

MINUTES OF MEN'S PLAYERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TAUPO GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY MAY 27th COMMENCING AT 5.00PM.

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

APOLOGIES: Russell Wineera

Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were approved as a true and correct record of that meeting. Moved Bryce Cutler, Seconded John Davis.

Matters arising:

Additional raffle working well

Capt V Pres – went well but 12pm latest start time preferred. Was 12.30pm this year in an attempt to coincide with Super 14 final.

Tauhara 2nd tee – awaiting tree spade to transplant some large tree's to provide barrier. Looking at further planting near green as deterrent. Also awaiting sign for 1st tee warning players. John advised he would be happy to provide some temporary screens if required.

Both **Juniors upgraded** are playing Saturday's with no problems

Carts around clubhouse – Bruce Klue is working with James on a plan. John suggested considering directing them around other side of practise green.

General Business:

Dick Fraser

Long Putt – despite the Liquor king sponsored Long Putt card stating players must be over 18, juniors have been putting name on it. Discussion arose about the merits of allowing them to be eligible as prize is a voucher rather than alcohol. Was decided the sponsor was not intending prize to go to juniors and therefore players must be over 18 to enter. Committee also decided that only first putt on the green should count, Grant and John disagreed. **Action:** Grant to remind juniors and add rule of first putt counting.

Mark Tito

Committee – reminded committee members that they should set an example on and off the course.

John Davis

Blue distance markers – has had suggestion further markers on Centennial 4,9,10,14,16 would be helpful. **Action:** Grant to pass on the Course Manager.

Strokeplay – suggested rules quiz prior to strokeplay, agreed June 16th when 2 tee start being trialled.

Distance markers – suggested trying placing some distances on sprinkler heads. Is happy to make some samples. **Action:** Grant to provide some distances for 1st hole to John.

Tauhara practise green – has noted players are playing lofted shots onto green and has concerns about the impact on playing surface. **Action:** Grant to discuss with course manager and determine if an issue and possibly direct players to alternative green.

12th fairway – previously identified issue of players hitting onto practise fairway. Grant advised trees are going to be transplanted to provide barrier and encourage players to play back to fairway.

Bryce Cutler

Discipline process – has received feedback from players that the recent penalty given to a player for breaching handicap rules was harsh given penalties given to players caught previously. Mark advised the sub-committee gave due consideration to circumstances of this case and without knowing the facts in previous cases it was difficult to compare. Committee agreed however that future players should be given the chance to formally reply to sub-committee on any punishment if they saw it appropriate.

Course Marshall – thought it may be time to Marshall club days, particularly on Centennial. Suggested a system of two committee members covering starting and marshalling each week. Some of committee did not think there was an issue. **Action:** Grant to monitor next two club days on Centennial and report back to committee.

Protecting hole – has noticed players retrieving ball from hole using putter potentially causing damage. **Action:** Grant to ask various club days to remind players.

Sponsored Sunday events – received a query on why an entry fee being charged for these sponsored events. Grant advised that in fact the “sponsors” receive naming rights as part of their overall sponsorship deal with the club and provide no direct contribution to event. These days were previously known as sponsored days but this year have been amended to “open tournaments” given we are encouraging visitors to play for a \$30 entry, and members \$5 entry. The entry also ensures a much better prize table as previously prizes were provided for from annual budget for Men’s & Women’s Club Days and around \$300 spent, now spending double depending on numbers. Currently averaging 80 players in these events with yesterday having 112.

Grant

Strokeplay June 23rd - sought confirmation of how draw is to be completed. Committee agreed to self entry on start sheet but keeping players of similar ability together. The same draw will apply to first two rounds, and subsequent rounds seeded. **Action:** Grant to post entry sheets.

Tappenden format – received a query from players recently on how this is played. There was some confusion over where handicap strokes are taken from. Traditionally players take shots on own card where they would normally receive them, and combined nett of pair is played against other pair. After

referring to NZ Golf (Graeme Scott) it appears that shots should be given by lowest handicapper as normally given in 4BBB. After discussion it was decided to keep format how it has been played since inception but this to be stated in programme book. **Action:** Grant note for 2008 publication.

Don Newman – is returning to golf after an illness and handicap of 12 is around half of current scoring ability. Grant suggested taking advantage of the ability to provide a 2 month temporary increase in handicap to assist return to club golf. Committee agreed. **Action:** Grant to submit request to NZ Golf.

Sunday events in 2008 – is working on a concept to schedule the Sunday Open tournaments as part of an overall series with a grand final at year end. Concept at this stage is for the best 3 stableford scores to count plus Grand finals core for overall prizes. Players must play in 3 events to be eligible for final. Is seeking a sponsor at present. Idea is to encourage players to play in as many Sunday events as possible and add further interest.

Player of the year – point raised by Linda Cooper that currently points are allocated based on comp of the day results which can be team based. This potentially provides the situation of players receiving points despite not playing well themselves. Committee thought there were arguments for and against this system and therefore further thought was required before any amendment to 2008 points allocation.

Handicap Pennants – scheduled to commence June 17, teams of 8, aggregate handicap index has increased to 80-130. Information provided to George to assist selections.

Pennant format 2008 – BOP has sought suggestions from Clubs. After discussion, agreed status quo was OK (10 man championship team playing singles matchplay) with Taupo but start to be encouraged for 10-11am to assist travelling to/from events.

BOP match committee – BOP have reminded zones that up to two delegates can be appointed from each zone. John Davis expressed an interest in joining Ron Duncan as a delegate. **Action:** John to discuss with Ron and advise Grant is nomination required.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting **closed at 6.30pm** and thanked everyone for their attendance. **Next meeting: June 25th 5pm.**