

Minutes of Executive Meeting held

Tuesday 23rd April @ 10.00 am at Morrinsville Golf Club

In attendance

1. Brian White (Chair), Graeme Hill (Secretary), Brian Goodwin, Geoff Robinson, Colin Anderson, Perry Foreman, Ian Grant

2. Welcome from president who welcomed Ray Lord from Te Awamutu and Alan Bates as observers to the meeting.

3. Apologies were received from Colin Vincent, Hans Kivits, Malcolm Burt, Ray Lye, *Moved apologies be accepted by C Anderson Seconded B Goodwin (Carried)*

4. Minutes of last meeting were tabled and taken as read.
Graeme advised a reply letter had been sent to Roger Bagshaw (Waihi).
Approval of minutes of last meeting was Moved by B Goodwin Seconded by B White. (Carried).

5. **Correspondence –**
Inward – E Mails covering a wide range of issues mainly membership application
Pennants results from Zone conveners
E Mail from Lauchie Phillips ref pennant finals
Outward - Emails to and from
Membership applications
Letters to
Thank you to Sponsors of FOG
Reply to Waihi (Roger Bagshaw) ref Pennant teams entry requirements

Moved Correspondence be approved and accepted by B White Seconded by C Anderson (Carried)

6. **Financial**
 - Financial position update was given by Graeme which shows the Association in very good position and an increase of profitability is forecast for the current year. This is due in the main due to increased membership numbers and increases applied for them in January this year
 - Accounts for payment or Approval as shown in the Expenses report presented for a total of \$1071.47

Moved by Graeme all accounts shown in transaction report and financial statements be approved Seconded by P Foreman (Carried)
 - Graeme pointed out we have had 66 new members since the last meeting

7. **General Business**
Pennants
 - **Zone to Host**
Graeme presented a package of documents relating to various matters
First up was an Email received from Mr Lauchie Phillips which was in relationship to the allocated Zone to host the 2024 pennant finals.
The Email and the secretaries reply was included along with an E Mail from Zone 5 Convener Malcom Burt and a copy of the rotation schedule.

It is fair to report good discussion was had and almost all the executive expressed their thoughts.

It was obvious to president Brian No particular stance was evident either in support for against the idea of changing this years allocated zone.

A motion was tabled and moved by B Goodwin that No changes be made to the allocation of the pennant final for 2024 be made, this was Secoded by G Robinson and was carried (Unanimously)

- **Pennant club to host the final in Zone 3**

The updated positions were tabled with Waihi Quartz in first place by 10 points from Te Aroha and 13 points further back to Tahuna and Paeroa Tahi only 3 points further back.

It is to be expected the two teams to make the finals would come from these 4 clubs.

The final round would be played on Monday 29th April.

On the assumption the Waihi team would fill one of the two positions it would be left until the final round was played before deciding what club would be offered the opportunity to host.

This would be done by phone from the Zone Convener and executive members.

- **Date for the finals to be played**

As per the program the finals are scheduled to be played within the first two weeks of May.

It was pointed out that the second week in May was occupied by two clubs Te Awamutu and Pirongia holding NZ Vets tournaments with many association members already entered.

Although tight it was decided to hold the final on Monday 6th May and have Friday the 10th May as a reserve day should weather cause us problems.

- **Rule change required**

Graeme advised of a situation where is became evident a team had two players who were not members playing in a pennant round.

When considering what options applied to the team who were short two players Graeme ruled that Rule 7 covered the position, ie "should a players not be able to play due to illness or health etc" but technically does not cover for a team simply being short of players.

It was believed we would not like to see the team disqualified as the team would likely withdraw from forthcoming rounds.

It was decided the rule should simply be changed to take out the illness health interpretation and apply to any team short of players.

The new executive would redraw the clause before the 2025 pennants.

- **Allocation of prizes for finals**

Graeme presented two options for consideration which was in line with previous years allocation of funds available where all funds were paid out with the association just holding a small amount as administration fees.

The first Three placed teams would each receive a prize.

Discussion ensued around those being golf vouchers as in the past plus a small top up in cash.

Suggestion was made that Fuel Vouchers could be given this year.

It was raised why not pay out in cash, this brought about discussions ref legalities and amount we could pay out within the law of the amateur status of players (This

to be checked out).

It was pointed out cash would solve an issue for teams where there may be only six players playing in the finals team but many more have played in other rounds.

It was moved G Robinson we pay prizes in cash this year in bulk to the relative team captain who can then decide with their players and club who should receive what individual amounts, this was seconded by P Forman (Carried)

Graeme advised the meeting of discussions he had, had with Craig Investment Partners our pennants sponsor ref finals day. Graeme advised we had been looking for some time in creating a small trophy to present to each of the Zone winning Clubs team. Costs etc was discussed and Craigs have confirmed they would increase their sponsorship by approximately \$200.00 to buy these trophies. It was agreed this was a good idea and we would buy 5 trophies and get them invoiced directly to Craigs and the association would pay for any additional costs ref engraving set up etc.

It was moved I Grant we proceed with this, seconded by G Robinson (Carried)

Graeme to get organised so they could be presented at this year's finals.

The Executive for 2025

- **The Secretary Treasurer**

Graeme confirmed he would not be continuing in the role for 2024, he had advised the President and Vice Presidents of his decision at the Bay Interclub. Graeme presented a set of documents outlining what his current role entails and provided some insight of how he manages this.

Brian Goodwin spoke about possible people he was aware of that could fulfil the role.

Brian also floated the idea of perhaps splitting the role into 2 with one person as secretary / treasurer and another doing the administration and organisation of our various events.

General discussion ensued around who on our current executive was prepared to stand again and what position they may hold.

No reporting of those indications are made in these minutes at this time as they were only supplied in a general way as any formal nomination will not be called for until end of June.

Graeme suggested an approach be made to all club conveners making a personal appeal to them to look into all their members and what their backgrounds may have been and to approach anyone they feel may be able to fulfil the secretary / treasurer role as one or possibly take a role if the position was split in 2.

It was believed this approach would be worth trying, suggest we send out an Email to conveners, allow say 3 weeks for replies then have a meeting in approx. month time to evaluate results or move to plan B, expand on the option for 2 persons indicating they may have an interest.

- **General Business**

Ray Lord had asked to attend the meeting as he wanted the executive to consider how we could get all clubs to run pennants the same way as far as course local rules were applied.

He was concerned that some clubs had placing through the general area and some Fairway only.

He believed the associations Zone Conveners should be able to control that, so that all clubs play with consistent rules.

Ray had to leave the meeting but the subject was debated in some depth. We believe what Ray suggests is of importance but equally sure we cannot dictate to clubs on how they control the playing conditions of their courses and what local rules apply.

However consideration needs to be explored with all our clubs.

It is intended to raise the subject at the AGM in general business

We believe this should be raised and discussed at the next conveners meeting and try to get clubs to agree to a common set off guideline that all clubs can adhere to when running an association event.

- **Christmas tournament**

A request had been made from Hamilton Golf Club that the Christmas tournament being hosted by them this year be a pre entered event limiting the field to 120 players.

It was generally accepted there would be huge interest in playing this event this year and limiting the field to 120 and having a shotgun start would make sense.

Hamilton also asked if the entry fee could be \$25.00 which would be agreed to but equally the association would want assurances the value and number of prizes would be within our normal guidelines for running such tournament. Secretary to communicate this to the Convener Terry Dalton

Meeting closed at 12.15

Another meeting would be scheduled within a month after results from the Email ref Secretaries replacement were known.