

MINUTES OF MEN'S PLAYERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TAUPO GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY JUNE 25th 2007 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM.

PRESENT: Dick Fraser, George Lasker, John Davis, Mark Tito, Russell Wineera, Bryce Cutler, Jason McIntosh, Grant Hill

APOLOGIES:

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

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Grant advised:

Long Putt – over 18 rule implemented. First putt only rule overlooked and will be added.

Additional Blue markers – have been ordered and expected this week.

Tauhara practice green – Course Manager has advised that they will be planting gardens and improving area of second practice green once cobblestone work has been completed. We will likely direct players wishing to play lob shots to the second green and erect signage accordingly.

Course marshalling – round times were monitored the last two club days with last groups in after 4 hrs and 4 hrs 10 minutes. Grant marshalled during first round of strokeplay and all but one group were in touch with group in front all day. Suggested we keep monitoring and randomly complete marshalling.

Sunday events 2008 – Heineken have agreed to sponsor these events and Grant approached Three Putt Club regarding the Jim McCartney Memorial trophy as is made from over 100 Heineken bottles. They have kindly agreed that this trophy can be adopted for the overall men's winner.

Don Newman handicap – NZ Golf have agreed to provide handicap adjustment to 20.2 until July 22 when it will be reviewed.

Trees to protect 1st & 2nd tee's Tauhara – were planted on Friday along with 12th fairway. Further trees will be added to 12th fairway when budget allows.

Also:

Player of the year – some lively discussion was held regarding the merits altering the current point's allocation. There were opposing views over providing points when part of a winning team, compared to only earning points for individual performance. Grant agreed to put together a table showing how points are currently allocated, a scenario of only including individual performance, and an option of individual plus other events whereby individual scoring is not possible.

BOP Zone rep – John spoke to Ron and BOP were a bit early as not elected again until next year. Ron is keen to continue and BOP would prefer to see two zone reps from different clubs.

General Business:

George Lasker

Public Holiday weekends – queried why we do not schedule club golf on Saturday of long weekends such as Labour weekend and Queens Birthday. It was thought this was due to members historically being away & ensuring adequate course availability for visitors to maximise green fee revenue. Given the informal comp run on Queens Birthday attracted 40 players in wet conditions, it was thought sufficient demand is there to justify scheduling an event. Grant thought this could be done on these two weekends but care needs to be taken and that start sheets would be required to manage the demand. He thought this requires immediate work from General Manager and Board should we wish Proshop to be involved and implement this year. After discussion, it was agreed that Centennial should be left available all of Labour weekend but Tauhara could be used for a comp on Saturday. On Queens Birthday weekend, a comp could be run on Saturday on Centennial, and Tauhara Sunday.

Action: Grant to schedule a comp for Tauhara labour weekend Saturday. 2008 programme to include both labour weekend and Queens Birthday weekend Saturdays. Mark to raise start sheet issue at Board level. Grant to work with General Manager on options for start sheet.

Mark Tito

Frost delay protocol – queried who makes decisions currently and what guidelines are used to determine start time. Grant advised that during the week Course Manager liaises with Management/Proshop and on weekends Golf Manager/Pro/Office Administrator determines depending on who is available. There is no set guide as to when to open course as each day is different depending on cloud coverage and air temperature. Mark suggested identifying a specific green which could be used as a guide. Action: Grant to review with Course Manager and confirm decision making process with Pro and Office staff.

John Davis

Member conduct towards green keepers – queried if there had been any incidents of players not giving way to green keepers and being abusive. Grant was not aware of an issue but will check with Course Manager and if required a reminder on club day may be appropriate.

Grant

2 tee starts winter – the trial of 2 tee start was well received with good feedback from members. Grant sought committee feeling on implementing a 2 tee start

for main winter months of June to September, committee were in favour of this. He advised that the Saturday Ladies are being surveyed at present on their preferences.

Action: Grant to implement on days when Men have course to themselves. Once Saturday Ladies preferences have been established, he will determine how this may be possible when sharing the course.

Stableford in strokeplay – at suggestion of Mark, stableford prizes were included along with gross on Saturday for first round of strokeplay. Committee agreed that this was also appropriate for remaining rounds.

Visitors in Club day – recently several members' guests and country members have played in the Club day. While there has been no issue raised by members, Grant wished to seek confirmation from committee that this was appropriate. After discussion it was agreed:

Country members and member's guests can play anytime
Up to two visitors playing together can play after midday.
Visitors seeking a game on the day could be included at discretion of starter to fill gaps

These players are not eligible for the Club comp unless it is pairs/teams, but of course can enter the Proshop scramble.

36 Hole Foursomes – being held on a Sunday mid July. Given possible frost need to determine plan following a delayed start. It was agreed that the event would be reduced to 27 holes, with Tauhara played first for 9 holes, followed by 18 on Centennial.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting **closed at** and thanked everyone for their attendance. **Next meeting:**