

Sterling Farms Men's Club
February 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Carl Gregorio at 7:35 PM.

Board Members Present:

Ciro Pirone	Jimmy Romaniello	Joe Sargis
Robert Whetsell	Tom Aberle	Ian Boccaccio
Rick Tippitt	Bart Weissman	Carl Gregorio
Pete Silver	Andrew Lester	Billy Lombardo
Peter Periuensis	Sean Sullivan	

1. Review and approval of January 2009 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Tom Aberle and seconded by Ciro Pirone then passed in a vote to approve.
2. Officers' Report
 - A. President's Report: Carl Gregorio
 - i. Website Update
 - a. New Domain – SFMensclub.com was purchased. The old domain will redirect to the new site. In addition, all email has been changed to @SFMensclub.com
 - b. Logo & Header – Minimal progress has been made. Carl Gregorio to continue to work on the logo which will be discussed at the March meeting
 - c. Pay Now Buttons. – Once the budget is approved, the pay now buttons will be activated.
 - ii. Masters Party –
 - a. BOG is still planning to host the party
 - b. Pete has agreed to provide the food
 - c. Clarification was made that the party will take place on Saturday of Easter weekend at 3:00.
 - iii. Administrative Calendar
 - a. Sign up form will be built on the website
 - b. The online sign ups will be coordinated with Tom Aberle's new member list.
 - B. 1st Vice President Report: Dean Pedon was not in attendance
 - C. 2nd Vice President Report: Sean Sullivan
 - i. Website – Sean Sullivan explains that he is still working hard to get the email tool to work
 - ii. Sean plans to send a test email to the BOG in February
 - iii. Sean is still testing various features such as email forwarding, and a shortcut domain utility for which he will continue to test through mid-March

- iv. Pay Pal is up and running and all 'not for profit status' hurdles have been overcome. The last hurdle is to change the contact email address from Sean's personal address to the SFMC email address.
- v. Carl Gregorio notes that Google checkout is operational.
- vi. Golf Fusion Transition discussion – Carl Gregorio discussed the contract terms of the old website which allows access to Golf Fusion through February 28th.
- vii. Tom Aberle made a motion to waive Carl Gregorio and Sean Sullivan's 2009 SFMC membership fee in gratitude for the savings realized to the SFMC with the new website. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Romaniello and passed in a vote by the board.

3. Chairmen Reports

A. Handicap Chairman Report

- i. Number of members with 30+ handicaps is 18
- ii. An open discussion ensued around fair methods to limit handicap partners in major competitions
 - 1) Aggregate limit between partners by hole
 - 2) Maximum aggregate for Team
 - 3) Combination
- iii. Rob Whetsell will summarize these options and distribute prior to the March meeting for concise discussion.

B. Tournament Chairman Report – Tom Aberle lead the following discussion

- i. Draft 2009 Schedule
 - a. Two changes have been made, yet the schedule is not approved by the Golf Authority yet
 - b. It was noted that the club championship is later than usual. Carl notes that he has received consistent feedback regarding why the Club Championship is not later in the year and therefore is requesting feedback from the BOG. Before opening the discussion, Carl stated that the objective is to maximize participation.
 - c. The discussion yielded the following statements
 - 1) The tournament should be held once handicaps are as close to reality as possible which occurs later in the year
 - 2) It was clarified that the City Tournament round can be used as the SFMC Club Championship qualifying round as long as the blue tees were played and there is another SFMC member in the group.
 - 3) There has historically been conflict in scheduling due to the proximity to the City tournament and it was therefore decided that the club championship will be moved in front of the city tournament.

- 4) Pete made a motion to move the SFMC Club championship qualifier to the weekend of July. The motion was seconded and passed in a vote to approve.
 - 5) Should there be any conflict with the City tournament, the tournament committee will move the participant to the appropriate day to accommodate the situation.
 - d. Tom Aberle has clarified that the Hubbard and SFMC opening event will be on different dates
 - e. Billy Lombardo discussed the option of moving to a four-ball scramble for the SFMC opening event. It was decided that the main reason for the two-ball scramble was the clubs shortage of A players; a statement which was generally agreed to by the BOG members.
- C. New Member Chairman Report – Rick Tippitt lead the following discussion of his findings:
- i. Negatives (not recommended):
 - a. Chamber of Commerce fee would be \$300
 - b. Welcome Wagon fee \$300 for 85 houses
 - c. Advocate 2 column by 5 inches cost is \$485
 - ii. Positives:
 - a. Free plug from the Advocate was agreed to. SFMC BOG will submit content over the next month and revert back in March
 - iii. Andrew Lester discussed his petition of other area clubs.
 - a. Richter Park offers free membership to kids
 - b. Richter Park offers ½ price membership for members under 30
 - c. The BOG generally did not agree with these measures and a motion to consider was not made.
- D. Rules Chairman Report - NO REPORT
- 4. 2009 Budget – Bart Weissman made a motion to accept the 2009 budget. The motion was seconded by Rob Whetsell and passed in a vote to approve.
 - 5. Club Championship:
 - A. Qualification round for A flight: Carl petitioned various members and reported the responses were around 50% pro / 50% against.
 - i. Pete Periuenis made a motion to institute an 18 hole qualifier for the A flight for the Club Championship. The motion failed to receive support from the board.
 - B. Handicap Limit for A flight: Carl petitioned various members and reported that the majority (>50%) of the responses indicated that a minimum handicap should be required. The majority of the minimum handicaps noted were between 7 and 9.
 - i. A motion was made by Tom Aberle to institute a minimum course handicap of 9 for participation in the A flight for the club

championship. The motion was seconded by Joe Sargis and passed in a vote of approval by the board.

- C. Minimum Rounds for all flights:
 - i. A motion was made by Sean Sullivan to institute a requirement of an active handicap with ten rounds, three of which are in the current year, for participation in any flight for the club championship. The motion was seconded by Tom Aberle and passed in a vote of approval by the board.
 - D. An open discussion around changing in format of Club Championship to Gross(Scratch) by flight was pursued. Sean Sullivan will obtain feedback from the membership and report back to the BOG in March.
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- 6. White Tee Event Update – Carl Gregorio has reached out to Angela (Sterling Farms Professional) who has agreed to support the program.
 - 7. Vinnie Sheridan bench, plague & plantings versus tree update
 - A. The women’s club has retracted their donation of \$200
 - B. A tree will be donated by the SFMC at a cost of \$400
 - 8. Clinic with the pro shop
 - A. An idea was put forth to request a training session for the SFMC membership from Angela and her staff.
 - B. Rick has volunteered to draft a memorandum developing the idea for which Carl will bring to Angela.

At 8:49 PM a motion was made by Bart Weissman, seconded by Rob Whetsell and passed in vote to adjourn.

Ian Boccaccio
SFMC Secretary
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