



OHCC Golf Club Board Meeting – March 24, 2021

Executive Board Members Present: Grady Machnick, Greg Cies, Bill Boston, Jean Boston, Mel Feintuch, Bob Fisher, Debbie Machnick, Marilyn Vetlesen, Tom Vetlesen.

Additional Chairpersons Present: Kathy Hunt, Karen Carrothers, Peter Fry, Darleen Kelch, Joan McAlister, Marjorie Humphrey, Larry McBride.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by club president, Grady Machnick at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: A motion was made by Mel Feintuch and seconded by Marilyn Vetlesen, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mel Feintuch –We currently have \$9026.30 in our account. There have been a few recent expenses that were not budgeted - an annual web posting expense of \$156, and \$45 per quarter for the web camera. The club needs \$6000 in reserve for Touring Amateurs. Approximately \$3000 is available for other expenses.

President's Report: Grady Machnick – Scott Sloane has pulled access to the computer program we use for our tournaments. It is hoped that if we reach out to him, he will reconsider his decision.

If we are able to continue to use Scott's program, Marilyn Vetlesen pointed out it is important to find a resident with computer expertise to learn the program and be willing and able to take over when Scott no longer wants to be the point person on his program. If Scott is not willing to continue at this time, it is necessary to immediately find a commercial program and someone willing to learn the new program that will be used by our club going forward.

After discussion, a motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Greg Cies that we reimburse Scott for the \$305 paid from his own pocket to the Canadian programmer who has given hours of his time assisting Scott with complex programming issues. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Boston, Bob Fisher and Grady comprise the group that will meet with Scott, give him his check and express gratitude for all he has done. They will ask if he will consider continuing his involvement with the golf club computer programming.

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Bob has begun looking at other programs that will work for our tournaments. He paid \$96 for one program he is analyzing. It was determined that a committee should be formed to help Bob with this process. Mark Deutman, and Marilyn or Tom Vetlesen were mentioned as potential members.

A motion was made by Jean Boston to reimburse Bob for the software program he is reviewing. Mel Feintuch seconded the motion which was approved by the Board. Bob will submit an invoice for the expense.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Grady – Work on the course renovation has begun. Bob reported the practice area, holes 1 and 9 are currently being worked on. The estimate is about two weeks for completion of these areas. Designs for holes 2,3,7 and 8 have been submitted to the Master Board. The irrigation tie-in for the course water will be by the wind chime statue. A booster pump will be installed in case the capital improvement for the storage pond, pumps, well house, etc. are not approved. The renovation of the course will all be paid for from reserves as it is considered maintenance. The plan is to submit hole designs to the Master Board for specified areas every few weeks until completion. There will be a period of about 90 days when the work on the front nine is complete and work on the back nine is underway that the whole course will be closed to allow the new front nine landscape to take hold. The greens, tee boxes and bunkers will all be new. Redoing the fairways is not a part of this renovation. O’Connell will be responsible for reseeding needed areas of the fairways once the irrigation system is in place. Well water will be used for fairways only.

Grady has asked Bob if we can get renderings, etc. to be uploaded to the OHGC website so members can see the vision for the course. Bob said these will be available when the capital improvement Townhall is held.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Marjorie Humphrey –We currently have 404 members in the golf club. 240 are men, 164 are women. The membership includes 36 new members comprised of 22 men and 14 women.

Women’s Golf: Debbie Machnick – There is nothing to report regarding women’s golf. Debbie has reached out to Emerald Isle to get special rates for the club while work is ongoing at our course. Emerald Isle will charge \$17 for walkers, and \$27 with a cart. Preferable playing days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. With a group of 12 or more, the rates will be \$15 for walkers and \$25 with a cart. Kathy Hunt has also been asking clubs for special rates but due to the popularity of golf at this time, she has found nothing so far. Debbie and Kathy are continuing to look for other options.

Men’s Golf: Bob Fisher –Utilizing team captains is working well for the men’s group.

Special Tournaments: Peter Fry and Judy Fry (Absent) – The Master Board must allow for mass gatherings before Special Tournament play can resume.

Touring Amateurs: Kathy Hunt –Touring Amateurs is more popular than ever. All tournaments have been scheduled. Most events will be limited to 124 players. Aegis has given the sponsorship check to the club.

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Guys and Dolls: Tom Vetlesen and Marilyn Vetlesen – Guys and Dolls had 158 players in the March event. There is great interest in playing even during the time only 9 holes are available. The date of the April Guys and Dolls may have to be moved due to the current course closure.

Niners: Mike Bell and Mina Bell (Absent) –The Niners will continue their tournaments by utilizing the back 9.

Match Play: Bob Fisher – Match play will not resume until all 18 holes are available for play.

Hole-in-One: Larry McBride - Larry showed the committee his newly designed certificate that will be presented to golfers who make a hole-in-one. Hole-in-one bag tags will be labeled with the hole number and date of the hole-in-one. New labels will be given for each subsequent hole-in-one. There were 10 holes-in-one in the first quarter.

Handicaps: Tom Vetlesen –Tom proposed that for 9 hole tournaments, current handicaps be divided by two and rounded to the nearest whole number. New members will need five rounds of 9 holes of golf to establish handicaps for tournament play. Bob Fisher moved we accept Tom’s proposal. Bill Boston seconded the motion which was passed by the board.

Golf Course Committee: Bill Boston – Due to concern voiced by some members, the two signs on the first hole that give rules for playing the course will be reviewed to eliminate items that are no longer germane. The hope is that all relevant rules can be placed on one sign.

Securitas continues to give reports on how many citations are given to people who should not be on the golf course - no tags, no bag, non-resident, etc. It was mentioned that security checks for tags on tournament days are not necessary. Bill will relay that information to Securitas. They are conducting emergency response training sessions for their personnel. Adding an additional emergency phone, perhaps somewhere around the 17th hole, is being considered.

Rules: Doug Wright (Absent)- Nothing to report.

Casa Facilities: Darleen Kelch – All needed supplies have been purchased.

Computer: Marilyn Vetlesen – Already covered.

Sunshine: Karen Carothers – Cards are being sent when requests are made. Karen should be notified when sending a card is appropriate.

Some of Karen’s e-blasts have gone into Spam folders. This is thought to be a Cox problem.

Publicity: Jim Mulvey (Absent) – It would be helpful if Jim could mention the e-blast Spam problem in his next golf article. Members should check Spam for potentially important golf e-blasts.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.