

Whakatane Golf Club

Greens Committee Meeting

12th April 2022, 5.30pm

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

Apologies: None

Previous Minutes

Minutes taken as distributed and read

Correspondence

Letter from visitors from Bridge Pa Golf Club following a round played at WGC. Constructive criticism as follows : Lack of direction signs after each hole, for a course with fairway watering – too many bare patches

Action as a result of this letter – Review of signage to be done and Blind Driving holes safety sign (as previous minutes) to be taken into consideration - **Action Rema**

Course Plan Document

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

Greenkeeper report

Worm castings prevalent on 2nd and 7th green surrounds, treatment by spraying required. Not done

Kikuyu grass areas – first spray done, evidence by yellowing, due for second spray

Coring – Green coring completed but due to the weather, insufficient sand applied, time scale of application of fertilizers resulting in green recovery slower than usual.

Core collector – design and build of a unit to make collection of cores easier and more efficient. Budget item required and more discussion required to evaluate priorities over concrete path budget item.

Burn off of rubbish pile in renovation week, permit required. Not done due to wet weather

Greenkeeping apprentice. – Suitable candidate has been selected by Tukai, contract formulated and with Club Management Committee for review. Action required asap as candidate availability to start is Tuesday after Easter.

Course improvements

1. Developments in front of the clubhouse. Rema submitted her design for discussion and comments
2. Sand to be topped up in all bunkers that require it, Tukai to advise
3. Tukai advised first tree to be removed is dead gum on left of 18th fairway followed by diseased tree at 11th tee. These to be done before any others. Trees on back of 14th green to be done in May.

4. Bunker redesign at 9th green on hold until digger is available.

General

Course Sub-Committee Terms of Reference Document distributed for everyone's review and input. Following discussion, a vote of congratulations to be passed onto Wayne & Megan for their efforts in producing a fine effort.

Ladies have reported "morning glory" on bank below 16th tee. ???

Green keeper revenge 26th March. Options for a fund raiser to be looked at. Not done

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 May, area development in after trees are gone and stumps removed
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 sheduled green renovations. Digger required, Tukai to organise. (when digger is here, remove selected old tree stumps). Not done due to digger availability
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". Not done
5. Rental of a tree relocation spade to uproot & relocate "nursery trees" currently planted around green keepers shed. Action Tukai
6. Tukai investigating equipment for reseeding of fairways, possibility of joint venture with other local clubs. More info to come

Meeting closed approx. 7.30pm

Next Meeting: **Date to be advised**