

**SIMSBURY FARMS MEN'S CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009
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Attendees: Bob Christensen, Gerry Wetjen, Reg Zurinkas, Michael Scheetz, John Brighenti, Tom Wolff, and Kevin Schultz.

Not in Attendance: Wayne Marciano and Jay Bailey.

Gerry Wetjen called the Board Meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Minutes were approved from the March Board Meeting and would be posted on the Simsbury Farms Men's Club website.

Reg Zurinkas as chair of the nominating committee reviewed the names to be nominated for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. After a vote taken by the Board the following individuals were appointed:

Vice President: Bob Christensen
Secretary: Michael Scheetz
Treasurer: Gerry Wetjen

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Wetjen presented to the Board the April 2009 Treasurers Report. Gerry reported 205 Members have paid, 63 Members from 2008 have not renewed their membership to date. Of the 205 Members paid 21 are new Members. We have an account balance of \$24,899.21 of which \$2,601.80 is for the 2009 Scholarship Fund.

Gerry reviewed the new Tee Sign program. We now have enough sponsors to have the new Tees Signs located on the first nine holes. Gerry also indicated Attilio will be covering the cost of a tee sign on hole number 8.

Gerry reviewed our new Broken Tee Cup program. The ladies tees now have the Broken Tee Cups located on their respective tees. The remaining Broken Tee Cups for the Gold, White, and Blue markers were to be shipped on April 17th.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Committee Reports: Gerry Wetjen asked each of the respective Committee Chairs to present to the Board a review of their activities over the past month.

Membership and Communication: Kevin Schultz presented to the Board his ideas of preparing a Tuesday communication to the membership which reviews the prior week tournament results and keeps the membership informed of upcoming events. Kevin also reviewed his thoughts around marketing the Men's Club through a variety of media resources. Gerry recommended to Kevin that we prepare a statement about the Men's Club in the event inquiries are made from prospective new members and have it available in the Pro Shop. A preliminary discussion also took place about the possibility of requiring a commitment by the members to play in ten tournaments. This will be discussed in more detail at a later date.

Golf/Tournament: Gerry presented to the Board his thoughts in generating a Director of Golf in which the Handicap Committee, Greens Committee, Rules Committee, and the Pro Shop would fall under. The Vice President would have the responsibility of this new Committee Position.

Gerry Wetjen indicated Mr. Gundaker and Mr. Rosenberg have volunteered to assist the handicap committee.

Article III, Section 8 of the Bylaws regarding Tournament Play was discussed in order to replace ten days with thirty days.

Section 8 shall now be. Tournament Play: Members are responsible for adhering to all rules governing play. Disputes arising from perceived violations to the rules of play must be submitted to the Club President within five days after the disputed infraction. The President, in conjunction with the Board, will rule on the disputed infraction and provide a written ruling to the members involved in the dispute within thirty days after receipt of the complaint. A member's right to be eligible for tournament play may be suspended by the Board in accordance with rules adopted by the Board. Bylaws adopted or amended by the Board shall be subject to amendment or repeal by members.

Greens: Mike Scheetz reviewed with the Board his meeting on April 8th with Mike Wallace and Gerry Wetjen. Mike Wallace discussed the following updates in regards to course maintenance:

- (1) He expects to start work on placing the new Tee Signs for the first nine holes in May. Gerry and I discussed with Mike that the Men's Club will provide volunteer work groups to plant perennials and annuals around the tees sign; (2) Mike will provide sand and seed so that the new containers purchased by the Men's Club can be filled; (3) Mike indicated the second green suffered winter damage on the upper left tier. No pin placement will be available in this area until June. He also indicated he will be thinning out the trees behind the second green. In addition he will be working on building a curb on the inside portion of the cart path behind the second green so drainage will go around the green. He will also be leveling the area between the back of the green and the curb; (4) On the left side of 18 Mike will be planting 20 pear trees. This project will take place soon; (5) In the fall Mike will have access to an excavator. He would like to work on leveling two of the worst tee boxes. He has asked the Men's Club to determine the two tee boxes and also to provide volunteers to remove the cut sod and then to place the sod back in place after the leveling; (6) In regards to bordering the sand traps Mike will probably be asking for volunteer work groups to complete this work.

Mike Scheetz also indicated to the Board he would be meeting with his committee to review the course maintenance updates from Mike and to also start working on creating the volunteer work groups for refilling the sand and seed bottles and the planting of annuals and perennials around the new Tee Signs.

Entertainment: Tom Wolff presented to the Board that he is in discussions with Riverview in regards to our end of year banquet.

Junior Golf: Gerry Wetjen presented to the Board that he has been in discussions with John Verrengia along with Jason Walters at Hop Meadow in coordinating joint junior programs which will allow the junior golfers from Simsbury Farms the opportunity to play at Hop Meadow. Gerry has also spoken to both golf pros on the possibility of establishing low key tournaments between the two groups.

Gerry also indicated he has been in discussions with Mike Wallace in looking at the possibility of establishing Junior Tee Markers.

Rules: Reg Zurinkas outlined the topics he was going to discuss at the April 17th New Member/Rules meeting.

Golf Maintenance Facility - Gerry Wetjen indicated the importance of our members attending the Special Town Meeting on May 5th which is a voice vote on whether to approve the building of a new Golf Maintenance Facility. Tom Wolff suggested a sign up sheet for our members so we have an idea on how many will attend. Members need to understand the voice vote will most likely take place at the end of the Special Town Meeting late at night.

Complex Committee – Ron Patterson informed the Board of a six year development plan for the Complex improvements which an architect was hired to evaluate. The architect outlined that the priorities of the improvements should be (1) Main Complex Building/ Hockey Rink, (2) Apple Barn, and (3) Upgrading the restaurant. Ron indicated the golf course is self sufficient and brings in 3 times the revenue of the other programs.

In regards to paving the exit road we are waiting for a State Grant.

Other Business -

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday May 14th, 7:00 PM in the Simsbury Farms Men's Locker Room.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM

Submitted by: Michael M. Scheetz, Secretary, SFMC, Inc.