

Chester Golf Club Spring General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 30th, 2007

The 2007 Spring General Meeting of the Chester Golf Club was held in the club house on Wednesday, May 30th, 2007. President Steve Flinn called the meeting to order at 7.00 PM. There were about 40 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 30, 2006 Annual meeting 2006. On a motion by Al McNeill and seconded by Elizabeth Parr Johnston, the minutes were approved as circulated.

The Treasurer Phillip Chandler presented the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31st, 2006. The net income for the year was \$133, 357 down \$93,000 +/- compared to 2005. Phillip reported that the reduced income was due to a number of factor's, reduced green fee income due to lower rates charged due to course construction and reduced cart income and course usage due to the very wet spring in 2006. Major capital expenditures included for 2006 were \$364,737, for the new course irrigation system.

Dave Foster asked what the total cost of the system would be? Phillip stated that this system along with new drainage is budgeted to cost approximately \$500,000, plus any overages due to soil conditions (i.e. rock, extra labour, etc), which could add another 10%. (Report on file)

Nick Gates asked a question regarding the amount used to date of the bank loan arranged for this project. Phillip reported that we had only used \$50,000 of the loan approval amount to date. Nick Gates moved the acceptance of the auditors report, Bob Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tees and Greens Report- Bob Bennett gave an overview of the work progress on the new irrigation system. He explained that there would be some overages due to the fact that the original estimate did not include some of the new greens, (ie: #17 and #4) which were calculated based on original locations), adding watering for the nursery next to the driving range and the addition of sprinkler heads for the putting greens.

Ladies Report- Ladies President Elizabeth Parr Johnston reported that this years Grace Kinley field day was scheduled for July 26th, and a larger field was anticipated due to some changes made in the format. The ladies Tuesday golf was well underway with good attendance. This year Mary Raine and Sheila McNeill were the co- match captains.

Long Range Planning Committee- Dale Rafuse Chairmen presented the report for Long Range Planning. Dale replaced, Don Tanner this year, and he paid tribute to Don who served as head of this Committee, for many years. The new LRP committee consists of, Phillip Chandler, Tony Cahoon, Steve Flinn, Bob Fraser, Todd Gates, David Jessome, Dave MacMillan, Howdy Pew, with Dale Rafuse being the new Chair. Over the summer the committee plans to create a 3 year and a 5 year plan to present to the general membership. To help in this the committee has invited course architect Les Furber to the course on May 24th to get his views and ideas for future changes and improvements to the course. This will include paving some of the cart paths, repositioning of some of the bunkers, new practice green, rebuilding and or repositioning of some of the tee boxes. (Report on file).

Match Committee Report- Bob Bennett Chairmen reported the activities of the Committee as follows. Committee consists of Ross McGill, Ted Lane and Wayne Pottie.

1. Schooner Invitational was cancelled due to weather conditions. It is currently rescheduled for September 29-30, 2007. Full refunds were given to all entrants.
2. Mixed invitational slated for June 23-24. Invitations have gone out to 144 teams, cut off for entrees are June 04. (Report on file).

Junior Golf Report- Bob Fraser Chairmen reported that there were a total of 65 participants in all age groups, of which 12 were females; taking part in our junior program this year. This year CPGA pro Chad Pearson is the lead instructor. The first Sunday night par 3 night was held on May 27th, and there were 6 participants. (Report on file)

House Committee Report- John Frizzle, the new Chairmen of the House Committee reported as follows:

1. The ice maker/freezer has been replaced.
2. A new compressor had to be installed in the salad bar.
3. A new water filtration system has been installed which will reduce the kitchen staffs dependence on bottled water by 50%,
4. A new and larger coffee maker has been purchased, which will be able to handle larger groups.
5. Some new tables and chairs have been purchased for the bar and dining area.

There are other projects that have been budgeted for, however due to John Scott's ill health, and John Frizzle's recent acceptance of the House Committee job, they will be considered and proceed sometime later in the year (Report on file).

IT Committee Report- Art Varner Chairmen presented his report. The Committee consists of Debra Bond, Dave Rhodes, Chad Pearson, Ted lane and the Chairmen. This year the Committee has concentrated on three items. The introduction of a new golf club management system, improved telephone system and upgrading club's the web site. Sometime later this year members will be able to book "on line". Staff has been trained to use the new system, and the membership is asked to be patient as we get up and running in the early part of the season as the system will give the club the ability to eventually serve both members and guests much more efficiently. In addition management will have a much broader data base for controlling Pro shop inventories, Club house inventories and course utilization. New telephone service is expected to be up and running sometime in June. The Web site is designed to serve as an information site for both members and guests and with the purpose to provide and efficient and better means of communication. (Report on file)

Membership Report

Club membership as of this meeting is as follows: 44 Novice, 60 Juniors, 31 Intermediate and 814 Senior. The waiting list for entrance stands at 85. This year we have admitted 25 new members. Ted Lane thanked the Committee consisting of Bunny Hayman and Ross McGill for there work on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Presidents Report- Steve Flinn, President reported on the management status of the Club, due to the changes made necessary as a result of John Scott's sudden illness. Until the Board can determine the extent of John's absence, Phillip Chandler has agreed to take overall responsibility for the management of the Club. Chad Pearson will take over the responsibility for co-ordinating and administering the Groups, and as well assume such responsibilities as necessary for lessons, and any other duties that are required by the Club Professional.

Steve informed the meeting that the new watering system will be up and operating this season, and this year marks a milestone in the Club's history, as a proper irrigation system has been on the Club wish list for many years. The President thanked Bob Bennett for the many hours he spent in administrating both the costs and installation of the new system, on behalf of the Board.

Al McNeil rose and thanked the many volunteers who worked to make the Club run year after year.

Appointment of Auditors- MOTION. It was moved by Walter Webber and seconded by Bunny Hayman that the firm of Levy, Casey, Carter and MacLean be appointed auditors for the year 2007. motion carried.

New Business-

Fran Lane spoke to the issue of having containers for broken tees. Dave MacMillan said he would look into it, to see what could be done.

Dave Foster asked if more could not be done, to prevent the standing water on the new tee box on number five (5) . Dale Rafuse (LRP) rose and answered that his committee was looking into the costs to raise this tee in the near future.

There being no further business. Rick Fraughton moved and Paul Flinn seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Signed Ted Lane Secretary

Signed Steve Flinn President

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