

**MOTUEKA GOLF CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7pm – 23rd November 2020**

Present: Kevin Armstrong, Anne Lawrence, Irene & Kevin Fell, Verna Drummond, Yvonne Stevenson, Bernard Walsh, Roger Harman, Rex Edwards, Geoff Milnes, Andy Tasker, Daryl Graham, Kevin Beach, Evelyn and Paul Hay, Geraldine Taylor, Nick Van Leeuwen, Emily Greenhough, Shona & Peter Johnson, Grant Hamilton, Shirley Drummond, Pam York, Bryan McKay, Sue Park, Kerry McConchie, Sandy Lepine, Bob Anderson, Barry Riordan, Mike Inwood, Todd Hamilton, Lloyd Goodall, Rob Guild, Lyn Bixley, Jacquie Martin, Ralph Meikle, Chris & Sharon McGeown, Bob Ilton, Jenny & Frik Van Heerden, Barrie Walker, Bernie Hedges, Peter Tudberry, Ian Shirley, Grace Latimer, Jan Overall, Alan McKenzie, Sandra Johnson

Apologies: Gail Jewell, Elizabeth Martin, Alan Brookes, Sally Jones, Julia Armstrong, Grant Thorn, John & Robyn Frater, Alison McMillan, Richard & Joyce Bullock, Norma Westrupp, Alan Barbara, Geoff Park, Sandra Ilton, Geoff Blois

Moved: Grace Latimer Seconded: Barry Riordan Carried

Bereavements: The President asked all members to take a moment silence to remember those past members who have passed away during the past year: Dave Shuttleworth, Kevin Riddle, Faye Patterson, Gerald Hughie, Heather Tait, Vonda Evans, Maldon Whitwell.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting having been posted on the Notice Board for 3 months and on the Motueka Golf Club website following the meeting held on the 18th of November 2019 - be taken as read and moved to be a true and correct record.

Moved: Rex Edwards Seconded: Paul Hay Carried

Reports:

President – (Peter Johnson)

Well here we go again. This is my seventh report as your President.

I think it is fair to say that this last year, has been like no other year experienced by our club. We started the year with an air of excitement as we looked forward to our centenary celebrations. However, unbeknown to us, some words like Pandemic, Lockdown, Bubbles and Covid 19 were entering our vocabulary. They say timing is everything and if we had held our celebrations one week earlier it would have gone like clockwork. However, as it was, we had a very stressful week changing our plans daily. We did manage to hold the tournament, albeit as the country waiting anxiously for the midday announcement. The opening ceremony, the Sunday Ambrose and the Celebration Dinner were all cancelled. The major disappointment was the cancelling of the dinner which was going to be a very special night for past and present players. This weekend was the culmination of a years planning and fundraising by a very competent and dedicated committee. To Sharon McGeown, Bryan McKay, Penny and Rob Vincent, Sue Park, Shona Johnson and Rex Edwards the club owes you a huge debt of gratitude for the many hours of work you all put in.

Then of course we entered the various phases of lockdown which created many challenges for our club. My grateful thanks to the sub-committee of Rex Edwards, Bryan McKay, Daryl Graham and Grace Latimer who joined me to navigate the club through the changing and sometimes confusing criteria that was applied in the various stages of lockdown. I am very proud of the work we did in keeping our course open when we could and the creative ideas we came up with to comply with the Covid criteria.

There are two other thankyou's I want to acknowledge which helped us through this difficult time. Firstly to Nick and Ian for the timely work they had to rush through prior to the lockdown, not the least of which was applying the growth inhibitor to our greens. The way our course came through the weeks of no maintenance is a credit to your forethought and dedication. Secondly all this occurred when our Subscriptions were coming due which placed our club in a very vulnerable position financially. I was humbled by the support of our membership, who without exception, paid their subs with absolutely no guarantee of when they would play again. This response from our members, more than anything else, demonstrates to me what a special club this is and I thank each and every one of you.

So lets now move to the other many thankyou's and acknowledgements I wish to make and they are in no particular order!

I have mentioned Nick and Ian earlier but I want to re-emphasise how lucky we are to have you both. Your skills are complimentary and it just amazes me how, when we all think our course is amazing, you continue to take it to another level.

To the Woodies you have put in another stirling years effort. I know many of our players do not see the work that is done but those of us who are involved, and those in the know, certainly do. While you contribute financially to the club through wood sales you do so much more than that.

To the ladies who work on the course looking after gardens etc you are greatly appreciated, thank you. Likewise the team of relief mower drivers who turn up at very short notice when required. You give the greenkeepers the opportunity to get on with the many other tasks they have.

