

Chester Golf Club Spring General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 28th, 2008

The 2008 Spring General Meeting of the Chester Golf Club was held in the club house on Wednesday, May 30th, 2007. President Ross McGill called the meeting to order at 7.00 PM. There were 35 members present for the meeting. The President asked the members to rise and observe a moment of silence to remember those members who have passed away during the past year.

The Secretary, Ted Lane circulated the minutes to those present of the, August 29th, 2007 Annual meeting. On a motion by Nick Gates and seconded by Past President Steve Flinn, the minutes were approved as circulated.

The Treasurer Phillip Chandler presented the audited financial statements prepared by Levy Casey Carter MacLean for the year ending December 31st, 2007. Copies summarizing the financial results were distributed to those members present. Highlights of the audit are, net income before depreciation was \$300, 311. Capital expenditures, including course improvements, new watering system, new pro-shop meeting room, and computer equipment amounted to \$200, 142. (Note: Complete Audit on File.)

MOTION- It was moved by Larry Wilkins and seconded by Eric Feldbauer that the Treasurers report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION- Phillip Chandler moved and Ted Lane seconded that the Firm of Levy Casey Carter MacLean be reappointed as auditors for the current year (2008). Motion carried.

Match Committee Report. (On File) Mike Brine Chairman reviewed the upcoming year in his report. The match committee this year consists of Chad Pearson and Sherry Brine along with the help of the Pro Shop Staff. The Handicap Committee consists of David Hume, Keith Wilesmith and Theresa Groulx. The opening tournament was held on May 25th with 246 members participating. The Pew tournament is set for June 1st with shotgun starts scheduled for 8.00 AM and 1:30 PM. Prizes will be given for closest to the pin, division winners and door prizes. Entry fee will be \$5.00 which includes a free beer. Work has begun on the GN Plastics Mixed with a new format consisting of a shotgun start which allows for only 72 entries. Mike closed his report by thanking Chad Pearson and the staff of the Pro-shop for all their assistance to date.

Ladies Report- None

Junior Golf Report- Bob Fraser Chairmen gave the following report (On File); He presented the upcoming schedule for the Season. This year as in the past the participants who are from 6-8 years old must have a parent in attendance during the clinics. Juniors who wish to play Sunday nights must book three days in advance so that groups can be organized and Tee off times booked. There are a limited number of golf club sets available for rental for clinic nights at a cost of \$25.00 season.

House Committee- John Frizzle Chairmen, reported that there have been some major changes in staffing with Barb Fraughton taking over as Club House Manager and Ritha Westhaver becoming her Assistant Manager. Several projects were completed in early spring as follows, re-shingled dining room and repaired roof over bar area, repaired ceiling in dining area, painted all walls in pro-shop and club house, new carpeting in the Club House and replaced damaged and soiled carpet in the pro shop. He asked the members to show patience with the staff as they learn how to use the new computer program in the early part of the season (Report on File)

Long Range Planning Committee- Dale Rafuse Chairmen presented the report for Long Range Planning. The LRP committee consists of, Phillip Chandler, Todd Gates, Bob Fraser, David Jessome, Dave MacMillan, Howdy Pew, Barbara Fraughton, Elizabeth Parr Johnson, Ross McGill, and Steve Graham. The committee's projects this year consist of the following:

1. New white tee #5

2. Rock terrace to be completed at North end of pond.
3. New Forward tee # 4
4. New small practice green near clubhouse
5. Replace old practice putting green
6. New white tee #7
7. New multi tee deck #2
8. Selective paving of cart paths to be recommended to Board.

LRP plan to look at the following profit centers, group play, green fee play and utilization of twilight rates and discounts.

Dale thanked Eric Feldbauer for his efforts in supervising, the completion of the new conference room above the pro shop.

(Report on File)

Question from the Floor- Nancy Hatch brought up the issue of the parking lot, its condition and organization and the status as to improvements. Ross McGill replied that he was meeting with NSLP to determine the cost of burying the overhead wires prior to LRP getting pricing on the paving of the lot.

IT Committee Report- Art Varner Chairmen presented his report. The Committee over the spring and winter has concentrated mainly on the development of the Club Website. Traffic has been very heavy on the site, year to date with 7062 visitors between April 28th and May28th. The Handicap computer has been upgraded by removing the mouse and replacing it with a new touch screen.

Question from the floor- Claudette Sapp asked Art about the need to supply a credit card number when a member tries to set up a profile, in order to book on line. Unfortunately the "Fore" software system is set up that way and can not be changed.

Dave Macmillan- General Manager/ Course Superintendent introduced himself to the meeting and gave a review of his position, and described his responsibilities. He stated that he looked forward to working with his staff and plans to develop a team approach to management.

Membership Report- Ted Lane presented the status of the Club membership roll as of this meeting as follows: 40 Novice, 52 juniors, 24 Intermediate and 815 Senior. On sick leave we have 6 members the waiting list has been reduced as of this date to 64.

Presidents Report. Ross McGill President reviewed the new Management structure of the club. Dave Macmillan is the new General Manager/ Course Superintendent, responsible to oversee the overall management of the Club and maintenance of the course. He reports to the President and to the Board. Chad Pearson has been appointed to the position of Pro/Manager of the Pro-shop, with Debra Bond being his assistant manager of the pro-shop-, Chad reports directly to Dave MacMillan. Barbara Fraugton is Manager of the Club House/Bar and she also reports directly to Dave MacMillan.

New Business-

Theresa Groulx asked Dave when the forward tee on number 4 would be ready. 2-3 weeks was Dave's response. Also she pointed out that there were not enough ball washers on the course.

Nick Gates complained that the open ditch on number 7 was a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Dave said he would look into it.

Wally MacDonald asked if the old number one tee could be incorporated into the new practice green. Dave replied that it had been considered but the upgrades planned for the existing location were more economical than if the location was changed.

Claudette Sapp questioned Ross McGill on the status of John Scott. Ross explained that John had been offered the job of General Manager but John had declined and had sought other opportunities in the industry.

Jane Wilkins presented a letter from Frank Rossiter expressing frustration for those owners who have not been able to store their power cadies at the club. His letter contains a number of suggestions as to how more caddies could be stored. Ross McGill agreed that he would pass it on to staff to see if any room could be made to accommodate this.

Nick Gates asked if the by law regarding voting rights was changed to allow members on sick leave to vote at a General Meeting. He was assured that the interpretation of the existing by law has been made that would allow a person on sick leave to vote as they would still be a member of the Club at that time.

There being no further business. Howdy Pew moved and Rick Foster seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Signed Ted Lane Secretary

Signed Ross McGill President

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