with Grant.

With no further business meeting finished at 7:10 pm.