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ANNUAL MEETING
TIPTON COUNTRY CLUB
JANUARY 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order @ 6:32 pm by President Dave Larson. Board members present and introduced by Dave were Janet Anderson, Jeff Curry, Jill Hesse, Mason Doughty and Alicia Cady. Joe Gilliam was absent. Chris Steffen, Superintendent, and Kim Regennitter, Secretary/Treasurer were also present. 34 voting members present meeting a quorum of 24. One non-voting member was present, as well.

Jen Ahrens moved to approve the agenda, second by Bruce Cary. Motion carried. Nomination committee presented Matt Jackson, Dave Hill and Marilea Oldorf for the three positions on the board. Gary Waltz moved nominations cease, second by Kevin Anderson. Motion carried. Minutes were reviewed and approved by a motion from Marcia Murphy with the correction of Alicia Cady, rather than Andrea Cady, second from Patti Fonteyne, unanimous vote for approval. 2016 Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet were reviewed, motion by Bruce Cary to accept, second by Kevin Anderson, Motion carried. 2017 Proposed Budget – Dave explained there was a 10% of increased revenue from dues, from increased membership. The current dues and fees will not be raised. He presented a comparison of membership from 2015 to 2016.

	2015	/	2016
Family	92		96
Single	65		74
Junior	5		15
Student	7		2
TOTAL	169		187

Marcia Murphy moved to accept the 2017 proposed budget, second by Shane Boeve. Motion carried.

Reviewed the loan status – Tim Mallot asked if we should negotiate a lower interest rate now. Tim Ryan asked if we could loan ourselves the money and pay down the debt with the new clubhouse funds. Dave indicated the board will consider both these options.

Director of Golf Chris Steffen presented his year-end review. He felt the course was in the best shape it has been since he's been here, except the greens on 1-3. He explained the problems with those greens. A new fairway mower is being leased and funds were saved by leasing it when we did. The poplars on #6 have been dropped and ash trees are remaining in the middle row. Cart path improvements planned for next summer - #4 (pave by damn on pond), #5, #9 (tee turn) and #7. He wants to build on the back of #4 tee (men's L shaped tee). He explained the new membership drive was established in the hope of attracting members from West Branch last year. Since their course opened, that did not happen, however we did get 38 new members from Tipton & nearby communities. He has a goal of 200 members, but feel it could be 220 next year. He discussed the new clubhouse fund and thanked Alicia & Andrea Cady for their generous donation – his goal is to have 2 more annual meetings in this facility. He wants to be in the new building by 2019. TCC Garden Club – he'd like to have everyone interested in helping meet this spring, divide up the course and work on it. He thanked Marcia Murphy for her amazing job of caring for the flowers around the clubhouse. His goal is to spend more time on the greens, etc. and less time mowing.

Chris stated this is his 11th year here and he is excited to be managing the clubhouse this year. He knows nothing about the bar & restaurant business and is doing this strictly for the benefit of the club. Changes to the lease were: he will not be taking 10% of the green fees, the \$1/six pack fee has been removed, he will be returning 1% of the gross sales (with the safeguard included as suggested by the Board) – he wants to give back to the club. He has a long list of events planned. His staff will include Liz Wolf as the bar manager and Joe Whetstone as the chef. Joe has worked at Blackstone. They are planning a rotating seasonal menu. He plans to

have lots of events for everyone and wants to know concerns. His goal – Great food, fair prices and elite service. He will be opening February 1st and is working on setting hours. He plans to be open in April – October, depending on weather. He wants to serve lunch on Mondays, have specials on Ladies' and Mens' nights. The membership dinner will have one seating. He plans to have 3 live music events (his class reunion, around the 4th of July and the Million Dollar Shootout in August). He plans to return ½ the profits from those events to the club. He's also planning beer sharing and wine tasting events @ \$10/person.

Committee Reports.

Cart Sheds – Jeff – Roof has been fixed in Shed C, light bulbs & one key pad replaced.

Grounds & Rules – Dave Hill and Dave Larson are working on the gazebo. They are working with Tom Miller, who donated the gazebo in memory of his parents. Bridges were removed in 2016, due to safety concerns. There is no plan to replace the bridge on #1 and a walking bridge to be installed on #2. Tim Mallot wants #1 bridge back also, but it should be moved out of the fairway. The bridge on #2 should be a priority. Tim Ryan stated he liked the look of the bridge on #1. The bridges will be addressed this spring.

House Committee – Board worked on the building. There was water damage in December, due to a frozen water pipe bursting upstairs in December. Don Roth looked at the electrical system at that time. The board purchased kitchen equipment and replaced flooring in the kitchen.

Membership Committee – It's nice to see lots of younger members on the course.

There was no old business or new business to discuss.

Don Roth moved the meeting be adjourned, second by Marilea Oldorf – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest by,