Kevin, thanks for continuing to run She, and He, Loves Golf. Your dedication, over many years now, in running this programme is a credit to you and it is a significant success factor in why we continue to get a steady flow of members.

To my Management Committee thanks for your dedication and support. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team. To those standing down this year thanks for your commitment and to those joining the team, welcome, we look forward to your contribution. To Rob Guild who is standing down as House Committee Chairman thanks for your contribution over many years Rob, both as President and on the House Committee. My special thanks to Rex for his ongoing chairmanship of the match committee but just as importantly for the work he does for us on our website. Our website continues to grow in popularity and a lot of that is down to the continual work Rex does in keeping it up to date. To Bryan, thanks once again for your amazing support. Despite your accident Bryan you continued to be heavily involved in the club plus managed a couple of projects during that time. I think it may have helped keep you sane during your recovery!

To the members of the House, Match and Ladies Committees, thanks so much for the important work that you do.

There is another very important thank you I wish to make. We are all aware of the challenges that we face in draining our course. We have made many improvements to the drainage of our course in recent years both through improving and increasing our drains but also by way of the new machinery we have purchased. What has remained problematic for us was the challenge of draining the area adjacent to the sea on No 10 and No 11. This year Paul Hay designed a drainage system for us and then took on the task of installing it. It has made a huge difference

Paul and significantly reduced the workload of the Greenkeepers. Thanks so much for your creativity and dedication in seeing this project through.

Thank you to Rob and Jenny for managing the kitchen and being the welcoming faces to our members and visitors. Yours is a very important role.

Can I also say that while they are the primary contact to those playing our course we all share the responsibility of welcoming visitors to our club. Our strat line is "The friendliest Club in the Top of the South" and we can all do our part in that. Visitors love to have a chat and if we can make their visit as pleasant as possible then, as a club, we benefit from their word of mouth recommendations. So please take the time to acknowledge them. We all know how great our course is but it is very gratifying to hear the complements from our visitors. Plus you never know who might be considering joining!

Now to our sponsors. To our major sponsor NBS we are so grateful for your continued support and it is very pleasing that we have signed an agreement for the next two years. Greg and his team are great to work with and very supportive of our club. To our partners; Hamish Fletcher Lawyers and Bowater Hyundai/Isuzu thank you for supporting our club. We are fortunate to have the support of such a quality Law Firm and Car Dealership.

To the many other sponsors who support us, including the new sponsors we have taken on board this year, we thank you immensely. As I have said many times' sponsorship is a two way path. We as a club purchase from our sponsors whenever we can and I again encourage you all to do the same and don't be shy in telling them why you are supporting them, they really do appreciate it. In these difficult times it is more important than ever that we continue to give them our support.

In addition we have a number of members who assist us in various ways that are not obvious. Areas such as donations, use of their skills, purchases etc. They do not ask or seek any public acknowledgement. Suffice to say that I, and some others, know who you are and we are very grateful for your support. We are so lucky to have people like you!

Okay I think that's all the thank-you's, if I have missed anybody, my apologies, it has not been intentional.

Over the last year we have continued with our replacement and renewal of our machinery and other improvements. This year, with the assistance of the Lion Foundation we have purchased a Scarifier valued at \$37,000. This machine will complement the Sander and Vertidrain that we have purchased over recent years. The benefit of this machine will become apparent over the next few months. It is seldom that I have seen Nick so excited about a piece of machinery!

Our lease has been renewed this year for a further 21 Years on the existing terms and conditions. I acknowledge the foresight of previous generations who put this lease in place. It was inspired thinking at the time and it has given the club security of tenure.

This year we faced the biggest issue that we have faced in my time as President. Without going into all the details here we became aware that our water right had been severely reduced. To the point that we may not have had enough water to look after the greens let alone the fairways. Through the diligent research and communication skills of a couple of members, and the flexibility shown by TDC, we were able to avert this crises and our water right is now protected at previous levels.

Our membership numbers at the end of this financial year are very pleasing. As at the end of August last year, across all categories we had 370 members. As at the end of August this year our membership stood at 429. That's a 16% increase. You may recall that we introduced cheaper membership last year for members 19 to 25 and 26 to 30. We now have 21 members in these two categories. That's way up on the year before!

Now lets move to our financial performance and while Geoff will cover this in detail it would be very unlike me if I wasn't to make a few comments. Our two major income lines have stood up very well. Subscriptions are up which is a natural result of increased membership and our green fees are on a par with last year' if we remove the impact of the Left Handers Nationals in 2019. Interestingly our Green Fees are up every month since Covid when compared to last year. A significant contribution to our income was the Covid Subsidy and we are very grateful to have qualified for this during lockdown. We continue to keep a close eye on our costs and it is pleasing that there is only a small increase in comparison to last year.

