

Annual Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2021

Marcia Murphy called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm. Board members present were: Dale Kunde, Denise Ahrens, Doug Krob, Lisa Mosier, Rod Ferris. Shane Boeve was absent. Chris Steffen Director of Golf and Kim Regnitter, Secretary were also present. A quorum was present with 36 voting and 3 guests.

Marcia read opening statement (see attached).

Introduction of board members and staff.

Chris Pruess & Kelly Banowetz will be the new board members. M/C

Steve Agne made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting, second by Phil Bengé. M/C

Review of Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for 2020 Lisa Mosier moved to approve, Rod Ferris second. Steve Agne asked if the funds for personal donations were used for the operating of the clubhouse. M/C

Review and Approve 2021 Budget & Proposed Dues Schedule – Reviewed the dues schedule to be used in 2020. Explained the projected dues now reflects the 7% sales tax. Tim Ryan wondered if we should adjust our memberships to reflect a different rate for families with children. Tom Pettigout feels the dues schedule is fine. Dale explained how we have adjusted the dues by creating a junior membership a few years ago. Tim is looking for other avenues to attract additional members. Steve Agne – 10 years ago we were receiving more benefits (clubhouse, additional golf events, etc). It used to be a country club and now it has become a golf course with a restaurant. Pete Johnson – if you have two singles, who do not have the same address, would they be considered two singles. Dale explained they would qualify for a membership, based upon their living situation. Phil Bengé - If it isn't spelled out in the bylaws, it needs to be clarified in the bylaws. Don Roth – attracting new members by offering the reduced membership to bring in new members. Board will review the definition of a family membership. Don wondered if we were going to run the reduced membership special again in 2021. Half year memberships are also an option. Are there any opportunities for people to play 5 times a year. Anyone living in Tipton may play in an open tournament. All members also have 5 passes to use to bring someone from Tipton to play. Pete asked if there was a limit as to how many times someone has been able to play on passes, if they lived in Cedar County. Steve Agne moved to approve the budget, second by Denise Ahrens. Pete Johnson asked what happened to the trail fees account? Dale explained how we had to use the trail fees to pay operating funds. Pete feels the trail fees should be paid at the end. Don Roth asked why there was no expenses reflected in the budget for operating the restaurant and if Chris' salary was to be the same. Chris stated he was good with his present salary. M/C

Director of Golf – Chris Steffen

2020 Difficult year – everything possible was done so we could continue to play golf. Hosted the MEIGA with 12 days notice – thanked everyone who helped. Derecho happened 2 days after the tournament was done – cleaned up again for the Rochau tournament. Thank you to Marcia Murphy, Bev Pettigout & Lynn Phelps for picking up sticks. Very pleased with the new clubhouse vote.

Clubhouse Update – Building committee met to lay out the building. They are working on getting the concrete poured. Pat Steffen is the contractor and is currently unavailable. He feels it will get moving quickly, as soon as things get moving. Things are happening which are not out of his control. Bev Pettigout asked what the plan would be if we don't have the clubhouse up and running. Chris feels he could work with the contractors to get a space done to use. Ann asked what the plan would be if the building isn't up when golf season starts. Dale explained options we have discussed – using a portion of the cart shed to operate out of, or renting a construction trailer to operate out of. Marcia thanked Chris for doing a great job under difficult circumstances.

Committee Reports

Cart Sheds – Dale updated opener in Shed A last year. Shed B will get new key pads. Dale thanked Chris, Marcia & Kim.

Grounds & Rules – Chris – Tee Box not finished. All equipment is functional.

Building – Nothing to report. Rod – mentioned Chris is getting some heat re: the delay in getting the new building up and running. He wants everyone to be patient and get behind Chris to get the clubhouse going. Chris explained that Pat had no intention of building this. He agreed to do it, since our original contractor backed out. Doug Krob made the recommendation to use Pat. He feels he will do an excellent job, based upon his experiences working with Pat.

Membership – Denise – Tournaments were run differently, due to Covid restrictions. She wondered if we will continue to run some tournaments in the same manner.

Tim Ryan moved to adjourn, secon by Denise. M/C