

SWCC Men's Club Board Meeting

August 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Walton at 12:52.

Board Members Present:

Jim Walton, Mike McAtee, Roger Hawkins, Dave Ryniec, Alan Beymer, Guy Pollak, Joe Caccamo, Hank Rullhausen, Tim Hanrahan, and Ed Stahlberg

Board Members Absent:

Bob Atchison

General Membership Attendees:

Rich Garmsen, Larry Haskell, Harold Hood, and Hal Lane

President's Report:

President Jim Walton noted there would be a change in the agenda with the Member Liaison item being first as a courtesy to the members attending who wished to speak in regards to player issues and pace of play.

Jim then called on Joe Caccamo, Member Liaison, and the members present for their input. Each of the visiting members and Joe spoke their concerns and complaints in regards to pace of play and certain player skill issues in regards to having to hand-hold or keep track of these players scores and how it detracts from their game on days where they are paired with certain members. They also addressed how often they get paired with the same individuals. There was a very lengthy discussion of the issues with input from both Board Members and the member guests. The discussion included: pairing foursomes by handicaps; having two groups, such as members under and over a certain handicap; pick a handicap number and have those players over that number play with the 9 hole group; using a "ladder system"; lack of randomness of the current computer pairing system; going back to the old method of pairing; and the inability of mixing the Combo Tee and Blue Tee by the TPC Program. Jim will be establishing a committee to review these issues and develop recommendations to the Board.

Opening Remarks---President Jim Walton thanked Vice President Mike McAtee and Treasurer Roger Hawkins for the excellent job they did co-chairing the Charity Classic. As a follow-up to last month's discussion regarding attracting low or single digit handicap players to our events, Jim reported that SWCC has 31 players out of 850+/- memberships with single digit handicaps: 5 in the Men's Club; 5 SWCC staff; and 21 other non-Men's Club part-time residents. He suggested some consideration should be given to holding a low gross tournament with a minimum number of participants or perhaps having a low gross flight within another

tournament. Jim reported that there have been some complaints/issues related to the newly installed “hole collars.” Greens Chairman Tim Hanrahan indicated the grounds staff used a special tool to install them, and he will discuss the issue with the Superintendent. Jim announced the Annual Board Breakfast will be on November 15th, and the Annual SWCC XMAS Party will be on December 12th. Jim discussed the Board’s transition practices and noted Mike McAtee has requested to remain Vice President next year and not move up to President due to a recent personal matter. Roger Hawkins, Mike’s selection for his VP next year, would move up and become President. Jim asked if there were objection from the Board, and there being none, Jim will be working with Roger on the transition and Roger will be talking to Board Members about their assignments for next year.

Approval of Previous Month’s Meeting Minutes—Tim Hanrahan moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, and Dave Ryniec seconded the motion, which passed with no opposition.

Nominating Committee Submission—Jim reported that the Nominating Committee has submitted four names for the three Board Member openings. Tim Hanrahan then provided his letter of resignation effective at the end of this Board year. Jim thanked Tim for his service. Tim’s resignation leaves a fourth Board position open for a one year term. This would be filled from the list of four candidates following the October election. Mike McAtee made a motion, seconded by Alan Beymer that the candidate names submitted by the Nominating Committee be approved. The motion passed. The new Board candidates are Jack Larmour, Brian Raley, Jim Harrington, and Vic Manuelli.

Vice President’s Report:

Blue Lake Cup—Vice President Mike McAtee reported that there are 118 Members participating in the Blue Lake Cup. Five Members at the top of the leader board are still in contention for the Cup. All five of these players have participated in the majority of Play Days and Tournaments.

Charity Classic—Mike thanked the Board Members for their help with the tournament. He reported that this year there were over 125 players up from 100 last year, and approximately 130 diners up from 110 last year. It appears revenue was up by about \$4500 and net earnings for the Classic could be \$2/\$3000 over last year. Mike also provided details on the raffle prize results, and silent auction. A motion was made by Roger Hawkins to provide \$1000 of Charity Classic proceeds for a Bret Hart High School Men’s Golf senior scholarship. The motion was seconded by Tim Hanrahan and passed without opposition. Tim made a motion to provide \$3000 of the Charity Classic earnings for Chris Faria PGA Professional Golf Management Program, so that future Boards would not have to be concerned with allocating funds for this scholarship. The motion was seconded by Dave Ryniec and passed without opposition. There was a discussion regarding how the remaining proceeds of the event are to be split. Jim Walton

will research Board minutes from our April meeting, when the Board selected the two charities, and will report back to the Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Roger Hawkins reported that the final accounting of the Charity Classic will still take some time as not all the financial information has been received. Roger handed out the Treasurer's Report with income and expenditure information updated since his last month's Board Meeting report and year to date. Roger reviewed the report in detail with the Board.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Ed Stahlberg reported that there had been no communications/cards since the last Board meeting.

Membership:

Membership Chairman Guy Pollak reported the current membership to date is 142. Guy indicated a member has requested a Men's Club membership listing. Jim noted that the roster had been e-mailed to the membership previously but saw no reason another copy could not be provided to the member. Dave Ryniec reminded Guy that the list should not include GHIN numbers of the members.

Tournament:

Tournament Chairman Dave Ryniec thanked Jim and Roger for overseeing the August 14th tournament. Jim sent out an e-mail to members on the results of the tournament. The notice for the September 3rd Ironman Tournament has been posted. Dave also reported he will be following-up with Oakdale on our home and home tournaments scheduled for October 1st and 16th. Dave also reported on an article about Junior Tournaments, and thought it might be something the future Board may want to consider supporting or assisting with.

Par/Ringer:

Par/Ringer Board Chairman Alan Beymer asked for clarification on the last Play Day for Par/Ringer Board results. It was confirmed as the last Play Day in September.

Handicap:

Jim reported for Handicap Chairmen Bob Atchison that the issue related to the member that had self-reported scores higher than his Play Day scores may have been resolved. His handicap has recently been lowered by 2 strokes.

Greens:

Green Chairman Tim Hanrahan expanded on how the hole collars are installed and indicated the wetness of the greens around the holes may have contributed to problems with them. He again indicated he would be following up with the grounds staff on the issue. Tim also reported that stencils have been purchased for the back nine cart paths indicating "cart paths only" will soon be painted.

Member Liaison:

See top of minutes for additional member liaison item and discussion with attending members. Member Liaison Joe Caccamo indicated that the "water box" on the hole 15 needs to be raised. Hank Rullhausen said there is \$5000/6000 left in this year's asphalt budget and this issue would be addressed.

Owner/Liaison:

Hank Rullhausen Owner/Liaison reported that he will be budgeting \$30000/\$40000 in next year's budget for asphalt and some cart paths will be repaired. Hank also indicated that the new bridge between holes 1 and 2 will be installed the first part of October.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Stahlberg, Secretary