

THE HIGHFIELD GOLF COURSE

Minutes of the AGM meeting held 23 June 2021 at the Highfield Golf Lounge 7.15pm

Present: John Cannell, Ian Rippon, Billy Stevenson, Graeme Bennent, Bruce Palmer, Stephen Connor, Simon Williams, Donna McRae, Reg Harrison, John Kemp, Graham Cadigan, Dave Braddick, Adam Martin, Kevin Murray, Jeanette Young, Noel Murray, Neville Newburn, Brian Norton, Arthur Dawes, Geoff Wright, Paul King

Apologies: Bob Tweedale, Eleanor Haren, Marj Farquharon, Tony Giles, Dave Donaldson, Lance Smith, Stephen Todd, Marilyn Murray, Barry Ward, Rob Hollier, Lesley Brocket, Helen Dawkins, Robyn Finlay, Shirley Ward, Lesley Hanson, Graeme Stanbury, Lynda Brown, Robbie Rankin, Alan Brooks

It was noted that the meeting started late because a quorum of 20 was not reached until 7.15pm

2020 AGM Minutes: These were circulated along with the Presidents report –

Moved that the minutes were true and correct. Bruce / Arthur - carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Presidents Report: Bruce Palmer spoke to this report thanking committee members and volunteers around the course

Moved the president's report be accepted Bruce / Simon - carried

Finance Report: The accounts were explained and questions taken. It was positive to see that the accounts showed the section in the black. The Town & Country Club were thanked for their support. Sponsorship is seen as still an opportunity to increase revenue but the old sponsors signs need to be removed from the course

Moved that the accounts be accepted Bruce / Graeme - carried

Subscriptions – Bruce spoke to the committee proposal to keep the subs the same because of the financial result but also the uncertainty with what the council is doing with the area.

Full Member	480.00	All Twilight Players	5.00
Couple membership	420.00	Shed Key	30.00
9 Hole Membership	330.00	Shed for Cart Hire	90.00
Junior (Under 20 on the 1 August)	60.00	Green Fees	20.00
Summer 1st Sept to 31st March	270.00	9 Hole Green Fees, Sundays	10.00
Associate Man / Woman	200.00		
Social member (no handicap)	240.00		
First Year membership	300.00		

There was also discussion about incremental increases and having different levels of social & associate memberships. This would be discussed by the committee for next year but the associate membership was in line with what other clubs in the area were offering.

Moved that the subs remain the same Bruce / Stephen C - carried

The Future – The councils position and delays in making a decision was discussed.

Highfield Recreation Area”- This project is the subject of a report to the Community Services Committee on 8 June 2021 and will consider the future of golf along with the available areas for planting and community gardens. A Golf Facilities Strategy is recommended in the South Canterbury Spaces and Places Plan. This is supported and could be prepared in conjunction with Sport Canterbury for \$15,000.

It is felt that the mayor is one of the councilors that is wanting golf to be removed from Highfield Recreation area. The committee will continue to work with the council in presenting its case for golf in the area. Consideration by the committee will be made to asking for an extended lease will be discussed with TnC as we are now in the black and looking sustainable. We need to ensure there is some accountability on hearing the submissions outcome and funding for the final decision. The topic could become very political so it could be worth a 'mail drop' around houses that receive some sort of aesthetic gain from the golf course outlook. Peter Hayes has built a driving range at Gleniti and is providing 'Pro' services to Levels creating an entity that could be seen as detrimental to golf at Highfield. This committee still feels that a good 9 hole golf course with training facilities is the best outcome for golf in South Canterbury and aligns with councils thoughts early in the process

General Business

Course – the current green keeper and volunteer group were congratulated on the state of the course. It was felt that the greens and tee blocks are the next area of focus. The fairways and surrounds are in great shape so now is the time to concentrate on hole rotation and resting some of the tee blocks. Graeme Stanbury has offered to help with this working with the current green keeper and will be appointed Greens Conveyor.

Arthur Dawes thanked the committee and other volunteers for the work done over the past year

Election of Officers:

Position	Name	Nominators – years on committee including the 21 year
President	Bruce Palmer	Remaining – 7th year
Vice President	John Cannell	- 16 ^h year – will also remain as Secretary/Treasurer
Mens Club Captain	Simon Williams	Remaining – 5th year
Mens Vice Club Captain		Vacant
Ladies Club Captain	Donna McRae	Ladies sub meeting – 6th year as Club Captain
Ladies Vice Club Captain	Robyn Finlay	Ladies sub meeting – 1 st year
Committee-up to 10 members: Stephen Todd Adam Martin Lance Smith David Braddick Graeme Stanbury		– 2nd year – 4th year – 4th year – 2nd year Brian / John Kemp – 1 st year

Committee membership is in 2 year terms. Those who have an even number listed above automatically roll over. Those with an odd number are available and offer themselves for re-election.

- Moved by **Bruce / Kevin** - carried

Meeting closed at 8.00pm and attendees moved into lounge for a free drink in appreciation of their attendance

CONFIRMED.....President.....Date