

Sterling Farms Men's Club, Inc.
Minutes of Meeting
June 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Bruce Nishball who chaired the meeting.

Board Members Present:

Bob Feldman	Bruce Nishball	John Philbert	Jim Romaniello
Bart Weissman	Josh Fedeli	Carl Gregorio	Ciro Pirone
Ed Roloff	Bill Lombardo	Pete Silver	Dennis Mancini
Dean Pedon			

Initial discussion regarding clarification of the May meeting minutes took place prior to their being approved. Carl explained that a letter would first be sent to the offender informing him of the issue and giving him the opportunity to respond before any change to his handicap was made. Carl further explained that the handicap chairman does have the authority to change a player's handicap immediately. Bill Lombardo clarified his comment that the member/member may not be the best event to hold a charity event in that he felt it should first be discussed with Angela regarding our intent. Ciro also explained that his intent was to find a way to raise \$ for charity at our major events, without impacting the Pro Shops revenue. Ed indicated Guy was to speak with Angela and given Guy was not at the June meeting, we did not have his input.

The general consensus was we should respect the Pro Shops revenue with respect to Rob's beat the pro challenge on hole 15.

Pete said there was no reason why a charity event couldn't be done during a regular weekend event given we clear it with Paul Grillo. Bruce felt we should be able to do a charity event at our major events and he would follow up with Guy regarding his discussion with Angela.

Bruce went on to explain that many of the website problems are being dealt with immediately, fewer problems are being reported and the problem of log in difficulty is a matter of using lower case rather than upper case letters to log in.

With that, a motion was made by Bob and seconded by Jim to accept the revised and clarified May meeting minutes.

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Rob Whetsell has agreed to stay on the handicap committee but will no longer chair. Carl Gregorio agreed to take on the role with Dennis.

John Philbert agreed to take on the responsibility of contacting the Advocate with the results from men's club events, etc.

Ed Roloff reported we have 407 members, just slightly below the 438 we had at this time a year ago. It was also noted that 37% registered online.

Initial sign ups for the 6/22 member/member include 12 online and 36 from the pro shop. An email notice was sent to members saying that after 6/12, only the pro shop will take member/member sign-ups.

Josh indicated that despite some hiccups, on-line sign ups are a growing minority.

Ed also suggested that for major event, it might be best if we paid Angela and she paid the bills. Bruce agreed to speak with Angela.

Bill indicated that Marc Schultz won the VP cup and Bernie Brown was 2nd.

Carl indicated there are 391 active members in the computer. He has sent an initial list to Golf World and it takes about 4 weeks to update. Carl also indicated that prior to the July meeting he would provide a document regarding how we should handle members who are perceived or known to not being honest in their handicap. Carl also noted that either thru observation or word of mouth we have identified about 12 members of concern.

Josh indicated he has spoken with GolfFusion and we cannot use our old SFMC URL. He described it as their cookie problem and indicated GolfFusion has offered a free re-design though not until next season.

After further discussion a motion was made by Bart and seconded by Dean to have GolfFusion work on a web-site re-design this season.

It was re-confirmed that Robert Whetsell, someone who had professional status, can compete in our club events but cannot win until his amateur status is re-instated. Bruce read an email letter he received from Rob indicating he is accepting of this though it seems Rob inadvertently accepted and used \$45 worth of pro-shop credit from weekend events. A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Bill to ask Rob to return the \$45 and Ed agreed to send Rob a note to this effect.

Sterling is the host of the shoreline tournament this year, scheduled for September 21st. There are six clubs that each send 19 players to the event: Sterling Farms; Hubbard Heights; Smith Richardson; Alling Memorial; Fairchild Wheeler and Long Shore. Josh and Dean agreed to head up the organization of the event.

Carl agreed to help out at the help desk and Carl and Bruce to discuss bulletin board sign-ups for events and present their recommendation at the July board meeting.

The need to achieve our goal of 450 members was discussed and it was agreed that a membership drive at the driving range would be helpful. Carl agreed to send flyers to Jimmy and Pete and Jimmy agreed to "work the range" this weekend. Bruce will get Jimmy registration forms.

Carl mentioned we have 200 handicap only registrants.

Both Tom and Bruce have offered to host the August 12th B-B-Q dinner that follows the afternoon men's club board event. A decision on hosting will be made at the next meeting.

At 8:50 PM a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Josh and passed in vote to adjourn a most civilized board meeting.

Bob Feldman
SFMC Secretary
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