

**MOTUEKA GOLF CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7pm – 15th November 2021**

Present: Gaye & Geoff Milnes, Verna Drummond, Peter & Shona Johnson, Emily Greenhough, Bernard Walsh, Meredith Rayner, Irene and Kevin Fell, Daryl Graham, Rex Edwards, Yvonne Stevenson, Bryan McKay, Pete Cederman, Geoff Blois, Andy Tasker, Tania Appleman, Mike Inwood, Anne Lawrence, Bob Ilton, Strachan Adams, Lloyd Goodall, Norma Westrupp, John Frater, Grant Hamilton, Mike Hay, Paul & Evelyn Hay, Rob Guild, Rob Bruinsmann, Ralph Meikle, Jacquie Martin, Bruce Miller, Chris & Sharon McGeown, Sue & Geoff Park, Bryan Chandler, Trevor Michelle, Bill Agnew, Ron Noordijk, Simon Hall, Grace Latimer, John Hewitt, Dennis Wright, Lynne Bixley, Barrie Walker, Richard & Joyce Bullock, Roger Harman, John Gudsell, Dotti Holgarth, Andrew Fenemor, Bob Anderson

Apologies: Alan McKenzie, Penny & Robert Vincent, Ian Shirley, Roger & Lizzie Hall, Frik & Jenny Van Heerden, Sally Jones, Nick Van Leeuwen, Donna Mitchell, Barry Riordan, Alison McMillan, Robyn Frater, Sandra Ilton, Jane Adams, Harry Bell, Geoff Blois, Kevin Armstrong, Jan Overall

Moved: Paul Hay Seconded: John Frater 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: Colin Cullen, John Bisley, Mike Hodgkinson, Peter Holyoake, Dave Melville, Dallas Neal, Elaine Braddock, Suk Kyung Lee, Jean Hay, Bev Bradley, Milton Lawrie, George Ballentyne, Rob Thorn, Alan Hamilton

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 23rd November 2020 - be taken as read and moved to be a true and correct record.

Moved: Rob Gulid Seconded: Bob Ilton Carried

Presidents Report – (Peter Johnson)

Well here we go with my eighth, and final, Presidents report. It's amazing how time flies when you're having fun. And there has been a lot of that over these eight years, far out weighing the other side of the coin.

As I have done every year the most important, and first part, of this report is the thank you's. And I do these in no particular order.

But I have to start with Nick and Ian. The work you do day in and day out is exceptional and the course you present to us, the members, is absolutely outstanding. This Winter we really saw the results of the drainage and verti drain work you have done over recent years. I was continually amazed at how quick the course would recover after heavy rain events. We often played on it the following day when, just a few years ago, the course would have been closed for two or three days at least. I also want to make a special thank you to Ian. We all know Nick had three months off this year as he recovered from his operation. During that time Ian did an exceptional job in managing the course. Those of us who work closely with Ian are well aware of the time and effort he put in. You should be justifiably proud of your efforts Ian and you have the clubs gratitude.

Now lets move on to those who sit on our committees. Thanks to you all for your dedication and support. I fully appreciate the time and effort you put in and I know it is vastly appreciated by the majority of our members. Now let me single out a few.

To Bryan McKay, our retiring Vice President and my good friend. The support you have given me over the last eight years is immeasurable and during all that time I cannot recall us ever disagreeing on the direction of the club or any of the decisions we have made. Not only that but the work you do behind the scenes negotiating with various third parties has been a critical part of why our club has been so successful. It doesn't seem that long ago that we sat in that Pub in Edinburgh sampling Scotland's finest when we decided to put our names forward.

To Geoff Milnes our retiring treasurer who has held the position that long that he can't remember when he started, thanks so much for your sage advice and friendship. I am going to miss, as I am sure you will, our monthly discussions as we pour over the financial reports and anticipate what our end year position will be!

