

**SIMSBURY FARMS MEN'S CLUB**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 18, 2010**

Attendees: John Brighenti, Bob Christensen, Gerry Wetjen, Reg Zurinskas, Wayne Marciano, Jay Bailey, and Mike Scheetz.

Not In Attendance: Tom Wolf and Kevin Schultz

Gerry Wetjen called the meeting to order @ 7:02 PM.

Minutes were approved from the January 2010 Board Meeting.

President Wetjen reviewed with the Board the recent Board of Selectmen meeting that he attended concerning the funding of projects to be completed on the golf course. The original plan was to allocate \$220,000 to \$250,000 to be used for fixing the drainage on hole #1 and reconstructing numerous greenside bunkers. Mike and his staff would complete the work over the 2011-2012 and 2012 -2013 budget years. However, based on new information the Board of Selectmen has decided to allocate \$350,000 for the 2010-2011 Budget Year. Gerry indicated that \$1,950,000 that was to be set aside for the reconstruction of the Pool Complex was pulled from the budget which then accelerated the golf course projects. The Board of Selectmen recognizes the golf course has been neglected for a number of years and acknowledges how valuable an asset it is for the town. Mike and his crew will level the tee boxes during the fall of 2010 and the spring of 2011. An RFP will be sent out to Golf Course Architects for the redesign of bunkers and greens. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 6 to 0. This still has to pass the Board of Finance.

**Board Decorum** – President Wetjen presented to the Board his concerns regarding the unacceptable behavior and language that has been prevalent during the past couple of Board Meetings. He asked that all Board Members act as gentlemen and keep all personal issues out of our Board Meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gerry Wetjen presented to the Board the February 2009 Treasurer's Report as of 02/18/2010. Gerry reported that for the 2010 golf year we have 50 Paid Up Members. At the end of the 2009 we had 246 Members. Of the 50 Paid up Members there are 4 new Members. We have an account balance of \$7,602.37 and the Scholarship Fund is at \$2,872.40.

The Treasurer's report for January 2010 was approved by the Board.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership & Communication:** No report.

**Greens:** Are covered in snow. No report.

**Tournament:** No Report. Board Member Scheetz recommended to Chairman Bailey about the possibility of utilizing a reverse scramble format in the 27 hole medley tournament. Recommendation will be taken under consideration.

**Entertainment:** Riverview well received by the Membership for the end of the year banquet. Board Member Marciano asked about the possibility of having a shotgun final round for two day tournaments so that the participants could end at the same time and socialize as a group after the round. This will have to be evaluated by the Pro Shop.

**Handicap:** Chairman Zurinskas reviewed with the Board a comparison study of a test handicap audit between 2009 and 2008.

**Miscellaneous:**

**2010 Planning:**

**Nominating Committee:**

Chairman and Board Member Jay Bailey indicated to the Board that 8 Members names will be placed on the ballot for 5 Board positions. The cut off date to receive nominations was February 21st.

**Hole in One Skins** : Will be implemented during the 2010 Golf Year to raise scholarship monies. President Wetjen indicated this will be viewed very positive by the community and the membership in regards to the effort generated by the Simsbury Farms Men's Club.

**Bylaws Amendments:** Discussion took place amongst the active Board Members about the language found in **Article V. Board of Directors Section 1. Authority, Number, Term and qualification:** The concern amongst the Board Members concentrated on the ambiguous language in determining who is eligible to be considered as a nominated candidate. The Board decided to postpone any change to the language until after the new Board is voted into office at the Annual Member Meeting on March 14, 2010. President Wetjen indicated he had asked and received comments from Members in the law profession concerning the language in the Bylaws and received positive feedback in regards to possible changes to the language. In addition to possible language changes in the Bylaws concerning the nominating of potential candidates the Board also discussed the need to review the language regarding the ability of Members to vote at the Annual Meeting. These and other potential changes to the Bylaws would be taken into consideration when the new Board is chosen.

**Legislative Action Committee (LAC):** President Wetjen elaborated on his ideas about the LAC. Because of the numerous meetings that occur in town politics Gerry felt the need for a group to attend these meetings which would be a conduit of information to the Board. The LAC would not have any power to speak on behalf of the Board. Discussion will continue about the possibility of implementing the LAC with the new Board in March 2010.

**Pro Shop Sign:** President Wetjen discussed with the Board the possibility of hanging a sign behind the pro shop counter for the Men's Club. This would be a 14" X 18" framed sign with inserts below the sign for applications and schedules. The cost would be \$150-\$200. The Board would need to approve this expenditure.

**Other Business:** Next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 14th directly following the Annual Meeting at the Maple Tree.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:31 PM.

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