

MEMORANDUM

December 17, 2008

TO: John Andrews, Social Chair
Dave Brinkley, At-Large
Paul Gelsinger, Treasurer
Sal Mantione, At-Large
Gary Maupin, V.P. & Membership Chair
Bill Nicol, At-Large
Pat O'Donnell, Tournament Chair, Kane Cup Captain - **Absent**
Tom Owens, Green Sheet Editor
Jeff Parfenchuck, Handicap Chair - **Absent**
Tom Tatum, Ex-Officio
Steve Tilden, Secretary, Web Site Manager

FROM: Tom Haack, President



MINUTES

December 17, 2008
7:00PM @ Thirsty's

Quorum Required = 7

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Ryder Cup Championship is complete. Sal, what happened?

I see that participation continues to slowly increase and yet we are still nowhere near the 2007 levels. Further, I note that we are about 5% behind the 2007 renewals. All things considered, I think we are doing as well as can be expected.

It has been a rather busy month for me. I trust things will settle down a bit after Christmas, however. I have added some detail to the accumulated addresses for the 25th, but have done little else.

SECRETARY

The minutes of the November Meeting have been posted on our website. I trust that all have appropriately reviewed them. Are there any comments, corrections, or additions?

If not, may we have a motion to approve together with a second? - **Approved unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul handed out the balance sheet and stated the social was \$778.20. There is now \$840 in the HIO fund. He allocated \$800 for the Kane Cup teams. Need to authorize monies for the other majors; the Jameson and Ryder Cup. The board approved. He just received a new envelope from Gary for 3 new members. He also got a notice from the AGA that they want us to start invoicing them by e-mail. Paul said he wanted to have a backup, which he suggested is Tom H. He said he would communicate with them to discuss it and the need for a backup. Another possibility is to use the Fred Enke Golf Club as the backup and Tom T. said it would be ok with him.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pat was absent so there is no report this month.

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jeff was absent, but had called Gary and said he had entered all the scores from the Ryder cup so there are no open issues.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gary said 119 members have now renewed, 8 are new members for 2009. He expects another 20-30 more in the coming weeks. The HIO is now \$855 with the 3 new members. He said we are just a little behind last year numbers.

GREEN SHEET REPORT

Tom said he thought we were going to shoot for February for the next issue. Tom H. stated we needed something out before the Jameson best ball in mid-April, so late February to early March would be a good target. He wants to mention the results of the Ryder cup and the Sr. Kane Cup tournaments. Gary said to contact Pat O'Donnell for the names in the Sr. Kane Cup.

PRO SHOP REPORT

Tom said he was going to publish and print new score cards. He also said the course would be stated at the longest the blue tees can be set and that will require a new rating. He is working with Mike & Pam on these changes. The blue will be stated at 6,800 yards and the white tees will be at 6,300 yards. They will be setup in rotation so 6

would be typically ahead, 6 even and 6 behind these permanent markers. We discussed the effect on handicaps and how we need to ensure the integrity so we are not penalized or gain from the new settings. The proposed changes will likely be implemented in the next month or two. The pro shop just received a wood fitting setup so they are a full-service Ping fitting shop. There are now all the lofts and shafts available, which no other city course has. Bill brought up the issue that there are several players complaining about the new flags. Since they only help with a range finder, you can't tell if the pin is front, center or back. Tom T. said he is working on it and solicited help from Gary to help outfit them. Then he remembered that the old "wiffle balls" could work and all agreed that would work. He said he preferred that over the red, white & blue flags. Tom H. mentioned in the past the club had bought the "wiffle balls".

SOCIAL CHAIR REPORT

John said the social went well and the food choices received a lot of compliments. He said we'll likely setup the menu for the Presidents cup. He said since the Presidents cup is in a few weeks, we'll likely be short on monies for this next major. Bill questioned why Frank was splitting the tips from our socials with the cooks since they get paid higher wages. John said this was the policy and how it's handled at all the city courses. Tom T. then stated that all the food service jobs pay are based on tips, so they all need to get their fair share.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) This space is reserved to set a plan for the celebration of our 25th year. – **Tom said he didn't have time to send out the letter and hopes to get it out before the next meeting.**
- 2) Shall the Club acquire a laptop computer? Step 1 may be the development of a specification or features list and then do some shopping.

Bob Payton has offered to help us acquire a used unit through IBM if we can produce a list of basic specifications. I have gone off to prepare such a list. For the same reasons listed above, this list is also incomplete. I may have something by meeting time. – **Tom O. agreed to send a link to allow us to peruse the IBM line of "refurbished" computers.**

- 3) **The matter of a new trophy came back up. David explained some research he has done on the matter and that any new engraved trophy would still need to start back to 1984. He also explained how the "perpetual trophy" would work so it can be added to each year. – The board asked David to come back with a budgetary quotation for the proposed trophy.**

NEW BUSINESS

1) There was a suggestion to add a senior tournament flight with separate prizes, etc. for those over 70? David explained how many members just can't reach the fairway anymore from the longer white tees. Gary explained how some have requested allowing them to play from the gold tees in major tournaments.

CALL FOR ISSUES FOR SUBSEQUENT AGENDAS

No new issues were brought up and the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

ADJOURN & SET

Next Meeting should be, Wednesday, January 21, 2008, 7:00PM @ Thirsty's.

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