

MOTUEKA GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm – 10th November 2025

Venue: Motueka Golf Club
Chairperson: Peter Cederman

Present: Emily Smolenski, Nick Van Leeuwen, Darryl Graham, Chris & Sharon McGeown, Irene & Kevin Fell, Evelyn & Paul Hay, Yvonne Stevenson, Barry Riordan, Peter & Shona Johnson, Kevin Beach, Ron Noordijk, Lloyd Goodall, Rex Edwards, Sandy Lepine, Geraldine Taylor, Diane Enoka, Gaye & Geoff Milnes, Anne Lawrence, Rob Guild, Bruce Miller, Mike Hay, Fay & Wayne Lloyd, Bernie & Derryn Hedges, Pay York, Frik & Jenny Van Heerden, Rebecca & Jon Gammon, John Hewitt, Bill Agnew, Ian Shirley, Jan & Denis Dobbie, Geoff Blois, Geoff & Sue Park, David Thomas

Apologies: Mike Inwood, Tania Appleman, Donna Mitchell, Murray Jewell, Howard & Jeanette Brown, Reinhard Pauls, Roger & Liz Hall, Keriana Scott, Bryan McKay, Bernard Walsh, Sally Jones, Barrie Walker, John Inglis, Rob & Penny Vincent, Peter Taylor, Meredith Rayner

Anne Lawrence moved the apologies be accepted: Seconded: Shona Johnson. Carried

Bereavements: The President asked all members to take a moment silence to remember those past and present members who have passed away during the past year: David Kennedy, Brent Edwards, Noeline Thomas, Carol Michel, Shirley Cederman, Charlotte Douglas, Alray Grooby, John Lally, Sue Snell, Norma Westrupp and Maureen Bishop.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 4th November 2024 have been circulated – These are taken as read.

Peter Johnson moved these are a true and correct record. Seconded: Rex Edwards Carried

Reports:

President – (Peter Cederman)

The club has had another successful year with new members increasing (over 560 at the end of October) and more green fee players. With our visitor numbers well up on last year. We did have a very slow month when four Saturdays in a row had to be cancelled due to the weather events that hit the region in June and July. The course was closed for a significant period of time due to water inundation. However some play was possible due to a lot of pumping and the drainage work that has been done over the last few years. We also had arguably our largest working bee with over 50 volunteer members who showed the true spirit of our club, armed with blowers and leaf rakes, they helped to clear all the debris that had covered most of the course, Thank you to Shona Johnson for organising this.

One of our biggest tasks we have been faced with this year was the rewriting of the club constitution for re-registration under the new Incorporated Societies Act. Over a number of months the team led by Jon Gammon and Chris McGeown. They produced a document that should put the club in a good position for the foreseeable future. The rewrite included a modification to our Governance structure which will take effect at the conclusion of this meeting.

We have a couple of committee members standing down this year after serving on committees for some years.

Donna Mitchell has been on the match committee for a number of years and has done a wonderful job in running all of our tournaments very successfully for the club. Big thanks.

Mike Inwood has helped on the match committee as well and has also been involved in the running of our major tournaments, Big thanks.

Darryl (Stan) Graham has served on many committees for the club over the last 25 years. He has been the Club Captain for several of the last years and due to the new constitution, he will be the last. Stan would be our longest standing committee member and has worked with the juniors over some years. Its members like Stan that have got the club in the great position it is today, so on behave of the club a very big thanks for all your services over many years.

Emily Smolenski has served as our secretary for 13 years and was wanting to finish up, but will stay on until we find a replacement for her, she is happy to give the new secretary guidance into the role.

Emily has been a great asset for the club over the years as secretary and has run the summer twilight series for many years as well.

On a personal note, when I first started my role as president she helped me work my way into the job and as I have said many times I would have struggled without her help.

There are others in the club she has helped out. Thanks Emily for all your great work, we really do appreciate what you have done for the club.

Please ask around to see if someone would like to take on the secretary role, doesn't have to be a member of the club.

Jenny our long time caterer left at the beginning of the year, and we now have Melissa in the kitchen helping Dave and Linda in the bar as well. Welcome to the club Melissa.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers that help out all year round, this means the green keepers and house staff can do the specialised work that they are employed for.

You will have noticed our loyal band of woodies working every Monday and Thursday doing a wonderful job keeping the course tidy, from cutting down trees to fixing all the fallen branches and splitting fire wood.

They are always looking for new recruits so if you think you might be of help just have a chat to Pete Johnson.

Our sponsors are a vital part of the club and I ask you to support them when you can as they support our club.

