

Whakatane Golf Club

Greens Committee Meeting

5th July 2022, 5.30pm

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

Apologies: None

Previous Minutes

Minutes taken as distributed and read

Correspondence

None

Course Plan Document

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

Greenkeeper report

Tukai advised approximately \$1k of TC meal purchased. Fairways 12, 15 and 17 treated. Some left over to treat some tees again.

Stockpiled cores from green renovations have been applied to bare areas on fairway 15.

As an alternative method and as a trial, bare patches and surrounds of fairway 10 have been cored and harrowed, renovation cores will be applied to the bare patches and seed spread on top. **To give this process a “fair go” the weekly newsletter is to advise players of the rule regarding Green Keepers Workings and a requirement to compulsory drop off areas under repair. Also the newsletter to keep reminding cart users to keep off fairways whenever possible and especially low lying wet areas. Action Tukai & Wayne**

Greenkeeping apprentice. – Corben will be away on his second block course for this year, 12th to 14th July. Following block courses will be once yearly for the remainder of his apprenticeship.

No major equipment issues to report, only minor repairs

Electrician that the club uses for control systems etc is working on a data telemetry “thingy” to satisfy the water usage data required by the local council.

Golf Matters Conference 2022. Tukai outlined the content and approximate costs of the conference which is to be held in Christchurch from the 8th – 11th August. The committee advised Tukai to submit a proposal to the main committee via Wayne for him to attend, outlining best estimate of costs and benefits to the golf club of him attending this conference.

Course improvements

1. Bunker renovation at 9th green. Progress has been hampered by inclement weather, the severity of which was not anticipated for this time of year. Following three wash outs due to rain, work has continued and the original shape is being modified and extended slightly back towards the tee. The additional bunker short of the green (as per the course development plan) is to be shelved for the time being.
2. Tukai has completed a list and plan for removal of diseased and damaged trees, however this was not available for circulation at this meeting.
3. Next tree to be removed is the diseased macro on the left side of 6th fairway. This will not be started until completion of this years BOP Open
4. Tree stump removal by stump grinder: Matt Lees, contractor in Kawerau has estimated a cost of \$300 per hour. Andersen Tree Removal wants to see the scope of work but ball parks the cost at \$200 per hour. This item to be investigated further.
5. Rema submitted a concept proposal for path modifications at tees 2 and 9. Following discussion, this was rejected and what is indicated in the course plan is a more suited option. No action at this stage.
6. Ladies committee have advised availability of funds preferably to be spent on concrete cart paths. Priority is the path from 17th green to 18th tee. Scope and cost estimate to undertake this work to be developed. Stu to contact Coast Concrete and organise a suitable date for onsite discussion and measure

General

Wayne to follow up with John Crawshaw re core collector.

Person required to control design, species and planting of garden area behind 14th Green

Firewood sales: Sale of firewood is to remain closed for the time being. Discussion was had around control and conditions of sale. It was agreed that pick up was to be from bins only, however the control and potential relocation of the bins, available days and time for pick up needs to be reviewed. Stu to develop a draft proposal for review and submission to the main committee.

Ongoing action items from previous meetings – See Table attached

Meeting closed. 7.30 pm

Next Meeting: 2nd August 2022

WGC Greens Committee - Collective Action Items

(These items are not inclusive of Greenkeeper & staff day to day activities and measures to manage course conditions)

Item	Description	Origin Date	Action By	Planned Implementation & Completion	Dependencies	Task Completed
1.	Remove dead twisted gum tree, left 18 th fairway	12/4/22	T Ellis	31 April '22	Trained chainsaw operator, suitable weather, helpers to clear up	19/4/22
2.	Remove diseased tree, back of 11 th tee	12/4/22	T Ellis	31 April '22	Trained chainsaw operator, suitable weather, helpers to clear up	27/4/22
3.	Review course direction signage for visitors	12/4/22	R Hinds			Not required
4.	Review of need for signage on blind driving holes, 2 & 9	8/2/22	T Ellis	August '22	Safety Issue, member & committee input. Tukai to organise	
5.	Design & build core collector – feasibility study and budget	8/3/22	W Aldridge	March 2023	Design suitable for use with existing equipment, budget approval	
6.	Rubbish pile burn off	8/3/22	T Ellis	31 April '22	Fire permit. Suitable weather	As required
7.	Front of clubhouse developments, concept for discussion	17/1/22	R Hinds	31 April '22	Existing layout, to scale, Rema Availability	12/4/22
8.	Remove tree species behind 14th green	17/1/22	T Ellis	May 2022	Trained chainsaw operator, suitable weather, helpers to clear up	May 22
9.	Develop “natural species” garden behind 14 th green	17/1/22	W Aldridge	Sept 2022	Item 8, tree removal, excavator for stump removal, labour resource to assist. Designer and coordinator req'd	
10.	9 th green bunker renovation (as per course improvement plan)	17/1/22	T Ellis	August 2022	Grass growing conditions	
11.	Remove selected old tree stumps	17/1/22	T Ellis	July 2022	Excavator or grinder	
12.	Norfolk pine removal where windblown debris affect green & fairway maintenance	17/1/22	T Ellis	July/Aug 2022	Trained chainsaw operator, suitable weather, helpers to clear up	
13.	Investigate over seeding equipment, budget and possible joint venture with neighbour clubs	8/2/22	T Ellis	August 2022	Work in progress	

14.	Investigate rental of tree spade for relocating nursery trees planted around green keepers shed	17/1/22	T Ellis			Not required
15.	Machinery replacement plan & budget	8/2/22	T Ellis & W Aldridge	July 2022		
16.	Path maintenance – purchase blades as a cheaper option	17/1/22	T Ellis	March 2022		March 2022
17.	Fairway bare patch – remedial work to areas where existing irrigation is available. Research suitable solution	17/1/22	T Ellis		Favourable weather, action plan, resources, seed etc	Trials being done
18.	Trees for removal identified and listed by Tukai. Present list at next meeting		T Ellis	August 2022		