

**Chester Golf Club Spring General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 27th, 2009**

The 2009 Spring General Meeting of the Chester Golf Club was held in the club house on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. President Ross McGill called the meeting to order at 7.00 PM. There were 30 members present for the meeting, constituting a quorum. 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 28th, 2008 Annual Meeting. On a motion by Jim Sauvageau and seconded by Wayne Pottie, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Copies summarizing the financial results were distributed to those members present. Highlights of the audit are; net income before depreciation was \$256,192, Capital expenditures, club house improvements, Grounds and Pro shop equipment, Computer equipment and Paving amounted to \$246, 307. Cash Flow increased for the year by \$31,000 for a total after depreciation of \$256,192. Capital Assets have grown to a total of \$4,947, 999.00 before depreciation. Lease obligations for 2008 were \$168,000 compared to \$138,817 in 2007.**

From an operating standpoint, Green fees were up over the previous year by \$41,000 +/- Bar and Club House sales were up \$115, 270, while Gross profit was down by 50% to \$30, 932 compared to \$60, 464 in 2007. Pro shop gross profit was down by \$10,000 compared to the previous year. Operating expenses for 2008 were up by almost, \$142,000+/- and Income from operations for 2008 was \$172,483+/- (Note: Complete Audit on File.)

**MOTION- It was moved by Phillip Chandler and seconded by Wayne Pottie that the Treasurers report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.**

**MOTION- Phillip Chandler moved and Gary Hamblin seconded that the firm of Levy Casey Carter & MacLean be reappointed as auditors for the current year (2009). Motion carried.**

**Match Committee-** Mike Brine reported that the turnout on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> was excellent with both draws being full. Inclement weather caused most golfers to only play 9-10 holes. Draw prizes were awarded for both morning and afternoon groups in the form of Golf lessons from Pro Chad Pearson. The meal served after the golf was extremely well done. The Pew Tournament was scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, and they have been promoting this tournament thru the Club Website and "E" mail.

Mike is proposing that in the fall the Match Committee would like to propose that the Club host a reception, with (finger food) for a prize giving ceremony. The Committee would invite the winners from the year's Club Tournaments to attend. In the past years many of the Club Trophies have not been given out and when winners have been announced after the event very few members are present.

**Women's Division Report- None**

**Long Range Planning Committee Report-** The Committee is composed of: Todd Gates, Steve Graham, Barbara Fraughton, Howdy Pew, Elizabeth Parr- Johnson, David Jessome, Bob Fraser, Phillip Chandler, David MacMillan, and Dale Rafuse as Chair. Following is a summary of the Committees report given by Dale Rafuse: The work done since last years annual meeting was:

1. Two new practice greens, the small one outside the Clubhouse and the new replacement main green.
2. Extension of the Tee box on number 6, with the cart path being relocated.
3. New Tee Box scheduled for Number 2, using Les Furber for the design changes.
4. Forward Tee on number seventeen to be enlarged.
5. New temporary Green to be built on # 3 to be used when there is a need to take a hole out of play, for major construction or repairs.
6. Selected cart paths have been paved on # 1, 10, 13 and 17.
7. NS Power will be removing the poles from the centre of the parking lot.

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Last fall we received a report from a structural engineer certifying that the existing Club House, was structurally sound. The LRP Committee recommended to the Board and the House Committee headed by John Frizzle that the club proceed to renovate the kitchen/bar area, and to extend the deck at the front.

Later this summer the LRP will be distributing an extensive member survey, asking for member input into the future direction the Club should take on capital projects. This will be available on the Web site and hard copies will be available during July to Mid September at the Pro shop. Please take time to fill out one of these surveys.

Report on File.

Questions from Floor- Jim Sauvageau asked if we were going to have more space available for electronic caddys. Dave Macmillan answered that at present space was very limited.

Larry Hamblin- Asked the reason for the temporary green on Number 3, Dave explained that it would only be used when one of the greens was out of play for either maintenance, or rebuilding.

House Committee- John Frizzle reported on the following projects that were completed over the winter and to date in the Clubhouse.

1. Replaced tap, sink drains and water supply connections in the main women's and men's wash rooms in the Club house and Pro shop.
2. Painted the sloped ceilings and end walls in the main dining room.
3. Sanded and refinished the floor in the main dining room.
4. Had an engineer certify that the main clubhouse was structurally sound and free of dry rot, moisture damage or unusual settlement.
5. Had kitchen/bar area redesigned and renovated, producing better efficiency, along with a number of equipment upgrades. This has been well received by both members and staff.

