

Whakatane Golf Club

Greens Committee Meeting

8th February 2022, 5.30pm

Attendees: Wayne Aldridge, Tukai Ellis, Rema Hinds, Jenny Shaw, Ross Corbett, John Anderson, Ross Burrows, Stu Carney

Previous Minutes

Minutes taken as distributed and read

Correspondence

No correspondence received

Course Plan Document

No discussion was had re course plan holes 10 – 18.

Greenkeeper report

Tukai tabled concept sketches for development of bunkers and surrounds of 9th Green. Materials required are “in house”, no contractor required, access to a digger and labour all by volunteers.

Tukai to resurrect and distribute a machinery replacement schedule for info and recommendations to main committee

Tukai investigating equipment for reseeded of fairways, possibility of joint venture with other local clubs. More info to come

Tukai briefly explained estimates of costs for irrigation system upgrades from existing report ex 2006

Course improvements

1. Reema tabled early concepts for developments in front of the clubhouse. Development of ideas to continue with a target date of June meeting to have a plan and estimate completed for submission to the main committee
2. Edger for use on paths purchased. Tukai investigating cheaper option for blades.
3. Ross Corbett raised issue of safety on 9th hole and vision of players in front not being visible from the tee. Suggestion was made of possible lowering of crest of hill at end of cart path. Different options to be investigated and a viable solution to be decided.

Ongoing action items from previous meetings

1. 140 odd Kanuka trees in a nursery ready for planting. First area is left side of 15th fairway where replanting is required where some plants have not survived. The surrounding grass to be cut back to a manageable length.
2. Conifer trees to the back of the 14th green to be removed and the area developed into a natural species garden. Tree removal in April, area development in May.

3. Re shape bunker left of 9th green and create a new bunker short and left of the green. Work scheduled for April – May after scheduled green renovations. Digger required, Tukai to organise. (when digger is here, remove selected old tree stumps)
4. Norfolk pines to be removed where wind blown debris from these trees affect maintenance for greens and fairways. In particular : right of 12th fairway, right of 13th fairway and left of 10th green. Action required before winter “seed shed”
5. Rental of a tree relocation spade to uproot & relocate “nursery trees” currently planted around green keepers shed. Action Tukai

Need for helpers on course, next scheduled event is greens renovations followed by tree removal in April – No change

Meeting closed approx. 6.30

Next Meeting: 5.30 pm Tuesday 8th March 2022