While Rex isn't retiring he is taking a slight backward step, in name only, to vice chairman of the match committee. We will all miss your Saturday word of the day but from my perspective I certainly hope we will continue our robust and frank discussions. You have certainly made your mark as Match Chairman and given your all to the club, not least in the area of technology where your contribution has, and will continue to be, immense.

To our membership secretary Gael Jewell thanks so much. And a special thank you to Emily who has been the clubs secretary during all of my term. We have had a lot of laughs, some serious stuff, but through it all you have always been professional and efficient. We are lucky to have you.

To those who are resigning from our committees this year, thanks so much for your time and efforts. To those new this year thanks so much for putting your name forward, welcome, and we look forward to your contribution.

Now to my mates the Woodies, thanks once again for an immense year. The work we have done on No 9 in recent months is probably the biggest task we have ever taken on and as I write this we have delivered 52 trailer loads of wood from that area. While we make a significant contribution financially to the club that is not what drives us, its the pride we take in our work, the results we see on the course and the camaraderie that we share. So to Strachan Adams, Richard Bullock, Kevin Fell, John Gudsell, Geoff Park, and Pat Stevenson thank you my friends.

To Barrie Walker thanks for your support, the work you do leading the House Committee and most importantly as the author of our Strategic Plan. To Kevin Armstrong our creator of He and She loves golf. I know you have been frustrated under Level 2 Kevin but next week you will be underway again and we look forward to your graduates joining the club in the future.

To Pete Cederman and John Frater thanks for the work you do on the tractors, to the many others working in the gardens, helping with the many odd jobs that get done and to those who assist the club in other ways, many of you anonymously, thank you. I can't mention you all here but I do know who you all are and that you are all appreciated.

There is another group who I have not acknowledged previously but I will this time and that's the Friday Club. This is a group of guys who play socially on a Friday in, what is, an event not sanctioned by the club. However they continue to make a significant contribution to the club through their donations. To give you some examples, all the native grasses on No 11 and 18, all

the Gabion Water Fountains and Gabion Posts and many of the new trees on the course have all been supplied by the Friday Club. Thanks so much guys.

To Rob and Jenny thanks again for being the face of our club. Apart from your normal tasks the work you do in welcoming players to the club is a vital role and we are grateful to you both for doing it so well.

To our Club Captains Daryl and Sue thank you both for the work you do. You have to front issues from time to time and you both do it professionally and well.

That's all the thank you's, if I have missed anyone my apologies, it is not intentional and I will put it down to senility.

To all those who have represented the club over the last year congratulations. To Mike and his team well done on winning the Sloan Trophy again. From memory I have congratulated you on seven of the last eight years, that's an outstanding achievement. I'm not sure what your formula is but whatever it is it's clearly working!

I now move to our sponsors. As a club we are so lucky to have such a great group of sponsors. To our major sponsor NBS we are so grateful for your continued support. Greg and his team are great to work with and very supportive of our club. This year we have also welcomed New World Motueka as a major sponsor, thanks for your tremendous support Bruce. New World have been a long term Sponsor of our Twilight Competition and we are very fortunate that this has now been taken over by Coman Construction, welcome to Ben Coman and his team. 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.

As in previous years we have continued our capital investment and replacement programme. This year we have purchased a John Deere Tractor and a Trimax Snake rough mower. The capital cost of this purchase was \$100,000 and I want to acknowledge the New Zealand Community Trust who kindly contributed \$30,000 towards this purchase. The John Deere tractor, apart from pulling the Trimax, gives us a lot more flexibility with our machinery useage. The Trimax Mower has been an unqualified success as you will have all seen by the quality of the rough. When we finally manage to prize Peter out of the drivers seat the Greenkeepers might even learn how to use it. This year we have also purchased one more golf cart. This brings our fleet to five electric carts, four of which are less that a year old.

