

MEMORANDUM

Jan. 18, 2012

TO: John Andrew, Social Chairman
Duane Fifer, Tournament Director
Tom Flanagan, Treasurer
Paul Gelsinger, Handicap Chairman
Tom Haack, Immediate Past President
Terry Kirchoffner, Kane Cup Captain
Sal Mantione, At-Large (Trophies)
Gary Maupin, Vice-President
Tom Owens, Green Sheet Editor
Tom Tatum, Ex-Officio
Steve Tilden, Secretary, Web Site Manager - **Absent**
Ty Welsh, Membership Chairman

FROM: Pat O'Donnell, President

MINUTES

7:00PM @ Thirsty's

Quorum Required = 8

Either Mike Hayes or Pam Drake will be our Guest on Wednesday night. We have been negotiating with Tucson City Golf to allow us to use pro shop credits for greens fees and/or cart fees. One of them will be at the meeting to explain a proposed new system, and answer all of our questions.

Mike Hayes presented the proposed new system for allowing our members to use Pro Shop Credits to pay for Greens Fees and/or Cart Fees. The primary elements of the plan are as follows:

- 1. To allow for paying Greens Fees, etc. with Pro Shop credits, the city cannot increase winnings by 15% as in the past. Also, the Club already gets 10% off the lowest rates for Greens Fees.**
- 2. Credits may be used to pay for all, or a portion of, Greens Fees, Cart Fees, Annual Passes, Merchandise, and Gift Certificates for Greens Fees or Merchandise.**
- 3. Current balances on the books will be reduced by about 13% to remove the 15% add-on.**
- 4. Current FEGC Members may purchase any merchandise from any City Pro Shop, including sale merchandise, at a 10% discount on the entire purchase and pay for all or part with Credits.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. Further discussion and vote on the Proposed New System for Pro Shop Credit usage. Pat explained that the reasons that this has been pursued were: a) Many members had stated a desire to use Credits for Greens Fees, or to play**

for cash instead of getting Credits; b) Our weekly participation has been sliding, probably due to the economy and the costs of golf, and by making this change, we can help to reduce the cost of golf for our members and possibly increase participation.

There were many questions and lots of discussion regarding the pros and cons. A motion was made & seconded to change to this new system. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes and 1 nay.

The new system will be implemented as soon as Tucson City Golf is ready, probably in about 2 weeks.

2. Pace of Play; Play in the Pres. Cup Qualifier started out at a nice pace, but then deteriorated to about a 5 hr. round for later groups. Other play has been OK.

SECRETARY/Webmaster

The minutes of the last Meeting have been posted on the website. I assume that all have reviewed them. Are there any comments, corrections, or additions? If not, may we have a motion to approve together with a second? **Minutes were approved.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Flanagan reviewed the 2011 final accounting with all yearlong Tournaments paid and the opening report for 2012. Books are in balance and looking fine.

AGA DELEGATE REPORT

1. Follow-up needed on explanation of selection of Kane Cup teams. **Pat will write the explanation for the soon to be published Green Sheet.**
2. Nothing new on the proposed AGA new Citizens Cup Tournament.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Discussion and vote on Coordinators pay for running Tournaments. **It was decided that Tournament Coordinators will be entered into the Skins and Weekly Game at no charge in lieu of the prior \$40 payment. This will increase the prize pool by \$40. Duane will notify all Coordinators and reprogram the Tour Pack to reflect the changes.**
2. Ryder Cup Evaluation: Should Day 1 be a 2-person Scramble instead of Modified Alternate Shot? Should we institute minimum handicap differentials

for this and/or the Jameson Best Ball? Duane's report and recommendations tabled for a future meeting.

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Paul recently took the online Certification test and passed so he is now certified.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Need to develop poster to place in Pro Shop and Restroom soliciting New Members. Promote play on Thurs. and Weekends, Major Tournaments, and other courses we play, Website, etc., etc. **Ty is working on the Poster and will present his ideas to Duane, Gary, and Pat for input prior to printing and posting. We currently have 123 members, of which 15 are new members and 108 are renewals.**

GREEN SHEET REPORT

1. Patric Giclas said that he will take over this responsibility if we want him to. Tom Owens to follow up with him. Status? **Tom Owens has written a Draft of the Newsletter and will incorporate input from others before publishing and will involve Patric Giclas in the process. We need to also write a paragraph that Patric Giclas won the Senior City Amateur.**
2. Next Green Sheet: Article on Doug Keith and Robert Winsted winning their flight in the AGA Team Championship.
3. Kane Cup Team selection explanation.

PRO SHOP REPORT

SOCIAL CHAIR REPORT

1. Discussion and vote on whether or not to continue funding 4 Socials per year, or should we back off to just President's Cup Qualifier and Club Championship? **Due to the increased cost of the Socials with the new company, the Board decided that we will not host food at the Jameson Best Ball and the Ryder Cup Tournaments and only provide food & soft drinks at the President's Cup Qualifier, and twice at the Club Championship. By so doing, we can reduce the weekly social fee portion of the game entry fee to \$1, which will add an extra \$10 to \$20 to the prize pool.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Written skins and other policies – Ty - Tabled for future action.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of fees for regular weekend Tournaments: social fee, game fee, etc. **Current fees will remain the same.**
2. Thursday Tournaments: Discussion and vote on type of Tournament, fees, whether or not participation counts for Hole in One Club, Best of Year and Enke Tour Challenge, etc. **The primary purpose of initiating a weekly Thursday Game is to attract new members and increase overall play. There was a thorough discussion on this topic, with opinions varied. All agreed that the Thursday game should not be just a weekly skins game if the Club is going to sponsor it. Finally, Duane offered a Motion to run the Thursday Game just as we do our regular weekend game, but that we might try different types of games. The Motion passed with 7 ayes, 2 nays and 2 abstentions. Entry fee for the game will be \$8, with \$1 going to the Social Fund plus optional Gross & Net Skins at \$5 each. The Hole in One Pot and the Best of the Year will be in play, but not the Enke Tour Challenge. Thursday play will count toward Qualification for the Club Championship. Thursday Sign-up Sheets will routinely be available at weekend Tournaments. This will be implemented beginning on Jan. 26. Since we will be dealing with a lot of unknowns as to how it will effect weekend play, whether or not it will actually draw new members and/or increase overall play, etc., we will routinely survey players as to their opinions, regularly evaluate the impact on the Club, and be willing to make changes.**
3. Need ideas for increasing membership and weekly play. What incentives can we offer current members to sponsor new members?

CALL FOR ISSUES FOR SUBSEQUENT AGENDAS

ADJOURN & SET NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, 7:00pm at Thirsty's.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.