



## Waikato District Veteran Golfers' Association Inc.

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# Minutes for Conveners / Executive

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 @ 9.45 am at Morrinsville Golf Club

Meeting was attended by executive members and Conveners from 21 clubs plus 9 supporters from attending clubs.

1. President Bruce welcomed everyone, and he looked forward to good constructive discussion to lead the association forward
2. Moved B Fennell apologies be received from – Joy Ormsby (Te Kowhai), Trevor Tapp (Huntly), Colin Cowan (Ngahinepouri), Kelvin O Leary (M/Bay), David Gear (Waihi) seconded Bernie McDowell *Carried*
3. Moved minutes of last meeting be approved by Alan Bates seconded by Colin Vincent (*Carried*)  
Matters Arising Nil

#### 4. General Business

- Report on Bay / Kato 2018 – Graeme reported BOP Won this year, the event was held at Lake View Rotorua, disappointing turnout of players from Waikato 42 players.
- Report on Auck / Kato 2018 – Graeme reported Waikato retained the shield but again disappointing numbers from our association 52 players, event was played at Waikare
- Graeme gave a brief summary relating to the survey conducted during the year. A good response rate of 53% was achieved much higher than thought probable. A summary of facts was enclosed with club programs and the full survey is posted on the web site. The executive had acted on suggestions made in reference the Waikato Veteran Championship's. Other aspects had been included in the updated guidelines on running a one day tournaments for clubs to consider.

*Murray Newby spoke about his conclusions after reading through the full survey and while disagreeing with some issues like the \$15.00 entry fee and start times expressed the overall view that the association is doing a good job and suggested if it isn't broke don't try to fix it*

- Graeme spoke about the Newsletters both the weekly updates and the New Monthly Newsletter going out to all members. Graeme asked all clubs to submit flyers etc for their event if they want them promoted and encouraged clubs to submit items of interest which the wider membership may find interesting, so the Newsletter can continually keep refreshed. Graeme outlined statistics produced from the program to show activity, for example the October Newsletter was viewed by 738 recipients, the Tairua flyer had 41 views, the Muddy River Flyer had 74 views, the Champs Flyer had 33 Views and the Entry Form had 32 views. This would indicate our message is getting out there to the members and hopefully achieve the main reason which is to provide good communication to our members and hopefully attract more payers to our events.
- Ross Brydon briefed the meeting on how the New Competitions is progressing by advising the North Eastern zone was now well under way with 3 rounds having been played. A trial round for the North Western area had been held at St Andrews with Startling almost embarrassing numbers attending and the second trial to be held at Horsham Downs on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A trial round had been held for South Eastern area at Tirau with very good positive comments and another trial round to be held at Cambridge on 5th November. After completion of these trial rounds it will be up to the clubs involved if they wish to start a full

round of competition next year on their various one-day event dates. The South Western area of clubs will be approached to get a trial round under way now.

- Colin Vincent advised the meeting all organisation for the 2019 Festival of Golf Tournament was progressing well. Sponsorship is all in place, flyers and entry forms prepared and will be distributed and advertised on Newsletters a little closer to the time.
- Lauchie Phillips (Putaruru) spoke to the meeting about his concerns relating to Zone 4 Pennants being started in October 2018 for what is a 2019 event, He suggested holding the pennants over 7 months is not acceptable to most clubs in the zone. He expressed the view that this is likely to result in fewer teams entering teams this year. Lauchie raised the issue of Pennant rules having been changed several times in recent years and back in 2012 the competition could not start until January. Ray Knaggs expressed the view he thought a 2019 competition should be held in 2019 not started in 2018 , the representative from Tokoroa expressed a similar view.

*Lauchie Phillips (Putaruru) Moved that a start date be reimposed into the rules and that pennants may not start until February and be completed by end of April so the final can be played in the first two weeks of May and that Zones may apply to the executive for dispensation to this by advising all clubs in that zone agree – Seconded by Ray Knaggs (Morrinsville) Carried*

Lionel Grills from Tokoroa advised he felt it was too late to implement these changes for this year, even though technically it is the 2019 pennants as the first round is due to be played at Morrinsville on Friday 12th October

President Bruce thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to good discussion and closed meeting at 11.30 am

Several members enjoyed an afternoons golf with very good scoring recorded despite recently cored greens.