The other significant cost this year has been the refurbishment of the interior of the clubrooms. This project started in 2016 when we re-roofed the building and painted the exterior. It continued in 2019 with the construction of the deck. This year the toilets facilities have been renewed, the interior of the clubhouse painted, the fireplace and surrounds replaced, the lighting and wiring replaced, the honours boards replaced and aluminium joinery replaced the ageing wooden windows. Thanks to Barry and his team for overseeing this refurbishment. I think we can now give it the big tick! The number is now

Our membership numbers as at the end of our financial year stand at 440. And as we sit here today that total is 460 This is the highest they have been in my time as president, I don't have figures for prior to my time but I know they were 330 in 2014. I think this increase can be put this down to a number of factors including the flexibility of our membership categories, the way we welcome members to our club and our mass starts and shuffle draws. These all make it easy for members to join and quickly feel part of the club. It is always a bit daunting joining a new club or organisation and the easier we make it the better and I have no doubt that our mass starts and shuffle draws are a competitive advantage for us. And they are also a key factor in our "Friendliest Club in the Top of the South" banner.

Now lets move to the financials. I know Geoff is looking forward to presenting his last set of financial accounts. I won't steal his thunder but it would be very unlike me to not make a couple of comments. Firstly two significant firsts were achieved this year, we exceeded \$200k in subscriptions and \$100k in Green Fees – that is amazing. The second important point I would like to mention is that the Management Committee has now put aside \$100k to be used exclusively in the case of an Adverse Weather Event. We believe this is a prudent risk management approach and while we, of course, hope that we don't have to use it, it is inevitable that at some point we will. Whether the amount we have set aside is adequate we have no idea but the important point is that we now have a fund available. There are two points I want to make in relation to this fund. Firstly when I explained this decision in one of my newsletters I received more positive feedback from members than almost any other decision we have made. Secondly, when I apply for grants now, many organisations are asking if we have a contingency fund for such events and I can now say, yes.

So in summary we have had another excellent year. We are in a position where we have now virtually completed our capital investment and machinery replacement programme. Our machinery would be the envy of most clubs in the country. Our Clubhouse is also now in great conditions and should, baring unforeseen eventualities, require little maintenance in the coming years.

When we take this all into account we are comfortable that we can increase our cost base by employing an Apprentice Greenkeeper and that process is now under way. This extra employee will give Nick and Ian some time and space to tackle the many improvements they would like to make to the course but never get the time too.

We head into another year which is shrouded in uncertainties but we are in great shape to face them head on. And next November we will hosting the New Zealand Freyberg Masters tournament, one of the prestige events on the New Zealand golf calender. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our course to players from across the country. I spent three days in Wellington last week observing this years event which was held at Paraparaumu. I have no doubt that, with the help of our members, we will host a very successful event.

To all our members let me say that you are served by an incredibly talented group of people who give their time voluntarily to make the club what it is. We expect that with over 400 members there will never be an absolute consensus but they work on your behalf and make decisions so suit the majority and to ensure the longevity of our club. It is important that we all give them our absolute support.

In conclusion it has been a privilege and an honour to be your President over the last eight years. I remember when I took on the job I said I would give it 120% and I think I can say that I have done that. What I didn't realise at that time was that Shona was also signing on, but in her

case her efforts were more in the 150% category. My final thank you goes to her for the support she has given me, especially during the difficult times, and to the support she gives the club.

I know Bryan joins me in saying that we are both thrilled to be handing over the reins to two such capable people as Pete and Bruce. They have our absolute support and we are both happy to support them in whatever way we can.

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

Peter moved the adoption of the President's report - Seconded: Norma Westrupp Carried

