

**MINUTES OF MEN'S PLAYERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TAUPO GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY OCT 1st COMMENCING AT 5PM.**

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

Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were approved as a true and correct record of that meeting. Moved Bryce, seconded Russell.

Grant updated previous minutes:

One prize per person has been well received

Remaining Tree removal areas are awaiting the loan of a bulldozer to remove debris before they can be shaped & seeded.

**General Business:**

**Dick Fraser**

***Alcohol on course*** – raised concern having played with players in the club champs that were drinking during the match. Mark added that he was not impressed with conduct during the Centennial shootout which may have also been influenced by alcohol. It was agreed that in the next shootout no alcohol would be available until the 10<sup>th</sup> and that it would be for sale rather than free to participants. Mark has spoken to those concerned.

***Club champs qualifying*** – has had several comments over the need for 36 hole qualifying as puts some players off. Committee were in agreement that this was still appropriate as finals are 36 holes.

**Russell Wineera**

***Centennial 15<sup>th</sup> out of bounds*** – there is some confusion over where the OB line is on left of fairway by the pond. Currently it is not clear where the white stake joins fence line. Suggested painting the post on fence line to clearly define. Action: Course Manager to investigate & address.

**George Lasker**

***Standard of dress*** – reiterated that this needs to be enforced in particular with visiting players in Pennants. Grant suggested adding this to draw when sent to clubs.

***Junior Academy/Development squad*** – considers there to be a need for a programme to advance our juniors playing club golf to the next level. Suggests providing coaching to assist with areas such as course management and monitoring own playing statistics along with technical coaching where required and encouraging players to enter outside tournaments. George is prepared to devote time to this and step down from Pennant selector. Committee agreed this was a great idea, Mark suggesting that an Academy to attract other young players could be considered. Action: George to identify the resources he needs and discuss with Grant Hill & Bruce Klue.

## **Mark Tito**

**Shootout** – Tauhara shootout to be managed again by John Yates & Russell Wineera. Dennis Allan is promoting the Calcutta. To assist with managing future Shootout's Mark & Dennis have drawn up some rules/guidelines which were reviewed by committee and agreed to.

**Club Champs** – Michael Manden made formal complaint regarding conduct of Andrew Christie on course. Mark has spoken to Andrew. No further action required unless further complaints forthcoming.

**Greens for club champs qualifying** – Mark advised the committee that a greenkeeper made an error of judgement on the day & decided he could only rope the greens and change pins before players teed off. Club management were dealing with the situation.

**2008 committee** – Mark reminded committee that nominations open next month & to approach any suitable candidates.

**Smyth trophy** – advised the day was a success despite the weather conditions and that Taupo finished 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Putaruru.

**Club day sponsorship** – sought feedback from committee on this item raised last meeting. An option considered is finding a sponsor for each of 3 divisions for which there would be around 30 weekly prizes required. Dick was nominated as best placed to consider this further.

**Pennants** – competition starts early February. Suggested preparing teams early and getting commitment from players for the dates. As George is stepping down as co-selector, discussion arose on how selections and teams should be handled next year. Concept of appointing a Head Selector and then 5 Team selector/Managers was agreed upon as would provide more autonomy and responsibility for managers who give up their Sundays.

Action: Grant to post notice seeking expressions of interest for Manager/Selector positions. Once dates are known also seek interest from players to form squads.

## **John Davis**

**Referee in club champs** – noticed that we were unable to arrange this and Grant advised that our few qualified referees were unavailable for various reasons.

**Tree roots extending into Centennial 9<sup>th</sup> fairway** – suggested that these should be taken care of as part of tidy up of this area.

**Course changes** – noted that under the new club constitution the players committee can act as advisors for course work and that this did not seem to have been the case with changes following tree removal programme. Grant was not aware of this and will clarify with Bruce and advise.

## **Bryce Cutler**

***Starting on club day*** – on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> players were directed to start at 10<sup>th</sup> tee and ended up holding club day field up. Grant will investigate.

***Rabbit scraping*** – sought clarification on what relief is available, in particular when the rabbit scraping is under a tree. Various opinions were provided by committee and in the end Grant will seek clarification from a Referee or NZ Golf.

## **Grant**

***Tauhara course changes*** – proposal to build a new forward tee on the 7<sup>th</sup> to alter hole to a Par 4 for ladies. The committee were keen for this but preference was for the men's tee to remain back provided tee surface could be suitably improved. Hole layout also proposed with hole 8 & 9 to be swapped with 12 & 12 – provides 2 Par 5's on each course, overcomes issue with 8<sup>th</sup> tee/10<sup>th</sup> green, and provides better finishing position for 9<sup>th</sup> green – committee were in favour.

***Champion of champions*** – being held at Ohope on Saturday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Matchplay or Strokeplay winners but not runner-up eligible. Committee agreed that strokeplay champions should go in first instance. Caddies were agreed upon and therefore accommodation for 6 needs to be booked along with a practise round. **Action:** Grant to book practise round & accommodation & check player availability.

***Min-woo (Mark) Hong*** – has applied for Intermediate membership and completed test/trial round with Grant. Grant has recommended Mark as having sufficient knowledge and maturity to make the stop up. He has played School Interclub and a trial round on a Saturday. Committee approved application. Action: Grant will advise Mark.

***Presentation day*** – Nov 24<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately same day as champion of champions. Committee agreed to same format as last year with lunch as part of entry following meeting.

***Liquor King*** – starters required 8-9am Saturday & Sunday. Russell volunteered for Sunday & Dick if required. Men's prizes have been purchased by Grant, committee to assist with presentation on Sunday afternoon.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting **closed at 7.35pm** and thanked everyone for their attendance. **Next meeting: Monday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 5pm.**