

# Whakatane Golf Club

**Greens Committee Meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 5.30pm

**Attendees:** Wayne Aldridge, Tukai Ellis, Jenny Shaw, John Anderson, Ross Burrows, Stu Carney

**Apologies:** Rema Hinds, Ross Corbett

## **Previous Minutes**

Minutes taken as distributed and read

## **Correspondence**

Email received from bunker rakers, green 16. More sand required

## **Course Plan Document**

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

## **Greenkeeper report**

Worm castings prevalent on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> green surrounds, treatment by spraying required

Kikuyu grass areas - spraying with fusillade or grazon to be done

Coring – Estimate received from core harvester contractor ( approx. \$5.5k ). Picking up of cores to be as usual, volunteers. Jenny and Stu seek interest from members by notice for volunteers for the many jobs required during renovation week. List of main tasks to be coordinated by Wayne on the first day. Design of a core pick up machine that can be adapted to existing machinery to be investigated for the future.

Burn off of rubbish pile in renovation week, permit required.

Management committee have approved engagement of a greenkeeping apprentice. Letter to be sent to membership requesting any interest from known family or friends for this position.

## **Course improvements**

1. Developments in front of the clubhouse. Work on this to continue with a target date of June meeting to have a plan and estimate completed for submission to the main committee
2. Blades ordered for path edger.
3. Sand to be topped up in all bunkers that require it, Tukai to advise
4. Blind driving holes, member safety. Agreement was reached to install a suitably worded sign for tees 2 and 9 and to encourage member awareness.

## **General**

Ladies have reported “morning glory” on bank below 16<sup>th</sup> tee

Tree on 7<sup>th</sup> fairway removed as it was unsightly and unsafe condition following removal of broken branches.

Green keeper revenge 26<sup>th</sup> March. Options for a fund raiser to be looked at  
Fence battens, price received, Management committee to approve purchase

**Ongoing action items from previous meetings**

1. 140 odd Kanuka trees in a nursery ready for planting. First area is left side of 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> fairway, right of 13<sup>th</sup> fairway and left of 10<sup>th</sup> 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
6. Tukai to resurrect and distribute a machinery replacement schedule for info and recommendations to main committee
7. Tukai investigating equipment for reseeding of fairways, possibility of joint venture with other local clubs. More info to come
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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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022**