The above report favourable structural report combined with the above project completions will allow the Club some time to consider whether or not to replace the existing structure, or embark on a future plan to improve and upgrade our existing facility. This latter plan is favoured by the present Chairmen of the House Committee. (Report on file)

Junior Committee Report: Bob Fraser Chairmen reported that the report for the spring meeting will discuss the details of the junior golf program this year. A summary is as follows. (On File)

1. We will be offering clinics again this year on Sunday afternoons, three weeks beginning May 24<sup>th</sup> and four weeks beginning on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. There will be a new program on Wednesday mornings headed up by Assistant Pro Keith Wilesmith.
3. Sunday afternoons we will continue to use the par 3 format, using temporary tees set up to shorten the holes.
4. Plan to host the Junior Invitational on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Junior Golf Financial Report Summary-

Opening balance April 30, 2008	\$ 4484.58
2009 Receivables	\$1624.39
2009 Expenses	\$1999.45
Balance on Hand/Apr. 30/09	\$4109.45

Membership Report

Ron Ternoway Chairmen, presented his report on behalf of the Membership Committee consisting of, Sandra Conrad, Dale Rafuse, Walter Webber and Debra Bond. He outlined the extensive duties of the committee summarized as follows. (Report on File)

1. Periodic review of CGC membership applications, to accurately reflect club's current membership policies.
2. Verification of applicants.
3. Posting of membership applicants list, on website and member notice boards.
4. On receipt of notification from the Treasurer, of the number of vacancies, provided a list of qualified applicants to fill available vacancies.
5. Revision as required, of staff operating manuals, and training of staff as required each spring as to their role in handling membership inquiries.
6. Revision as required of the membership section of the member's handbook.

Other Actions by the Committee

1. Developed a membership eligibility grid and maps; showing current zones for both Summer and Permanent membership categories. Posted this on website and bulletin boards.
2. Streamlined the application process. Introduced a \$100.00 application fee.
3. Developed membership section of the Staff Operation's Manual and trained Staff as required.

Present Membership Status

New members- 45  
Senior- 826  
Intermediate- 25  
Junior/Novice- 93  
Social- 7

Waiting List- 52, Composed of 21 Permanent, 18 Summer, 13 Spousal and 1 Intermediate.

It Committee Report

Art Varner Chairmen, reviewed the Committee's activities since last August. Members are now able to pay their membership dues on line. Sixty seven members availed themselves of this service to date. Driving range memberships are also able to be paid on line. This summer we will be trying out and testing the registration and payment of fees for tournaments, on line. We now have 392 members with unique "E" mail addresses and we have sent out 5 "E" mails to date. During this season we will be sending E mail messages to specific target groups to promote tournaments, meetings, sale promotions and other specific activities. (Report on File)

Larry Hamblin asked Art if we had changed our program as he has had trouble setting up his profile this year, in order to book his tee times. Art agreed to meet him after the meeting in order to see what the problem was, as we have the same program as last year.

General Manager/ Superintendent's Report Dave MacMillan reported on the following:

1. The course experienced a fair amount of turf damage this last winter and they are working to repair same.
2. Over-seeding is being done on many of the tee boxes.
3. Selective cart path paving has been completed, project began last fall and was recently completed.
4. The Club is hosting the Nova Scotia Mid Amateur in late June and he expects the course will be in good condition by that time.
5. There has been a problem with the driving range with flooding due to broken drains, the

Dave Macmillan's report continued

- 5---- ground crew is working on repairing this, temporarily, with the final repairs being done this fall.
- 6. The new practice green was damaged by a "Canada Goose" digging a large hole in the middle that needed repair. Additionally; the grass has not filled in as well as he would like. Dave expects the new green will be open just before the Mid Amateur.
- 7. An IT clerk has been hired and the Federal Government has given the Club approval for this position at \$8.62 per hour for a period of 10 weeks.
- 8. Fall projects are being looked at and will be presented to the Board and Membership at a later date.

Larry Hamblin, brought up the problem with the geese problem, on the course. Dave said that they would have to deal with the problem if they remained around, however they generally move on.

New Business.

Special Resolution- Howdy Pew moved and Wayne Pottie seconded a motion, introducing a special resolution to amend the Club By-Laws as outlined in the copies of the amended By Laws. Posted on the Club notice boards, with hard copies made available to all members at the Pro Shop and posted on the Club Website at least 14 days prior to the Chester Golf Club Spring Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions from members

Mary Raine- Asked if the Club would look at acquiring three wheel golf carts in the future.

Holly Chandler pointed out that there were not enough ball washers on the course. Dave MacMillan is to look into this problem.

Motion to adjourn was made by Howdy Pew.

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Signed Ted Lane Secretary

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Signed Ross McGill President

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