

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Marton Golf Club Incorporated** for a renewal of Club Licence pursuant to section 127 of the Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

**BEFORE THE RANGITIKEI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The application for renewal of Club Licence (037/CLUB/0012/2015) was advertised in the District Monitor from the 15 May to 6 June 2018. Also a statutory notice was placed on the outside of the building. No objections were received.

No matters of opposition were raised under section 128 and 129 reports; therefore the matter is considered by the Rangitikei District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary.

**Commissioner:**        **Stuart Hylton**

**RESERVED DECISION OF THE RANGITIKEI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1. Application**

**Marton Golf Club Incorporated** made the application on the prescribed form received on the 24 April 2018.

The application for renewal of Club Licence is in relation to the clubs premises at 431 Santoft Road, Taihape. The premises is zoned rural and surrounded by farms.

The general nature of the business is that of a sports (golf) club. The Marton Golf Club has been incorporated for a number of years and has held a liquor licence since pre 1997. The sale, supply and consumption of liquor is not the main focus of the club. The principle entrance is off Santoft Road, Marton and the single bar area/covered outside area is undesignated.

The renewal seeks to keep the same conditions as the current licence and the premise has not come to the notice of officials during the renewal period.

The complete file included –

- The application
- Floor plan/site plan
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

- Club's Host Responsibility Policy
- Fire Evacuation Scheme compliance statement from applicant
- Food / Drink list menu
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Notice of renewal
- Copy of public advertisement

## **2. Decision Making**

In considering this application for Club-Licence the licensing committee had regard to the criteria under section 131 and 105 of the Act.

### **Section 105/131 assessments:**

#### **(a) the object of this Act:**

The inspector notes that the applicant has supplied a Host Responsibility Policy stating the measures to be undertaken to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol. There have been no issues raised concerning previous operations so if the policy is followed then compliance with the object of the Act should be able to be achieved. The inspector helpfully provided within her report a record of an inspections of the premise by the licensing team since the issue of the licence, all of which show compliance.

#### **(b) the suitability of the applicant:**

The applicant is an incorporated society and located on the current site for many years. The applicant has supplied the name of two certified managers for the licence. This is considered to be suitable to manage the licence.

The suitability of the applicant is not challenged.

#### **(c) any relevant local alcohol policy:**

No local policies currently in place.

#### **(d) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:**

Applicant has applied for the same days and hours as currently enjoyed i.e.

- **Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 9.00pm**
- **Friday 10.00am to 12.00 Midnight**
- **Saturday 10.00am to 1.00am the following day**
- **Sunday 10.00am to 12.00 Midnight**

This is seen as adequate for the type of operation.

#### **(e) the design and layout of any proposed premises:**

A floor plan was provided with the application and indicates that no changes to layout have been made since initial issue. The layout appears to function satisfactorily and includes the single bar area and covered exterior. The premises are undesignated which is suitable for this type of licence.

**(g) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:**

Currently the focus is on sport, namely golf.

**(j) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:**

Previous operations have been satisfactory and therefore systems seem appropriate. The applicant has three certified managers which is adequate and staff have a good understanding of their responsibilities.

**(k) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, an inspector, or a Medical Officer of Health made under [section 103](#). (see 3 below)**

**(s.131(1)(b))whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be increased, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence:**

No issues raised and amenity and good order should not be compromised by the renewal of the licence.

**(s.131(1)(d))the manner in which the applicant has sold (or, as the case may be, sold and supplied), displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol.**

No issues raised within file.

### **3 Reporting Agencies**

The following reports were received under section 103 and 129 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

**3.1 Police** – Report received on 5 July 2024 of no opposition.

**3.2 Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 26 July 2024 of no opposition.

The MOH's representative did report that during an inspection of the Club on 17 July 2024, a discussion was had regarding strategies and procedures utilized by the Licensee to ensure a safe environment for the consumption of alcohol and harm minimization. Also noted at the time of the inspection was no 'Duty Manager' register present and no training register present. The Club has never had a training system in place.

The MOH representative recommended a number of interventions whilst also supplying the Club with access to resources. The Club assured the MOH representative these matters would be put in place immediately.

The Committee is pleased to hear these matters have been attended to. Hopefully the Club will ensure training and records become an ongoing part of the Club's licence responsibilities.

**3.2 Licensing Inspector** – Full report dated 9 August 2024. The Inspector notes the applicant has complied with the MOH's recommendations and records of training have been supplied. The inspector is satisfied the application is complete, meets the renewal criteria and supports the renewal application.

**4 Conclusion**

Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, my assessment above of section 105/131 matters and the past operation of the premise/licensee, I conclude that the application Marton Golf Club meets the statutory criteria to be granted a renewal of Club-Licence under the Act for a period of three (3) years from the date of expiry of the base licence.

**5 Decision**

The licence can be issued subject to the current conditions attached to the licence.

The application is **Approved** for issue immediately.

**Dated at Rangitikei District this 7 day of June 2018**

**Signed**



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**Stuart Hylton**  
**Rangitikei District Licensing Commissioner**