Our cash position is very strong and I want to repeat what I said last year " 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 think this year, more than any other, this statement is so relevant. We face an uncertain future and should we, heaven forbid, face further lockdowns then we will again face the situation of no income but significant costs. Our cash position places us in an enviable position where we have the ability to, hopefully, weather the storm. A situation that most sports clubs throughout the country would envy.

I said last year that it would be my last as President, that has not come to pass but let me give you an absolute guarantee that this coming year will be my last. As a Management Committee we will have the ability to co-op members and this year we need to have members step forward who are willing to undertake the role of President and Vice-President. They can join the committee and we will mentor them in preparation for next years elections. This will be eight years as President and in all ways it has been a partnership between Shona and I. The tireless work she does for this club in so many ways, gardening, liasing with existing sponsors and finding new ones, being an integral part of the Motueka Open team, work on the house committee etc is a credit to her and as a sounding board for me she is absolutely invaluable.

Each year has bought its unique challenges but this one would have to take the cake. Covid has certainly been the focus of the year and I firmly believe that we have managed it as well as we possibly could have. We are all part of a special club and with transparency, honesty and integrity in what we do I am sure it will remain that way.

It is therefore with pleasure that I present this seventh report as your President. I am very happy to take questions from the floor.

Peter moved the adoption of the President's report - Seconded: Barrie Walker Carried

Greenkeepers – (Nick Van Leuween) -

Thanks to Peter and the management committee, it really does make being a greenkeeper here a great place to work. The equipment is some of the best in the country and I put this down to the management. Thanks to the woodies, they always do an incredible job and all they ask for is a muffin and a cup of tea. Thanks to those who volunteer to help with the mowing, this allows the greenkeepers to do other jobs such as irrigation etc. This year has been very interesting especially with Covid and how frustrating it was not being able to get down here. We got it so lucky with the weather so thankful as it could have been a lot worse. Thanks to Paul Hay for the

work around the pond. This has been a massive improvement, for the first time in 3-4 years you can see the balls in the bottom of the pond. Thanks to Bruce Miller for the donated timer to re-level the tee on number 11. The next 12 months we are going to concentrate on the areas that aren't as good as they should be to keep improving what we have got.

Nick Moved the greenkeepers report be adopted – Seconded: Daryl Graham Carried

Financial – (Geoff Milnes)

Financial statements tabled and discussed. The accounts have been available in the clubhouse for the last few weeks. Another great report with amazing cash results. It is very pleasing to be involved in such a successful club.

Geoff proposed a huge vote of thanks to Peter and Shona. Thanks for all the effort and to the management committee. It is amazing how much this team gets through as a group. Thanks to Jenny, Rob and Rachel for their contributions to the club.

We have new carts arriving this week, the cart hire will increase to \$40.00. There will also be an increase in greenfees with affiliated 18 hole green fees increasing to \$40.00.

Geoff moved the financial report be adopted – Seconded: Barrie Walker Carried

Proposed Constitution Changes –

Peter acknowledged Chris McGeown for his guidance with wording the proposed changes. Chris is a huge asset to the management committee.

Chris is also leading a code of conduct for members of the club, when that is done that will be put on our website.

5. Club Management

Elected Officers of the club and management committee shall consist of:

The Club President who chairs the Club Management Committee

The Club Vice President

The Club Captain and Vice Captain

The Ladies Club Captain

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Match Committee

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the House Committee

Plus

One additional lady member appointed by the Ladies Committee (See Rule 32)

Elected Officers have voting rights at Management Meetings.

The Management Committee may co-opt club members to assist with duties

6. Non-Elected Officers of the management committee are:

The Club Secretary

The Club Treasurer

The Club Membership Convenor

The Head Green Keeper

Non-Elected Officers do not have voting rights at Management Meetings.

All elected officers are nominated and elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the club. Elected officers shall hold office until the Club Closing Day of the year when their term expires.

15. New Members

The election of members shall be vested in the Committee. ~~New Members and the candidates must sign an "Application for Membership" to join the club. form and be proposed and seconded by two full members. No candidate shall be accepted unless he/she obtains a majority of the votes of the members of the Committee present at the meeting.~~

The Management Committee reserves the right to approve new membership applications.

