SWCC Men's Club Board Meeting

October 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Walton at 2:24 p.m.

2015 Board Members Present:

Jim Walton, Mike McAtee, Roger Hawkins, Dave Ryniec, Bob Atchison, Alan Beymer, Tim Hanrahan, Ed Stahlberg, Joe Caccamo, Hank Rullhausen

2016 New Board Members Present:

Brian Raley, Jim Harrington, Jack Larmour, Vic Manuelli

Members Absent:

Guy Pollak

President's Report:

Jim Walton thanked the 2015 board members for their hard work and welcomed the new members. The date of the board members' annual breakfast is Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015.

Minutes of the September 21 meeting were approved. Moved: Dave Ryniec; second, Bob Atchison

Pace of Play

President Walton handed out a report from the Pace of Play Committee to be studied by the 2016 board for possible action. Walton indicated it is not necessarily the high-handicap golfers who are slow. Education of all Men's Club members will be part of the solution. One option involves picking up: when players are amassing a significant number of strokes on a hole, they may be requested to pick up their ball, record their Equitable Stroke Control number, plus 1 additional stroke, and proceed to the next hole.

Annual members' election:

Brian Raley, Jim Harrington, Jack Larmour, and Vic Manuelli were elected to serve on the Men's Club Board of Directors at the Turkey Shoot scramble, Oct. 18. Members also voted in favor of the current tournament schedule. Members voted overwhelmingly to keep the closest-to-the-hole format on Monday and Thursday play days. In regard to starting times in June, July and August, the vote was evenly split between an 8 a.m. start vs. an 8:30 tee time.

Officers and Confirmation of the New Board:

Jim Walton nominated Roger Hawkins to serve as president for 2016; Mike McAtee seconded the nomination. The board voted unanimously to confirm Roger as President.

President Roger Hawkins announced the 2016 board assignments: Mike McAtee, vice president; Brian Raley, treasurer; Jack Larmour, tournament; Vic Manuelli, publicity and ringer board; Jim Harrington, greens; Ed Stahlberg, handicap; Guy Pollak, membership; Joe Caccamo, members' liaison; Hank Rullhausen, owner liaison; Alan Beymer, secretary.

Bob Atchison moved to accept the new board; second, Jim Walton.

Vice President's Report

Mike McAtee reported on the Blue Lake Cup results. The turnout was good for the season-long tournament, with 120 entrants vs. 95 in 2014. However, the number participating in the BLC championship was lower than in 2014. There were 40 qualifiers and 24 contestants. The Sunday date was thought to be a problem. Mike felt the point system for qualifying was better than the dollar earnings of past years.

Treasurer's Report:

Outgoing treasurer Roger Hawkins distributed a two-page financial report. After disbursing funds from the Charity Classic, there is a balance of \$4,817.63, including a reserve of \$3,000. The \$4,817.63 balance reflects \$1,540 from members' dues for 2016.

Hawkins and new treasurer Brian Raley will meet with the budget committee to work out the budget for 2016.

Secretary's Report:

Ed Stahlberg sent best wishes cards to Bev Vasquez and Clint Babb.

Membership:

In the absence of Guy Pollak, Roger Hawkins issued the 2016 membership report. The club has 43 members as of October 19. This represents about 1/3 of the potential members.

Tournament:

Oakdale Home and Away: Dave Ryniec reported that the Oakdale-Home and Away event has led to Oakdale Senior Men's Club asking if Sequoia Woods Men's Club would like to join a golf consortium which includes 12 other clubs for home and home events. Several board members indicated an interest in the chance to play at other sites.

Blue Lake Cup, Oct. 4: Ryniec said the low turnout for the Blue Lake Cup was very disappointing. In 2014 there were 4 no shows for the BLC; in 2015 there were 14 no shows. Suggestions were made to having the BLC on a regular Men's Club play day, or starting the competition on May 1 so members who spend winters in the desert will be more inclined to enter the competition.

Turkey Shoot, Oct. 18: Was well attended, and voting for 2016 board members was accomplished.

2016 Tournament Schedule: New tournament chairman Jack Larmour will work on the 2016 schedule which needs to be ready by the end of November.

Par/Ringer:

Alan Beymer said that \$760 in prize money was distributed to 5 players in each of the four flights.

Handicap:

Bob Atchison said checking of score cards in 2015 seemed to work and that toward the end of the season there were very few mistakes. A committee may be needed in 2016 to check cards, or perhaps perform spot checks. Board members agreed they did like the idea of play day scores being posted by the pro shop personnel.

Greens:

Tim Hanrahan said the bridge is going in to connect No. 1 green with No. 2 tee. The warm weather and rain have left the course in excellent shape.

The issue of raised lips on putting holes seems to come from players retrieving balls with the blade of their putter, or using a retrieval claw at an angle. Constant pulling up during the day on the collars will leave a slight upward incline encircling the hole. Proper retrieval will cure this.

Member Liaison:

Joe Caccamo suggested that Men's Club Monday play days include a low gross award, in addition to low net winnings.

Owner/Liaison:

Hank Rullhausen said the foundation for the bridge between No. 1 green & No. 2 tee has been poured. The bridge itself should be delivered October 29.

Other/Future Items:

November 16 is the next board meeting. November 15 is the annual Board Members' brunch. The annual Christmas Party is December 12.

Incoming President Roger Hawkins summed up goals for 2016:

Improve pace of play. Work for better participation in Blue Lake Cup. Finalize tournament schedule with Jack Larmour. Have the 2016 budget to the board for approval in March. Research the Home and Away competition with Oakdale and other clubs. Continue closest to the pin awards.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m. Next meeting: Scheduled for November 16, 2015 Respectfully submitted, Alan Beymer, Secretary