

**Sterling Farms Men's Club, Inc.**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Tom Aberle who chaired the meeting.

**Board Members Present:**

<b>Ciro Perone</b>	<b>Bill Lombardo</b>	<b>Frank Hendricks</b>	<b>Bart Weissman</b>
<b>Ed Roloff</b>	<b>Sean Sullivan</b>	<b>Guy Carroll</b>	<b>Tom Aberle</b>
<b>Ian Boccaccio</b>	<b>Carl Gregorio</b>	<b>Robert Whetsell</b>	<b>Joe Sargis</b>

A motion was made by Tom Aberle to approve the minutes from the April meeting which was approved.

Sean Sullivan then made a motion to vote Carl Gregorio onto the board. Bart Weissman seconded the motion which then passed in vote affirming Carl Gregorio's acceptance as board member

Tom Aberle then read the VPs report:

- 7 teams had signed up for the MGA event
- Carl Gregorio mentioned that Mark Shultz has an open spot for Sunday and to see website
- A discussion then ensued regarding playing in duplicate events on the same day. Frank Hendricks noted that you can't "double down" on an event.
- Ed Roloff reported that four people signed up on line for the weekend's upcoming event.
- A discussion then ensued regarding the number of players required to qualify for a mens' club event. It was noted that there must be a third member present for any team play. Tom Aberle committed to communicating this to the participants who signed up online.

Ed Roloff then read the Treasurer's report.

- 2 people signed up for the opening event 2 man scramble who did not pay, and did not show. This created an issue in that the two men who were paired with the "no show" team had to play as a twosome. The issue being that there was no team to attest their score.
- Billy Lombardo then mentioned that Dom Veraise (sp?) is looking for a refund due to bad weather cancellation the previous Friday.
- Ed Roloff then described a \$30 discrepancy which he plans to resolve with the proshop.

- A discussion then ensued around whether or not the pro shop staff should eat with members at the major events. In the past, the staff was invited to eat with the members. At the opening event, the catering staff (Peter specifically) told the pro-shop staff that they were not to eat with the Mens' club members. It was agreed by all parties at the meeting that the proshop staff should be given the right to eat at all events. A motion was made by Robert Whetsell and seconded by Sean Sullivan to purchase a \$50 gift certificate from the grill room. It was then agreed that Guy Carroll would present this gift certificate to the pro-shop staff on behalf of the mens' club in sincere apologies for this miscommunication.
- It was then noted that no additional funds were required for the Masters Party in the previous month (due to low turnout).

Robert Whetsell then provided an update from the Handicap committee:

- New handicap submission are slowing down
- Overall, the process has been smooth.
- Guy Carroll explained that he had an issue due to multiple GHIN #s and Robert Whetsell agreed to resolve as soon as possible.
- Lastly, Robert noted that posting a score to GHIN does not feed the GolfFusion site.

New Business:

- Website: Tom Aberle opened the new business discussion with positive commentary about the new website. Tom had reviewed the site and stated that he likes it.
- Charity: A discussion around how the Mens' club should participate in charity ensued. It was discussed that a viable option would be to donate to the MGA Scholarship fund. Ciro Perone brought the idea of a 50/50 pot to the table. The premise would be that the player would make a wager on a particular hole and 50% of the total prize money would go to charity, while the other 50% would serve as the incentive prize pool.
- Billy Lombardo noted that the member/member would not be the best event to hold such a contest.
- Club Championship Format: A discussion then ensued around the club championship format. It was discussed that there may be interest in eliminating handicap strokes within each flight. Ciro Perone noted that the event had been run this way in the past and it proved to push members away from playing. It was then decided to continue with the current format.
- Handicap: A lengthy discussion then ensued on how to manage members who could potentially "sandbag" the handicap system. Carl Gregorio described modifications that watch for "exceptional tournament scores" which is defined as

a tournament score of 3 shots less than handicap. Robert Whetsell then noted that there is no system to catch offenders and that it is the board's obligation to bring such matters to the handicap committee. Ed Roloff noted that the website does include instructions in how to adhere to the equitable stroke control principles. Moving forward, the process will be:

- Letter to be sent from the handicap committee with new handicap to the offender
- Should the offending member disagree with new handicap, the member has the right to state case to Handicap committee
- In the case where resolution cannot be found with via discussions with the handicap committee, the member may bring their case before the entire board.

The Golf Committee update was then provided:

- Billy Lombardo noted that the 16 and up sheet for the weekend event had blown away
- In addition, the sign up sheets for the club championship had blown away.
- Tom Aberle committed to contact Josh Fedeli to organize an email blast to communicate this issue to all members.
- Guy Carroll then noted that all tournaments should be signed up for in the proshop until the website is fool proof.

At 8:36 PM Ed Roloff made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Gregorio and passed in vote to adjourn.

Ian Boccaccio

Temporary Replacement for Bob Feldman on May 13, 2008