

Chester Golf Club Annual Meeting, August 29, 2007

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of the Chester Golf Club was held in the clubhouse on Wednesday, August 29th, 2007. President Steve Flinn called the meeting to order at 7.00 PM there were 50 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.

Elizabeth Parr Johnston moved and Al McNeil seconded that the minutes of the May 30th, spring meeting be accepted as read. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer Phillip Chandler was absent from the meeting and the Secretary Ted Lane read the financial report in his absence. The financial highlights for the year are summarized as follows:

Year to date as at July 31st, 2007. Income YTD Dues \$351, 332, Green Fees \$250,797, Cart rentals \$60,163. Total receipts YTD \$845,290, and expenditures YTD are \$392, 819. (Break down and report on file). Capital Expenditures YTD total \$14,115 for Course improvements; rental clubs, computer equipment, furniture for the club house and rental pull carts. In 2007 another \$96,990 was spent on the course watering system and drainage. Total spent in 2006/2007 on the new course watering and drainage system \$461,760. (Written Report on File). There were no questions following this report.

Tees and Greens Report- in the absence of Bill Nauss, Steve Flinn President read his committee's report. Bill thanked Phillip Chandler, Ted Lane and Bob Bennett for acting in his absence during the installation of the course watering system, the system is up and running well. Drainage on number's 1, 2, 8, 11 and 18 are complete and number 4 is slated for this fall. In closing he thanked Dave MacMillan and his Staff for a job well done. The report concluded by announcing that due to commitments at work Bill has had to resign and he thanked Bob Bennett for agreeing to take on the job of Chairmen of Tees and Greens for 2008.

Marilyn Cook asked why the club's shoe scrappers were in such bad condition, Dave McMillan Course Superintendent said that he was aware of the situation and new ones were on order.

(Report on File)

Ladies Report Elizabeth Parr Johnston Ladies Club President read her report, outlining the Ladies Club activities for the year to date. The Ladies are having a successful season with more ladies participating in the regular Tuesday morning matches. Ladies Field Day remains popular, and she thanked Susan Conrad for organizing and running the event. This year they had a total of about 120 participants. The Grace Kinley Tournament was attended by Mrs. Kinley, with 100 participants. She thanked Andre Bergeron and her staff for the excellent job they did this year preparing and serving meals for the Ladies events. In conclusion she thanked the Ladies Executive for their support and thanked Therese Groulx for her advice and support in setting up and purchasing the new version of the "Tour Management System"

(Report of File)

Match Committee. As Bob Bennett has resigned, Ross McGill read the annual Match Committee report. Committee members were Ted Lane, Ross McGill, Wayne Pottie and Bob Bennett. The Schooner this year was rained out and rescheduled for the 29th and 30th of September. The Mixed Invitational was held with 121 Teams participating, numbers are declining; however this event still remains a good source of revenue for the Club. All other regular club tournaments were held as scheduled. The Club Championship was held one 18th and 19th of August, with 15 Ladies, 61 Men and 5 Juniors. Congratulations to Sherry Brine Ladies Club Champion 2007 and Rick Rafuse 2007 Men's Club Champion. (Report on File). Al McNeil has volunteered to head up the Match committee next year.

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Junior Golf Report- Bob Fraser Chairmen reported that there were a total of 65 participants in all age groups, taking part in our junior program this year. Bob paid tribute to all the volunteers this year who helped out, Barb Fraughton, Keith Wilesmith, Chad Pearson, Cathy Rafuse, Emily Fraser, Todd Gates and our Club house staff. The Chester Junior Invitational was held on August 20th, with 56 Junior golfers including the members of this year's Provincial team. The overall winner for boys was John Sogorka of Eagle Crest with a 78. Heather Campbell of Oakfield was top Junior girl. The financial report for the junior program was presented, which shows a healthy bank balance of \$4339.08 as of August 1st, 2007.
(Report on file)

