

**Simsbury Farms Men's Club
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 11, 2009 7:00PM
@ Maple Tree Cafe**

Present: Wayne Marciano, Bob (Chris) Christensen, Gerry Wetjen, David C. Brownell, Reg Zurinkas, Jamie Troy, Jay Bailey, Ken Charpillox, Michael Scheetz and John Verrengia

Wayne called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Player A – Player B complaint

Reg had asked John Verrengia to attend as to offer more insight as to the day and timeline

Player A had made a claim against **Player B**. John relayed that after the stipulated round of the October 10, 2008 tournament **Player A** made claim that he believed he witnessed **Player B** either moving his ball or improving his lie prior to making a chip shot to the 2nd green.

Player A was on the 3rd tee. John notified **Player B** of the complaint. Due to the schedule of the SFMC Board and notice of the by-laws stating *will rule on the disputed infraction and provide a written ruling to the members involved in the dispute within ten days after receipt of the complaint*, the Board could not act in the timeframe deemed and has had lengthy discussions as to the best interest of the membership and for the protection of the field in tournaments.

Therefore, the Board will review the current process and timeframe to learn from this experience and make an equitable amendment to the bylaws. Ken and Jaimie volunteered to draft a letter to the membership explaining the incident, apologize as to the time to respond as well as respond to the infraction.

Treasurer's Report

Wayne thanked Gerry for all of his hard work with Planning and Zoning and the recent news of Attilio's being given the right to apply for a wine and beer permit with the zoning change.

Gerry reported that currently there were 73 paid members with an account balance of \$13,496.28 of which \$2,098.50 was of the scholarship fund.

Tee signs are ordered of which 6 are paid for with receipts still due from other sponsors.

Nominating Committee Update

Reg disclosed that his current slate for the open spots were as follows:
Fred Bunyon, Ken Kobus, Peter Reynolds, David Brownell, Jim Sutfin,
Ken Charpillox, Sandy Bali, John Brighenti and Jay Bailey

Open Discussion

Wayne discussed the need for a Handicap Committee to review postings and tournaments in 2009
2009 Board will look for possible committee members

March 15th meeting – introduction of slate of board elections with a brief speech from each person slated. Solicitation also to be made for members to volunteer to work on committee
New members attending will be spotlighted and introduced. David will prepare ballots for tabulation
On March 15.

Open Discussion (continued)

The SFMC website is in need of updates. Gerry advised that Mark Dymersky's contract had expired. Renewal to run the website is \$700 for 2 years. Approved.

Discussion took place for using credit for goods other than merchandise.

John was sympathetic to the economic times and challenges of the membership but by offering credit for carts or range balls would not offer the same revenue stream for John as the merchandise. This issue is closed.

Gerry brought up the idea of fostering a junior golf program between the SFMC and juniors. He suggested that our membership will be increasing in 2009 due to the economy and that we should Sponsor and play in events specifically targeting juniors golfers. The concept was widely accepted by the Board as we would promote the etiquette and rules of the game, have structured tournaments and offer credit to SFMC members that participate. Gerry will send an announcement as to the concept to the membership.

Wayne offered a closing statement that he would be resigning from the board as President effective immediately but would continue to participate as a board member. In recent months he has had many personal obligations and challenges that have needed his attention.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9th 7:00PM at the Maple Tree Café.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Submitted by: David C. Brownell, Secretary, SFMC, Inc.