Happy golfing and have a great year

Peter moved the adoption of the President's report – Darryl Graham Seconded *Carried*

Greenkeepers – (Nick Van Leuween) -

The last 6 months of weather really tested our patience and has made it really hard to achieve some of our goals. One of the main things we are going to have to do in the coming months as things dry out is remove some of our ageing trees which are now causing us severe shade and moisture issues. The third green is an example of the trees taking all the nutrients and moisture from the green and creating thin stressed turf. This area will have two trees cut down and replaced with some mounding. 16 green needs several trees removed as they have shaded the green in the winter months and the green became sealed off. The removal of these trees will not effect the playability of the course but will create a better environment for the turf to survive.

We have re built number 4 tee and there are several other tees that will get our attention as time allows. Also in the coming warmer months we will continue with our drainage work which we were unable to attack over winter as ground was water logged. Lets all hope that the next 12 months gives us some more settled weather as this season has really tested all of us.

Thanks for you patience and understanding as there was no one more frustrated than me with how the course has been! One last thing is a massive thank you to all our amazing helpers that make the course what it is!

Finance Report – (Chris McGeown)

I'm pleased to report that the Club has had another strong financial year, finishing with a surplus of just over \$130,000 — up from about \$92,000 last year.

Income – Where the Money Came From

Total income for the year was \$808,000, up around 18% on last year.

The main reasons for the increase were:

- More people playing golf – green fees were up 25%, showing just how popular our course has become.
- Memberships – subscriptions rose to \$287,000, showing our member base remains solid.
- We also received a \$30,000 grant from NZ Community Trust towards the purchase of a new greens roller, which will be bought shortly.

Expenses – Where the Money Went

Running a golf club of our size isn't cheap, and our total expenses rose to \$615,000, mainly due to:

- Higher wages and staff costs, which reflect both more activity and the need to stay competitive as an employer.
- Extra spending on fertiliser, sprays, and course maintenance, to keep the course in great shape.
- Some increases in power, insurance, and general costs that we're all feeling.

Even with those increases, we managed to stay well in surplus thanks to higher income and careful spending.

Assets and Investments

We've continued to invest in the Club's future:

- \$114,000 of new equipment was purchased this year, including a new John Deere mower, an extra golf cart, security cameras, and new computer gear for the office and matchroom.
- We also upgraded some irrigation equipment.
- Our cash and term deposits now total around \$590,000, including a \$100,000 emergency reserve, so we're in a good position financially.
- Total Club assets are now \$1.23 million, up from \$1.09 million last year.

In Summary

The Club is in excellent financial shape – we've got solid cash reserves, well-maintained equipment, and a healthy level of member support. The challenge for the coming year is to keep our costs under control and continue investing sensibly in the course and facilities.

Thank you to everyone who's helped make this possible – in particular Dave, Linda and volunteers that are involved in processing all the transactions, Shona, Yvonne, Evelyn, Emily and Ron for their diligent efforts to keep everything in balance. A special mention for Rex for a huge effort with membership processing and for his attention to detail when processing daily reconciliations.

Financial Statements - *Chris McGeown moved that the annual financial statements for the year ending 31st August 2025 be adopted.* *Seconded: Geoff Milnes Carried*

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: Peter Cederman confirmed there are no conflicts of interest this year.

Election of Management Committee Members to fill Vacancies

Six valid nominations have been received in accordance with clause 6.4.3 of the constitution, the following nominees are deemed elected unopposed: Rex Edwards, Bruce Miller, Ron Noordijk, Chris McGeown, Peter Cederman & Paul Hay.

Congratulations to all the elected members, and thank you for your willingness to serve.

Life Membership Nominations

No life membership nominations to consider this year.

Consideration of any proposed motions validly submitted

Subscriptions (Annual Fees): Proposal to increase Voting membership fees by 2.5% for the subscription year commencing 1 April 2026. This motion is proposed by the management committee in accordance with clause 4.10.2 of the constitution. The rationale is to account for inflationary pressures and to ensure the club remains financially sustainable while continuing to improve our facilities and services.

Discussion: Geoff Miles, Geraldine Taylor, Jon Gammon and Paul Hay spoke in relation to the motion.

Motion put to the vote – 26 for 13 against *motion passed*

General Business

(1) Geraldine Taylor – Thank you to the 6 gentlemen who have put themselves forward to be the new management committee, I wish you all the best. As they new in coming management committee can you please look at the chart of administration of the club, there are over 70 male 9 hole members of the club, the ladies and 9 hole ladies are recognised, however there is no mention of the 9 hole men.

(2) Anne Lawrence – As we are moving into different times, thank you to anyone who has served on the old fashioned way, making the club what it was and what it will become.

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

Meeting Closed 7.32pm