



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, 19th January 2026, 2:00 PM
WAIHI GOLF CLUB, WOODLANDS ROAD

PRESENT:

Frank Van Hattum (President), Jill Morrison (vice President), Mike Rose, David Campbell (Manager), Cath Blake, Chris Pilmer

APOLOGIES: Nil

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: "That the minutes of the December Board meeting be taken as read."

Carried: Mike Rose / Jill Morrison

Motion: "That the December Board meeting minutes be approved."

Carried: Mike Rose / Jill Morrison

2. Matters Arising

NIL

3. Governance

Frank requested that the declaration of interests be completed
Meeting dates have been attached to the previous minutes.

4. Health & Safety

The Board received the Health and Safety report for the period.

- No health and safety incidents or accidents were reported since the previous Board meeting.

Discussion took place around the assessment of Risk, in particular the risk Matrix, and mitigation

Manager to send out before the next Board meeting what the club has in place.

Examples were discussed on the 3rd & 17th Holes, where it is not possible to view the players in front of the playing group from the tee..

5. Membership Report

A table showing current membership by category with last year's comparison was reported to the meeting.

- 31 new members joined from 14th Dec to 14th January 4212 to 4237
- Members rejoined 3841,3635,3779,3345
- Membership Year-on-Year: Up from 574 to 646.

Manager to prepare an age breakdown of membership for the next meeting.

6. Financial Commentary for December 2025 Financial Statements

Overall, December reflects a strong operational financial performance for Waihi Golf Club, with solid year-to-date income growth across key revenue streams. However, the month also included a notable increase in expenditure and cash outflows, resulting in a reduction in the Club's overall cash position.

1. Cash Position (December 2025)

- Inwards Cash: up \$57,000
- Outwards Cash: up \$67,000 (*includes \$23,000 for the 8th concrete path project*)
- Overall Cash: down \$78,000

Comment: While cash receipts were up strongly, increased cash payments—particularly capital and maintenance-related spending—resulted in an overall decline in cash reserves for the month.

2. Key Operational YTD Income Performance

Income Stream	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	Variance
Green Fees	\$88K	\$99K	+12.5%
Carts (Net)	\$23K	\$23K	0%
Subscriptions	\$269K	\$289K	+7.4%

Comment: Green fee revenue remains a standout performer year-on-year, supporting the Club's overall income growth. Subscription revenue has also increased, reflecting steady membership retention. Cart returns were slightly down, reflecting higher lease costs.

3. Rounds Played – December

Category	2024	2025	Variance	%
Member Rounds	1,900	1,798	-102	-5%
Visitor Rounds	1,717	1,630	-87	-5%
Total Rounds	3,617	3,428	-189	-5%

Comment: Total rounds were down approximately 5% compared to last year, with both member and visitor play slightly reduced. This is likely attributable to seasonal conditions and inconsistent weather throughout the month.

4. Forward View

More detailed financial analysis will be available shortly, following a scheduled meeting with the Club accountant tomorrow. This will include confirmation of any outstanding coding, end-of-month accruals, or budget comparisons.

Motion: "That the accounts totalling \$199,766.67 for July be approved for payment."

Carried: Jill Morrison / Chris Pilmer

Motion: "That the financial report be accepted."

Carried: Jill Morrison / Chris Pilmer

7. COURSE REPORT JANUARY 2026

WEATHER

The weather this summer has been up and down with the rainfall with dry spells followed by heavy down falls as we start to dry out which does rejuvenate everything. We had 133.5 mm of rain for December and have had 171.5 mm of rain so far this month

GREENS

The greens are coming along nicely with consistent growth due to the warm temperatures and regular irrigation. We have been running our regular fungicide preventative programme alongside our fertiliser programme with a herbicide added when required.

The greens will have their air2g2 aeration completed towards the end of the month as the machine had a breakdown and it took a bit of time to source a required part from the states. We will be verti-draining and dusting the greens in March to create good drainage going into winter.

They will also be receiving another light dusting in February to help with thatch build-up and to keep them rolling true.

FAIRWAYS AND APPROACHES

The Fairways and Approaches still have good amounts of grass in them at this point. We will start to spike and roll core them over the next few months as we head into autumn to help alleviate compaction and encourage the speed of the regrowth. This should also help with drainage in the winter'

We are still the surrounds twice a week as required by the moderate growth. The fairways have been pushed out to fortnightly at this point.

TEES

The Tees are getting very similar treatment to the Approaches, but have also received applications of wetting agent and fertiliser to help them recover along with the irrigation being turned on to encourage as much growth as possible. We have been running out hoses and sprinklers to top up the water to the tees where the coverage is not the best.

ROUGH

The rough is being mowed as required depending on the amount of growth which is being affected by sporadic rain conditions causing flushes of growth.

We have started to spray Topra on the rough, tees and fairways to control the paspalum. This chemical works by stopping the production of chlorophyll which in turn pretty much bleaches the plant causing it to turn white and stop growth. This will also be done over fairways and tee tops. The process takes multiple applications over set time gaps. Unfortunately this means some weeks the rough may not get cut due to a withholding period on cutting.

BUNKERS

The Bunkers have all been edged and weeded with an application of growth regulator applied around the edges of the green side ones to

keep them tidy. We will be topping up some of them where required. They also have had all the weeds sprayed out in them in the past month

COURSE

As we head into Autumn we will be taking on a few projects from the Glasgow report once they have been approved to go ahead as well as concentrating on bare areas taking advantage of the growing window at that time of year to help them get established before winter.

VOLUNTEERS

I would like to thank all the volunteers that came out and helped this month as they are a vital part of the course maintenance.

General discussion regarding the course report, a summary to be included in the next newsletter.

Chris presented a paper summarising the outstanding projects from the NZSTI report, Chris further explained he has identified a list of 8 priorities that will be worked on over the next six months.

A budget of \$30K was approved to cover the cost of these projects, this being on top of the existing maintenance budget.

Further as these projects start getting off the ground, will ensure they are reported to members as they clear the planning stage.

Capex Request:

Cost of \$1395 for Forks for the John Deere Tractor was presented to the meeting, a generous member has also offered to donate \$500 towards the cost. The forks are particularly helpful when dealing with large tree branches, reducing the need to cut them into manageable pieces.

All agreed that the purchase was warranted, and we should proceed.

8. Sponsorship

Mike reported that, due to the Holiday season, not a lot of progress; plan to catch up on any outstanding matters before the next meeting.

There has been an additional cart sponsored bring the total to 4.

9. Correspondence

- **Inwards:**
Peter Rowe-Cap Ex
Markus Eschmann-visitor Comments
- **Outwards:**
Tim Parish-Reply
Edna Connelly Reply

Membership Correspondence

- 12/12 Events Email-The Fox
- 24/12 The board Newsletter
- 16/01 Men's Update

Markus letter was discussed, manger advised his team had discussed it and made the team aware of the proper means of correcting visitors and members.

Meeting Closed: 4:15pm
Next Meeting: 20th February

Signed: 
Frank Van Hattum (President)
20th February 2026


David Campbell (Manager)
20th February 2026