

Minutes of the Taupo Ladies Golf Committee Meeting held 6th Sept 2011, 2.30pm.

Present: Mary Plummer, Margery MacDonald, Grant Hill, Sheryl Painter, Sharon Bertram, Jenny Cory, Sue Jolly, Jenny Ewart, Colleen Tilson, Wynne Murdock, Alison Fletcher and Bar Hoadley.

Apologies: S Giller and L Hosking.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

- Club Matches - there had been some confusion as to how 4 Ball Best Ball matches had been played and it was suggested that the format for each competition be printed on the draw sheets.
- Wynne Murdock commented on communication from the pro shop which had improved since the last meeting.
- Sue Jolly corrected the vodka jellys recipe, water to be added.

Moved M McDonald, seconded B Hoadley minutes be approved.

Club Reports:

9 Hole Ladies: Wynne Murdock reported that their numbers were increasing, mainly due to the fine weather. They had also been travelling out of town to other tournaments.

New programme - disappointed that pennant days were held on Taupo Club days.

Mondays often clashed with other events. Mary suggested they enquire as to why the changes had been made but thought it was keeping in line with all pennant days being held on Mondays.

Vets: Alison Fletcher reported they had 44 for the mixed vets day. A few people had resigned from the Club which was mainly age related.

Saturday Ladies: In Lesley Hoskings absence Mary reported that Saturday ladies were chugging along nicely. Lesley and Carol Paewai had passed their referees exams. Congratulations to Lesley and Carol plus three other club members who had also passed.

Sub Committees:

Handicapping: Jenny Ewart reported that handicaps had gone out in the last couple of weeks, two games on Centennial was thought to possibly be the reason.

Divisions were discussed, numbers in silver were decreasing and bronze two were increasing.

Margery stated that the Club can set the criteria for divisions. It was decided the Committee consider changes for next year, a decision would need to be made before the new programme went to print. Grant stated that this could be tracked for a few weeks, analysed and reported back to the next meeting for discussion.

New Members: Grant reported that sixty members had resigned, mainly due to age and health reasons. Sixty were undecided or had not renewed their subscription - mostly country members. Two new lady members had been welcomed, from Heretanga and Manawatu.

General Business:

Tokoroa visit next week, stableford round on Centennial. Committee to bake for the raffle table.

Match Play - Club matches going well. Club semi's and finals 24th and 25th September, silver on Centennial, bronze on Tauhara. It was decided last year to play the bronze divisions on Tauhara to attract more entries, disappointing to note that this had not made a difference.

Draft Plan 2020: Mary spoke on this document and encouraged committee members to forward their comments to her before the Board meeting next week. Discussion took place regarding the costs of maintaining two courses as opposed to only one which would always be difficult financially. It was hoped that the Rugby World Cup would attract more green fee players.

9 hole extra days: Grant spoke on the men & women's 9 hole club evolving and questioned whether the Club was offering enough for this group. He explained the concept of the idea of combining playing days which would encourage more members to play - this would also be open to 18 holers who were not always able to play a full round. Membership was dropping, new and alternative ideas needed to be implemented. The target would be to try to encourage 9 holers to join and play more. Comments had been received that there are people who would like to play 9 holes but Monday club days did not always suit. Discussion took place as to how this would be run and it was suggested that the Pro Shop could organise the competition for the day, subject to course availability etc. With the need to look outside the square and seek alternatives which would hopefully encourage golfers to play more and attract new members the Committee were generally in favour.

Shoot Out: Margery offered to organise with the help of Colleen. Format to be same as last year - field split into two lots of 9 holes with the winners playing off.

Melbourne Cup: Tuesday 1st November - Sheryl, Sue and Sharon to investigate ideas for the day.

Dorothy Garland: Committee competition to be held at Turangi 3rd October. Two members of each committee to play.

Pennants - Expenses: With the Club trying to reduce costs, expenses for pennants were discussed. The Committee agreed that players pay for their own lunch but petrol costs should still be covered.

Boat Trip: Sue Jolly offered to organise another boat trip, date to be 15th November, a poster to be placed on the notice board well before this date.

Mid Winter Xmas Pairs Tournament: Mary to investigate the dates of the Fiji tournament next year with the possibility of changing our tournament date to enable more ladies to enter as it had clashed this year.

With no further business the meeting closed - next meeting Tuesday 4th October.