

Minutes of the Delegates meeting of Clubs NZ North Island men's golf tournament held at Club Metro, Whanganui. November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30 pm

Clubs present: --- Whangamata, Petone WMC, Kamo, Northland, Howick, Wanganui East, Castlecliff, Manurewa Cossie, St John's Club, Palmerston North Cossie, Johnsonville Club, Weymouth Cossie, SWWMC, Papakura Club, Pukekohe Cossie, Taumarunui Cossie, Ohope Chartered Club, Te Puke Club, Te Puke Citizens Club, Levin Cossie, Waiuku, National Service Club, Otorohanga Club, Onehunga Club, Hamilton WMC, South Taranaki Club, Waitomo.

Apologies: -- None received

Royce Tunbridge of Clubs NZ (Chair) welcomed the Delegates and asked all to stand for a moments silence for those who have passed away in the last year.

Minutes of the 2017 meeting were presented. Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed Club Metro, seconded Onehunga.

1) Matters arising: --

- Kamo club expressed dissatisfaction on the issue of lack of transport to and from airports and courses for teams travelling from long distances. Much discussion took place about this with valid arguments on both sides. It was suggested that future applicants should have to commit to transport or risk not getting the tournament. Cost and logistical problems were cited by Club Metro who had turned down a request to pick up from an airport 75Km away from Whanganui. The general feeling was that transport should be available perhaps for teams travelling from long distances, however no binding motion was put, and so future hosts will need to make their own choices.
- Despite advancing age of participants and recommendations from NZ Golf, medical certificates were still required for cart use. A motion was put by National Services and seconded by Levin Cossie that "The requirement for medical certificates to use a cart be waived for future Tournaments." Motion was carried. It was pointed out that this did not imply that carts would be available to all who requested them in future, as this was up to the courses concerned.

2) Ohope Chartered Club reported on progress of their hosting next year. Due to scheduling issues with the three connected venues the event would now be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion about clashes with Christmas events took place but these were the only dates that could fit. Preparations otherwise going well and the Club was looking forward to a good turnout.

3) The entry fee for the Tournament was discussed at length and some voiced the opinion that a transport levy should be included in the entry fee. This was not well received but a motion was put that, "Entry fees be increased to \$330.00 per team to include the possibility of transport costs", Proposed by Te Puke Club, seconded Ohope chartered club.

4) Whangamata applied to host the 2020 edition of the Tournament. Lots of facilities, lots of accommodation, plenty of experience having hosted in 2011. Competitors 2 rounds at Whangamata GC. Supporters one round at Waihi and one round at Tairua. Transport to two such distant venues was seen as a problem. Proposed Whangamata seconded Te Puke Citizens that, " Whangamata be granted hosting rights for 2020." Carried.

5) No remits were received to change the rules of the competition.

6) General business: --

- Te Puke Citizens club having merged with the RSA requested to be able to field a second team in the main field. Discussion took place about Clubs NZ having ruled on this and it was not possible. This led to a general discussion about declining numbers in the main field and how to address this issue. Suggestions included allowing teams of 4 rather than three. Multiple teams from the same club raised the issue of large clubs "swamping" the field and therefore being in a better position to win the trophy. A motion was put that, "A maximum of 2 teams per club would be allowed in future, with the provisos that 1) all clubs were guaranteed one team and that, 2) if there were too many teams registered under this system, the host club would select the clubs to get a second team in by means of a ballot." Proposed Onehunga, seconded Waiuku. Carried.
- Hamilton WMC were looking to host in the future but the cost and lack of availability of quality courses on Saturdays was an issue for them. They suggested a move to playing days of Thursday and Friday to reduce these clashes. Discussion took place. Sunday and Monday was raised as a possibility. Eventually the item was deferred to next year's delegates meeting for more extensive discussion.
- Kamo club expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that the layout of the Belmont course was changed between the practice round and the tournament round. The White course on Thursday and the Grey course on the Friday. It was pointed out that the Course played on Friday was to make it easier on competitors who did not have to climb the infamous Belmont Hill twice in one round, but the point was taken that perhaps practice rounds should reflect tournament rounds.
- Kamo Club expressed dissatisfaction with the two day draw that saw some teams playing early/late on the two days. They believe that it should go upside down on the second day. It was pointed out that some of the issues were to accommodate the organisers and that, with 2 tee starts on both courses the time difference was less than 90 minutes. However it was noted for future reference.

There being no further business Royce thanked the Delegates for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm