



## MOTUEKA GOLF CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

**Present:** President Peter Johnson presided over the meeting.  
Emily Greenhough, Secretary  
Geoff Milnes, Treasurer

S Johnson, R Edwards, V Drummond, G Thorn, B Riordan, N Westrupp, I Fell, K Fell, P Hay, B McKay, K Lally, J Champion, A Tasker, G Taylor, K Armstrong, J Martin, R Miekele, N Van Leeuwen, D Graham, B Walker, R Bruinsma, S Jones, B Walsh, S Park, R Guild, R Bullock, M Inwood L Bixley, P Cederman, Gaye Milnes, S McGeown, C McGeown, B Ilton

**Apologies:** J Overall, T Appelman, J Hall, S Ilton, J Bullock, K McConchie, G Latimer, P Taylor, Anne Lawrence, R Frater, J Frater, M Rayner, J Lally, A Fenemor, L Cocks, J Inglis, E Hay

*B Riordan moved the apologies be accepted    Seconded: N Westrupp    Carried*

**Bereavements:** The President asked all members to remember those past members who have passed away during the past year: David Melville and Lincoln Senior, apologies that Lincoln was missed at last years AGM.

#### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting having been posted on the Notice Board for 3 months following the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be taken as read and moved to be a true and correct record.

*Moved: R Edwards    Seconded: N Westrupp    Carried*

#### **Presidents Report – (Peter Johnson)**

Another year has flown by and I have the pleasure of presenting my sixth report as your President.

In my opinion the first task in a Presidents report is to acknowledge and thank the many people who make our club what it is. Please bear with me as it is a long list! Firstly, Nick and Ian, thank you once again for the fantastic effort you both put in to make our course what it is. The reputation of our course continues to grow and many long standing members of our club have commented to me in recent months that they believe the course is in the best condition it has ever been in. Having a favourable year, weather wise, has certainly helped but the efforts you have put in, particularly in new drainage and green maintenance has been outstanding. We are lucky to have you both!

To the Woodies, we have put in another stirring year. Wood income is down, mainly due to the fire and machinery ban we had for most of the summer, but the work effort, if anything is up. To front up almost every Monday and Thursday morning doing the many and varied jobs we do is another critical success factor for our club.

Lets just hope that we don't get too many trees falling over in the coming year because, while we are getting older, the trees are certainly getting bigger!  
To the many ladies who assist on the course thank you so much. Your work is greatly appreciated. As is the work the guys do as relief mower drivers when Nick and Ian call for help.

To my Management Committee thank you for your support and commitment over the last twelve months. Rex, in your role as Match Committee Chairman you have added so much to our club, not the least being improving the vocabulary of the Saturday golfers with your never ending, if somewhat obscure, supply of "words of the day". Rob thanks also for presiding over the House Committee. Bryan you continue to be my rock and your guidance and advice is invaluable to me.

Thanks Grace for another full on year as Ladies Club Captain. Tony thanks also for your humour, enthusiasm and jokes of the day. Your Saturday presentations are always a highlight despite the fact that they can make me somewhat nervous. To all the members who sit on the House and Match committees, you are the oil that makes our machine run so smoothly, thanks heaps.

Also thanks to Kevin and his helpers who so capably run our "She Loves Golf" programme. A programme that has also morphed into a "He Loves Golf" programme. Both of which create a steady stream of new members to our club.

To Rob, Jenny and Rachel thanks for being the face of our club. We really appreciate both your food and your smiling faces. The way you greet visitors to our club is always a delight to me and you really do live our goal of being "The Friendliest Golf Club in the Top of the South". When thanking people there is always the risk that you miss someone out and if I have done that I apologise. However I want to mention one more person for the work they have done this year. Daryl Graham has been outstanding in project managing our new deck and, on behalf of our grateful members, I thank you for that Daryl.

To the many golfers who have represented our club in various events throughout the year, congratulations. At the risk of repeating myself, congratulations to Mike and the Sloan team for once again restoring the Sloan Trophy to its rightful place. My congratulations last year proved to be premature but order has been restored this year. To our 18 hole ladies, congratulations on retaining the Acheson Cup and the 9 hole ladies on retaining the Biddie Smith Trophy. Those of you who have got your names on the honours board during 2019 should be very proud. But just as importantly thanks to all our members who participate in the various comps throughout the year. It is your participation that makes the comps as interesting and competitive as they are.