19. Disciplinary Procedure

The Management Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee of five members, one of whom shall be **the Club Captain who is** designated as the Chairperson. ~~The quorum shall be three. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to remove, suspend or discipline the member. The quorum shall be three.~~ Should for any reason three members are unable to attend a hearing, the Management Committee will appoint a replacement for that hearing. Any member of the Disciplinary Committee who has an interest in any matter before the Committee must declare that interest and be precluded from any participation in the hearing. The Management Committee may appoint a replacement.

Procedures

When a written complaint ~~or an appeal~~ has been received by the Management Committee the ~~President~~ **Club Captain** will:

(a) Have the power to reprimand ~~competitors~~ **the member** or warn ~~players~~ **the member** for the first offences or minor misdemeanours.

or

(b) Gather any other such evidence as deemed appropriate, **and -**

(c) Not later than 14 days after receipt of the notification write to the offending ~~participant~~ **member**:

- (1) Stating that a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee has been convened at a time and place set out in the letter being a time not earlier than seven (7) days after the date of the letter, to hear the charge, to consider whether it has been made out and if so to consider imposing a penalty in accordance with this policy.
- (2) That the offending ~~participant~~ **member** is entitled to appear at the hearing and to present any relevant material orally or in writing, personally or by a representative in mitigation or excuse.

A decision of the Disciplinary Committee can be appealed by the member by writing to the Management Committee within 28 days of the decision being advised to the member. The Management Committee must convene a meeting not later than 14 days after receipt of the members notification to determine whether to confirm or revoke the Disciplinary Committee decision. Management committees decision is final.

*Rob guild moved the above changes be made to the constitution Seconded: Barry Riordan
Carried*

Subscriptions – *Paul Hay propose we increase subscriptions \$20 across all categories with the exemption of the under 19 junior category. Seconded: Barrie Walker Carried by vote*

Lengthy discussion from the floor regarding the proposed increase.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
President	Peter Johnson	N Westrupp	C McGeown
Vice President	Bryan McKay	B Walker	D Graham
Club Captain	Daryl Graham	A Hamilton	R Guild
Vice Captain	Chris McGeown	R Guild	P Johnson
Ladies Captain	Sue Park	S McGeown	E Greenhough
Ladies Vice Captain	Sharon McGeown	S Park	E Greenhough
Match Chairperson	Rex Edwards	B Walsh	R Medlind
Match Vice Chair	Bernard Walsh	R Edwards	B McKay
Match Committee	Alan Brookes Bernie Hedges John Inglis Grace Latimer Keith Dowie Mike Inwood	J Inglis R Edwards A Brookes S Johnson R Edwards B Hedges	R Edwards B Walsh R Edwards J Overall B McKay S Dixon
House Chairperson	Barrie Walker	B Walsh	P Johnson
House Vice Chair	Bob Ilton	P Johnson	B Walsh
House Committee	Jan Overall Shona Johnson Roger Harman Yvonne Stevenson Ken Melind Eveyn Hay	G Latimer J Overall R Guild S Johnson R Harman S Johnson	S Jones B Walsh S Johnson J Overall Y Stevenson

Mike Inwood moved all above nominations be accepted Seconded: Kevin Armstrong Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Life Member Irene Fell – Barry nominated Irene Fell, she has been a member for over 50 years, in the early years even volunteering in the kitchen. Irene has been active on various committees for years. Irene has been part of fundraising efforts, garage sales, looking after the gardens between 13 and 15. Irene is an enthusiastic rules devotee and happy to share her knowledge. Irene was a part of the 75th celebrations of the club and also spent hours putting together the centennial book with 3 others.

Barry Riordan moved that Irene Fell become a Life Member of the Motueka Golf Club

Seconded: Anne Lawrence

Carried

(2) Daryl Graham presented Rob Guild a hamper as a thank you to his 20+ years on the committee.

(3) Bryan McKay thanked the appointed members, Geraldine, Gail, Geoff and Emily. They do a wonderful job for the club and been great to work with for the year.

(4) Paul Hay thanked Barrie Walker for the continued efforts he puts into the strategic plan, monitoring the stock takes at the bar and stepping up as chairman of the house committee.

(5) Irene Fell thanked the group who helped with the centennial book, Verna Drummond, Julia Armstrong and Penny Vincent, it was a great team and they really enjoyed working together.

(6) Barry Riordan bought up sealing the carpark. Peter Johnson replied to the suggestion that management have agreed there are other things to improve on the course that are priority but we would look into it again.

As there was no further business the President thanked everyone for attending and advised coffee, tea were available, lets hope Covid doesn't come back and all the best for the next 12 months.

Meeting Closed 8.15pm

