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Minutes for Conveners / Executive

Friday 27 October 2017 @ 9.45 am at Morrinsville Golf Club

Meeting was attended by executive members and Conveners from 24 clubs plus 6 supporters from attending clubs.

1. President Bruce welcomed everyone, and he looked forward to good constructive discussion to lead the association forward
2. Moved M White apologies be received from – Chas Pace (Hukanui)- Bernie Ellmers (Whangamata) – Vic Clark (Kawhia) – Leigh Basson (Te Kowhai) – Bernie Mc Dowell (Waitomo) – George King (Stewart Alexander) seconded David Gear *Carried*
3. Moved minutes of last meeting be approved by Lawrence McDonnell seconded by Ray Lye (*Carried*)
Matters Arising Nil
4. **General Business**
 - Report on Bay / Kato 2017 – Alan Bates simply reported Waikato won and 2018 will be in the Bay at Fairview Golf Club at Katikati
 - Report on Auck / Kato 2017 – Brian White reported due to adverse weather field was restricted to 80 plus players however Waikato still retained the shield.
Brian reported he had discussions with the Auckland secretary ref the possibility of event being held by rotation between associations, however Auckland wish to remain coming to the event at Waikare.
 - Pennants
 - Discussion ensued on need to update rule 5 of the pennants now that handicap restrictions has been lifted for one-day events.
Moved Murray Newby seconded Richard Baker that this now applies (*Carried*)
 - Discussion took place ref if our rules allow for Women members to play in our pennants. Reading of current rules indicate there is nothing stopping a club fielding a Registered Waikato Veteran Women member from playing. The implications of how this will be interpreted as this is a nett competition are to be put in writing to all clubs before the competition starts (*secretary to action*).
 - Richard Baker asked the question as to if it was desirable to move the Pennant final around each by zone to a club not fielding a team.
Main area of concern in doing this is travel implications
Moved by Alan Bates status quo remain where Morrinsville will host the finals providing they are not competing in them Seconded Phil Smith (*Carried*)
 - Brian from Waikare raised the thorny issue of “T” scores as some clubs do not enter them now.
Moved Alan Bates that “T” score not be mandatory for all one-day events seconded by Dave Breckon (*Carried*)
Consensus is leave alone and encourage clubs to enter them and use NZ and Waikato Golf guidelines to interpret how and when they should be applied.

Lochie Phillips indicated a major change to handicapping was coming and believed to be implemented by end of 2019 which will cover many of the intentions of bring in "T" scores.

- Ross Brydon spoke on need to address issue of one-day attendances and suggested we should consider surveying our members to obtain some feedback so executive may formulate a plan to address the issues going forward.
Ross then presented and spoke to the circular sent to all clubs ref the possible introduction of a new competition to be run alongside and conjunction with established on day events.
Moved by Ross Brydon that he receives approval to contact club conveners to see if it can be established, seconded David Gear (*Carried*)
It was suggested this could also be included in the survey suggested earlier.
- President Bruce outlined the need to increase the Entry Fee for all Waikato one-day events to \$15.00 and increase the Capitation fee to \$1.00.
Much discussion ensued mainly around cost of travel, need to encourage not discourage members from attending.
Secretary advised that while it was not a major issue to association finances by way of income from Capitation fees it would eventually have to be dealt with.
Moved by Kelvin O Leary seconded by Ray Knaggs that the recommended entry fee for one-day tournaments remain @ \$10.00 and capitation fee remain @ 50 cents (*Carried by majority*)
Further discussion ensued around clubs wishing to charge more, reality is clubs are free to charge whatever, but clubs are asked to ensure clubs intending to charge more than the \$10.00 need to advise the Secretary so he can advise conveners via the weekly update, so players are aware of it so as not to turn up and finds a higher entrance fee is being applied.
- Festival golf update was given by Ray Lye, sponsorship is all in place, clubs hosting all confirmed, flyers and entry forms are enclosed with minutes etc everyone has received.
Clubs asked to put those on their notice boards and rally their players to make up teams.
- Murray Newby wished the meeting to applaud Ray Lye for his efforts during his tenure as president by travelling to most clubs during that year, received with acclamation.

President thanked everyone for their attendance on contribution to good discussion and closed meeting at 11.40 am

Unfortunately, far too we to play golf.