Greenkeepers Report – (Nick Van Leuween) -

2021 Has not been a great year for me personally with almost four months off with my ankle fusion surgery that I am still battling, grrr! On course we have achieved some good stuff which includes the 11th tee completed and just a few weeks away from its first divot, there are also plans to tidy the surrounding areas in place. We had quite the wet winter which I did not see much of as I was away at the time, but Ian and Peter Cederman and the other great crew of helpers keep the course playable even with the rubbish weather. A lot of this is down to the drainage work and physical treatment that we have done to areas of the course over the past few years. I am sure there would have been far more occasions the course would have been closed without this work. The next 12 months are very exciting with two big events included in our already busy calendar with the South Island Masters and Freyberg Masters both being held here a month apart. From our side the main focus will be getting those one percenters fixed up so that we can just present the course at its best when the time comes, so that everyone leaves with great memories of Royal Motueka. Early next year we will be employing a third person on the apprenticeship scheme which I am really excited about, this will allow us to really get our teeth in to the course and take it up to the next level. The need for the extra help has really come from the fact that our management have done such an amazing job in the last five or so years and have filled my shed up with great equipment but not quite enough man power to use it to its fullest, so a big thank you to them. I would like to give a special thank you to Peter Johnson who as gone over and above to set this club up in a great position for the next management crew to take over. The club have been very lucky to have had you at the helm over the past few years I believe the club has a bright future and a lot of this is thanks to your hours of work. Fingers crossed for 12 months of great weather and golfing.

Geoff Milnes moved the greenkeepers report be adopted – Seconded: John Frater Carried

Financial – (Geoff Milnes) Financial report tabled and discussed, another great report with great cash results this is thanks to the committee, greenkeepers, Rob, Jenny & Rachel. Over the last 8-9 years the club has spent \$437,000 on capital equipment, this has been greatly helped by the \$140,000 the club received in funding from various funding organisations.

Ron Noordijk asked where the interest from the adverse event account will go and should we consider leaving it in this account with inflation etc. *The committee will consider adding the interest to the AD account or alternatively increase the account by the rate of inflation.*

Ron Noordijk queried why junior expenses are \$0 and are we doing enough for the juniors. *It would be great to fun a junior programme but it is a matter of getting people that are going to volunteer their time to run a programme.*

Geoff moved the financial report be adopted – ...Seconded: Sue Park Carried

Subscriptions – Barrie Walker proposed we increase the coming year subscriptions by \$20 across all categories with the exemption of Kiwi Learners and Social Members .

Seconded: Bryan McKay Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
President	Peter Cederman	P Johnson	B McKay
Vice President	Bruce Miller	P Johnson	M Jewell
Club Captain	Daryl Graham	D Wright	B Walsh
Vice Captain	Chris McGeown	S Park	S McGeown
Ladies Captain	Sue Park	J Hall	S McGeown
Ladies Vice Captain	Sharon McGeown	S Park	J Hall
Match Chairperson	Bernard Walsh	R Edwards	B Walker
Match Vice Chair	Rex Edwards	B Walsh	B Walker
Match Committee	Grace Latimer	B Walsh	B Walker
	Donna Mitchell	B Walsh	B Thomson
	Keith Dowie	B Walsh	M Jewell
	Mike Inwood	B Walsh	T Appleman
	John Inglis	B Walsh	R Edwards
	Andy Tasker	B Walsh	R Edwards
	Bernie Hedges	B Walsh	R Edwards
	Ron Noordijk	B Walsh	R Edwards
House Chairperson	Barrie Walker	P Johnson	B McKay
House Vice Chair	Bob Ilton	Y Stevenson	S Patching
House Committee	Evelyn Hay	R Guild	Y Stevenson
	Ken Melind	S Johnson	B Walker
	Yvonne Stevenson	S Johnson	R Edwards
	Shona Johnson	Y Stevenson	B Walker
	Frik Van Heerden	B Ilton	S Johnson

Strachan Adams moved all above nominations be accepted Seconded: Anne Lawrence .Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) Andrew Fenemor and Richard Bullock are taking over from Tony Lewis doing the Old Hickory
- (2) Barrie Walker presented Peter Johnson, Geoff Milnes and Bryan McKay as a thank you for all the work they have done for the club over a number of years.
- (3) Bryan McKay thanked the committee and greenkeepers, they have been a pleasure to work with.
- (4) Peter Cederman advised the Peter Johnson is going to be the new club ambassador, we want to keep the friendliest club in the top of the South and even better the friendliest in NZ.

As there was no further business the President thanked everyone for attending and advised coffee, tea were available.

Meeting Closed 7.50pm