House Committee Report- John Frizzle Chairman gave the following report. Several projects were carried out during this year, including installing a new water filtration system and a new coffee machine was purchased. The club brought in All-Tech Environmental Services to do a mold assessment in the club house. No Mold was found, however the report contains recommendations that will help the Club maintain a mold free environment. A number of projects were deferred until next year including, new flooring for the Pro shop and Club house. Staff has undergone training for the new computer software, and this along with some sickness and staff shortages caused some operational problems, however these problems appear to have been overcome and the Club house are running smoothly at present. (Report on file)

Long Range Planning Committee- Dale Rafuse Chairmen presented the report for Long Range Planning. (Report on File). Dale presented the committee's recommendations for Fees for the 2008 Golf Season. The Committee is looking forward to planning some new projects, including new "T" decks on number #7 & #4. Some improvements to the cart paths and a recommended new management structure for the golf club in 2008. A membership fee and green fee comparison was presented, with the new proposed Green fees and membership recommendations for 2008. Chester proposed membership fee of \$425 +HST for 2008 still remains the lowest in the area with Bluenose (9 Hole Course) at \$438 + HST. Osprey Ridge is \$835 + HST. Green fees for 2008 are recommended to be increased to 59.00 +HST. This is higher than Ken Woo, Osprey, or Granite Springs; however the Committee felt with the new watering system, the great view/location, and is easier to reach by road that the increase in fees could be justified.

The President called for a motion from the floor first on the green fees and secondly on the dues increase.

Motion- It was moved by Elizabeth Parr Johnston and seconded by Al McNeill that the green fees for 2008 be set at \$59.00 + HST. Motion carried with 43 members voting for the motion and 7 opposed.

Motion- It was moved by Al McNeill and Seconded by Dave Foster that the Committee recommendations for the 2008 dues structure be accepted. Dues to be as follows. Senior- 4425 plus HST, Intermediate \$212.50 plus HST, Junior \$ 93.00 + HST, Novice \$ 69.50 + HST. Social \$40.00+HST. Motion Passed.

Membership Committee Report- Ted Lane, reported that this year we have 850 Intermediate and Senior Members, 88 juniors, 42 Novice and 6 Social Members. The waiting list presently stands at 102.

IT Committee Report- Art Varner Chairmen gave his report (On File). He reviewed the introduction to the club of the new fore reservations system. The club is now in a position to better manage its course utilization, inventories in both the pro shop, bar and kitchen. In addition we are moving into on line booking. He reported that the reservation phone system has been upgraded whereby calls are stacked and answered in order. Our website is being upgraded to provide both member and guest sites with different emphasis. He thanked staff for their enthusiastic support in adopting, learning and implementing the new system.

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Presidents Report- The President Steven Flinn thanked all the Members, Volunteers, Trustees and Board members, along with the Club Staff who helped make the Chester Golf Club run this season. He particularly wanted to thank Art Varner, Phillip Chandler and Ted Lane for working with staff to implement the “Fore Reservation System”. The absence of John Scott due to illness has put a great strain on the Club staff and he wished all the members to acknowledge and thank Chad Pearson, Andre Bergeron, Debra Bond, and Phillip Chandler, along with their staff ; for again filling in during John’s Scotts absence.

Report Of the By Law Committee. - Howdy Pew Trustee Chairmen of the By Law Committee presented the changes in the By-laws recommended by his committee and posted with the notice of meeting. The main changes in the by Laws are; 7.01 added to empower the executive committee of the Board(Elected Officers) to have the same authority to meet and act with the authority of the Board, allows both electronic notice and posted notice of “Meetings of the Club” and finally allows members to vote by Proxy.

New Business

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dave Hilchie, Bunny Hayman, Bill Camp, Howdy Pew, Rick Fraughton brought to the meeting the following slate of names for election for the year 2008. President- Ross McGill, 1st Vice President-Bob Fraser, 2nd Vice President- Dale Rafuse, Treasurer- Phillip Chandler and Secretary-Ted Lane.

President Steve Flinn called three times for further nominations from the floor, there being none the President declared the nominees elected.

Nicky Gates wanted to make a motion allowing a member on sick leave the power to vote at Members meetings. He was told that this would have to be referred to the By Law committee as it would require a change in the Club by-laws.

On Motion by Walter the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

Signed Ted Lane Secretary

Signed Steve Flinn President

Date_____