We now come to our family of Sponsors and Partners. We are so lucky to have you all. To Greg and his team at NBS thanks for the continued support and confidence you have in our club. To our new partners who joined us this year, Hamish.Fletcher Lawyers and Bowater Hyundai/Isuzu, welcome! We hope our relationship with both your companies continues to flourish. To our members, if you need the services of a quality Law Firm or want to purchase a quality car then these are the places to go! You know what I am going to say next and I make no apology for it. These relationships are a two way thing, we, as members, need to support those who support us. So please put our sponsors on you shopping list and, better still, let them know why you are purchasing from them!

I will now move on to look at some of the outcomes of the last twelve months. Our machinery replacement programme continues in line with our strategic plan. This

year we purchased a Fairway Mower at a cost of \$70,000. Our old mower is still going but nearing the end of its life. We agreed to retain it as a back up. We also purchased a Drain Cleaner. Cost \$5000, previously we did not have the ability to clean our drains and we realise that this is becoming more important, particularly as we continue to replace, improve and create more drains on our course.

The other capital expense item was our new windows, door and deck. I am sure that all will agree that this has made a significant difference to our clubrooms. Not only as an extension to the clubrooms themselves but also a huge improvement to the vista from within the clubrooms. The cost was close to \$25,000.

This year I applied to The Lion Foundation for financial assistance with our deck and Pub Charity for assistance with the purchase of the fairway mower. I was successful with both applications and we received a total of \$49,200. I want to acknowledge the assistance that has been provided by both organisations and thank them for the confidence they continue to show in our club.

Our website continues to develop and is becoming increasingly popular. By way of comparison we had 8,125 visitors to our website in October last year compared with 11,187 in October this year. Visitors viewing our website went from 1,864 last October to 3,867 this year. We have a wealth of information on the site and I encourage members to use the website to enter our open tournaments. It makes the Match Committees job a lot easier.

Our membership across our main categories has remained virtually the same as last year which is an excellent effort. Our overall membership as at end October was 410 compared with 374 at the same time last year with this increase occurring mainly in the junior categories.

While our Treasurer Geoff will go into our financial performance in more detail I wouldn't be true to form if I didn't make some comments. Firstly let me say that our financial performance, in my opinion, is outstanding and it would be the envy of many clubs in New Zealand. Secondly, let me say, that this doesn't come about by chance. It happens as a result of a number of factors, a few out of our control such as weather. But a result like this mainly comes about as a result of good systems, a welcoming environment, a quality course, hard work and planning.

You will recall that last year we were adversely impacted by the two cyclones. With our course suffering, this naturally flowed on into our financials. The weather has certainly been kinder this year. Our income is up across most lines and our expenditure flat on last year. Which means our financial perform is significantly up on 2018. Which is excellent. However if you go back two years income lines are very similar to 2017 while our expenditure is up. We have therefore not replicated the spectacular result of 2017. However a profit of \$49k after depreciation is still an outstanding result.

The other very pleasing result this year is that we have maintained our cash position in relation to last year. This is an excellent position to be in. It gives us the flexibility to continue to meet the goals as detailed in our strategic plan but, just as importantly, a buffer against adverse weather events such as occurred in 2017. A healthy bank balance comes with its own temptations but my view is that, like any good business, an accumulation of cash is an insurance against the future. It is hard earned and should be protected accordingly.

I now move to next year. A significant event in the history of our club. 100 years is a major achievement and I acknowledge and thank the centenary committee who have been working hard to ensure it is a significant and enjoyable year for the club and for

the members. A few years ago I was approached by Norma with a proposition. She proposed to me that if she was here for the centenary then would I stay on as President. To ensure this happens she has nominated me each year since! I am meeting my side of the bargain by standing again next year and I have no doubt that Norma will keep her side of the bargain as well.

This last year has been another year of challenges, progress, satisfaction, frustration, fun, debate and commitment. The same as the previous five actually. Next year will be my seventh year as President. That's a hell of a long time, in fact it is the same length as the average marriage! It will also be my last as your President as I have no intention of outstaying my welcome. I will continue to support the club as I always have and assist the incoming President in whatever way I can. Likewise next years Motueka Open is my seventh as Tournament Convenor and it's time for someone else to step up there as well.

Finally I acknowledge Shona for the tireless work she does for our club, not just for the great work she does liaising with our sponsors but the work she does on the course, assisting with the Open and keeping me sane and on track. So thats my Presidents report for 2019. I welcome any questions from the floor and wish you all good golfing for 2020.

