

**Simsbury Farms Men's Club Inc.**

**Board Meeting**

July 11, 2006 Men's Locker Room Russell Shaw Club House Simsbury, Ct.

**In Attendance:** Tom Wolff, Gerry Wetjen, David Gaffey, James Troy, John Brighenti, Wayne Marciano, Larry Allen, Stu Haigh and Joe Worthen .

**Meeting was called to order as a Quorum of the Board of Directors did exist.**

**Opening Remarks (Tom Wolff)**

**None**

Tom asked the Board to review the minutes of the April/June meetings and the Board voted and approved the minutes as written.

Both Wayne and Tom were unavailable for the meeting with Simsbury Bank however; Gerry Wetjen did attend the meeting and briefed the Board of Directors on the outcome. Tom and Wayne would like to solicit area merchants for donations to the Scholarship Fund and asked Gerry to have Brad Jackson contact them so we did not have more than one member contacting the same area merchants.

No report by the Handicap Committee was given and therefore the action item from the May meeting remains open. The action item called for a scores audit for the following tournaments:

April 30 Four Ball Championship

May 7 Individual Point Tournament

**The audit of these two tournaments became an action item for Les Carlson. After the Board meeting Tom contacted Les Carlson who committed to auditing these tournaments ASAP.**

Finally there remains a Men's Club web site link on the Towns website for the course. **Tom assigned Rich the action item to contact Mark Dymersky and get this material removed from the course web site.** The web site URL for the SFMC Inc. website is <http://www.simsburyfarmsmensclub.com>

**Treasurers Report**

Gerry Wetjen reports:

251 Paid Members (Budget reflects 285)

We have a operating balance of \$19,907.99 Scholarship Fund Balance \$2176.80.

302 paid members last year.

**This report and proposal was provided by the Treasurer.**

**2,500 donation from Old Spice to SFMC for sponsoring the 2006 Tournament Season (equivalent to 25 members with zero expenses).**

During the June Board Meeting Gerry discussed options for reducing expenses if membership numbers continue to lag projected budgeted numbers. Tom Wolff requested a 10% reduction in tournament and entertainment expenses. After a lengthy discussion in June those in attendance agreed to a 5% reduction in tournament and entertainment expenses with an additional 5% reduction to be considered at the July Board Meeting.

We have continually adjusted tournament payouts based on member participation which has resulted in expense

savings. An across the board expense reduction is not warranted at this time as paid expenses have lagged projected or budgeted expenses thus far this year. Gerry noted we are currently projecting an operating balance of \$258 for the year and this would increase if paid expenses continue to lag projected or budgeted expenditures. The message was continued fiscal vigilance. The treasurers report was voted and passed by the Board.

### **NEPGA Report**

Stu Haigh report to the Board Members present on NEPGA activities to date including the outcome of last weekends Gross and Net qualifier.

The TEAM ROSTER for Simsbury Farms Men's Club Gross competeing at Hunter Memorial on July 23 and 24 are as follows:

- Player 10 Bill Abramczyk
- Player 9 Bruce Lostocco
- Player 8 Steve Denhof
- Player 7 Jay Bailey
- Player 6 Rick Eden
- Player 5 Steve Greenberg
- Player 4 Joe Worthen
- Player 3 Bob Tracy
- Player 2 Terry Ryan
- Player 1 Reg Zurinkas

### **Tournament Committee**

Larry Allen discussed preparations for the upcoming Ryder Cups well as activities to form a 16 man team to compete against the Timberlin Men's Club. Members interested should contact Larry Allen.

### **General Business**

Wayne discussed slow play and the need for handicap audits. Tom took the action to telephone Les Carlson and get the handicap audits completed.

Rich Tressy had sent an Email to the membership requesting they respect the Board Members desire to compete during tournaments and not bring up or discuss SFMC business during competitions or practice. This was Rich's attempt to protect the Board members right to compete within the field of players without having to respond to a number of questions during competition. The Board discussed this and was essentially split on the need to receive feedback from members and a desire for undisturbed practice and competition. No resolution or vote on the matter was taken as many members do respect a Board members desire to practice and play without having to respond to a bevy of questions. The general consensus seemed to be there were very few members who do not respect a Board Members right to unfettered practice and competition.

Tom Wolff received a price quote from the Farmington Club from Tom Blaskowski. Expenses for the Awards Banquet approach 37% of member dues (almost 50% of Senior Annual Dues). Tom Wolff committed to getting a letter out to the membership. The Board has received a number of E-mails expressing strong opinions on the choice of the Maple Tree for the Awards Banquet in 2005. Tom Wolff took the action to write a letter to the general membership. Tom Blaskowski has the action to obtain additional quotations for the Awards Banquet.

Mike Wallace has approached the Men's Club to request funding for repair activities on equipment needed to more effectively maintain and improve the golf course. The Board of Directors discussed the use of course improvement money for equipment repair activities and the general consensus was the true authority on how best to improve the Golf Course is indeed Mike Wallace. Accepting this as fact renders the opinion he is also the best equipped to determine how we get the biggest impact for our donated dollars. Additionally, Tom Wolff will donate a compressor for use in establishing a pressurized air system outside the clubhouse for the cleaning of clubs and shoes. Mike Wallace will install the system. The Men's Club raised course improvement funds by raffling the season pass for the Geritollers. This money as well as budgeted money will be used to support Mr. Wallace's request. The Board of Directors voted and passed a motion to support the Superintendent of the Golf Course with \$1,500.00 (better than half of which was earned with the Seasons Pass Raffle). The Men's Club did not make a course improvement donation in 2005. The Board is aware that certain members do not endorse the use of Member dues to fund course improvement activities at the course. However, the Board of Directors disagrees with this opinion and sees these donations as an investment which improving the Members golfing experience at Simsbury Farms.

The Board had a short discussion on the need to recognize the contributions of Mike Wallace and the Golf Course Staff. Tom Wolff and Dave Gaffey will write a letter to Gerry Toner recognizing the contributions of Mike Wallace and the Golf Course Staff..

### **Action Items**

**Rich will have Mark Dymersky delete the policy statements now on the SFMC Inc. website located under Bylaws and have him create a separate area for policy statements and rules on the web site and post the rules as passed by the Board of Directors 5/9/06.**

**Tom assigned Rich the action item to contact Mark Dymersky and get the old website material for SFMC off the Town's website.**

**Les Carlson will perform the audit of scores for the following tournaments and report the outcome of the audit at the June Board of Directors meeting:**

**April 30 Four Ball Championship**

**May 7 Individual Point Tournament**

**Action item to provide the rules to all members via mass Email (Rich Tressy) and posting the rules in the locker room (Reggie).**

**Larry will take the action item to develop a format for the competition with Timberlin.**

**Tom Wolff took the action to write a letter to the general membership.**

**Tom Wolff and Dave Gaffey will write a letter to Gerry Toner recognizing the contributions of Mike Wallace and the Golf Course Staff..**

**Tom Blaskowski has the action to obtain additional quotations for the Awards Banquet.**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:40 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted by: Tom Wolff (subbing for Rich Tressy)**