*Peter moved the adoption of the President's report – Seconded: B McKay Carried*

### **Green Keeper's Report - (Nick Van Leeuwen)**

Hi guys, so I'm a whole lot happier than I was 12 months ago, with the weather and course really playing ball! We have made some really good progress with drainage around the course with the areas holding up a lot better when we do get periods of wet. We will continue to put in more drains as required and as the weather and time allows. I think the biggest improvement has been the fairways, considering how poor they had got after a couple of wet seasons this has been mainly down to the amount of verti draining we have done, although time consuming you can now see the benefits. The greens are still a work in progress, as we are making changes to improve the quality of grass which takes time, but they are in good shape more than bad so I am happy with how things are coming along. Finally a massive thanks to Peter and Bryan, all the hard working woodies and apprentice greenkeepers who make our job a lot easier and make the course what it is today, a wee Gem! I know this was a short report but I don't think I need to bore you with the ins and outs just need to give you a nice course to play on more often than not!

*Nick Moved the greenkeepers report be adopted – Seconded: I Fell Carried*

### **Financial Report – (Geoff Milnes)**

Geoff presented the financial of accounts and the financial performance. Another successful year financially.

Geoff congratulated the committee and thanked everyone for their contributions.

Bryan and Norma presented Shona and Peter with a gift basket for doing such a great job for the Motueka Golf Club as an appreciation from all club members.

*Geoff moved the financial report approved – Seconded: Sue Park Carried*

## **CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**Junior Golf membership** – Graduated proposal for “juniors”

Rex moved we introduce a graduated membership for younger members, 19-25 \$250 and next age bracket 26-30 \$450 then full subscriptions at age of 31.

*Seconded: B Walsh      Carried*

Bob Ilton suggested we advertise the \$50 junior membership over summer holiday period/school holidays.

**Subscriptions** - R Guild moved a nil increase to all subscriptions for the next 12 months.

*Seconded: M Inwood      Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

		<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
President	Peter Johnson	N Westrupp	L Kearns
Vice President	Bryan McKay	M Inwood	T Appelman
Club Captain	Daryl Graham	R Guild	G Milnes
Vice Club Captain	Chris McGeown	R Edwards	R Guild
Ladies Club Captain	Grace Latimer	K McConchie	J Adams
Match Chairman	Rex Edwards	G Latimer	K McConchie
Vice Chairman	Bernie Hedges	K Dowie	D Graham
Committee	Mike Inwood Keith Dowie Alan Brookes John Inglis Suzanne Park Geraldine Taylor Bernard Walsh	T Appelman D Graham K Dowie B Hedges R Edwards R Edwards A Fenemor	T Hamilton B Hedges B Hedges D Graham K Dowie K Dowie R Bullock
House Chairperson	Rob Guild	J Overall	J Frater
House Vice Chair	Barrie Walker	R Guild	G Hamilton
Committee	Shona Johnson Roger Harmon Jan Overall Ken Melind Bob Ilton	N Westrupp P Johnson R Guild P Johnson S Johnson	E Greenhough T Fleming R Meikele K Dowie T Fleming

*P Hay moved all above club officers be elected      Seconded: B Ilton      Carried*

**REMIT**

**(1) Constitution Changes** - 3 (h) Life Members – Any members, who in the opinion of the members has provided excellent service to the club, may be nominated as a Life member. Such written nominations for life membership must be received by the Secretary at least 60 days before the AGM. The management committee to review such nominations, and have the authority to either refuse or recommend the appointment of said member. Life members may only be elected by majority, of those entitled to vote at the AGM. A Life Member shall have all the privileges of a full playing member without payment of a further subscription for their lifetime.

*R Edwards moved the above remit constitution changes be made  
Seconded: B Ilton Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1) Strategic Plan – Kevin Armstrong asked when number 12 green renovations are likely to happen. The strategic plan is put out to members every July for their input. It is a living document and moving forward it will be done, if necessary.
- 2) Tarseal Carpark – Barry Riordan suggested we approach the council to see if they are prepared to contribute towards sealing the carpark.
- 3) Pond – Paul Hay asked if we can resurrect the pond on number 10. Nick said that until the drainage issue around this area has improved it will have to stay as it is for the meantime.
- 4) Bryan McKay thanked the non elected officers, the do a great job and very good to work with.
- 5) Kath Lally thanked Lyn Bixley for organising efforts for the 9 hole players.
- 6) Lease – Our 21 year lease expires this week, we have written to council and had a meeting with Jenny from council regarding this. There is no intent to change the lease, the lease conditions are currently being bought up to date with lawyers.
- 7) Centennial – As you are all aware next year is our centennial year, we need players, family and friends to support the weekend to make it successful. The centennial committee have put a lot of time and effort into this event.

As there was no further business the President thanked everyone for attending and advised coffee, tea and supper were available. The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

These minutes will be posted in the Club House and on the Club Website for perusal by members unable to attend the meeting. They will be verified at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

**Signed**.....  
**Peter Johnson**  
**President**

**Date**.....

**These minutes are unconfirmed until the next Annual General Meeting in November 2020.**