

Sterling Farms Men's Club
Board of Governors Meeting
May 11, 2009

In attendance:

Carl Gregorio, Joe Sargis, Robert Whetsell, Rick Tippet, Marc Schultz, Pete Silver, Steve Scorziello, Sean Sullivan, Tom Aberle, Dean Pedon, Billy Lombardo, Josh Fedeli, Pete Perimenis;

Minutes taken by Dean Pedon

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Joe Sargis made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as written, Rob Whetsell seconded the motion.

All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

President's Report

The last email blast will (went) go out on the 20th of May concerning membership.

The May 1st email blast from the Sterling Farms Golf Course contained a link for the Men's Club site.

The website contains Club Championship sign-up information.

A discussion was held about how the results from the weekly events are formatted. (As a reminder, the format was changed to make it easier to read results from handheld devices). The overall feeling was that the results should go back to the old format to make it easier to read on-line.

Tom Aberle was designated to write articles for the newsletter concerning results and the Men's Club.

It was announced that the word went out about changing to Summer Rules.

It was also announced that the new scorecards are in place and were two weeks before the meeting.

It was noted that the Men's Club paid \$600 for a bench for Vinnie Sheridan. It was also noted that there was an anonymous donation from a member of \$200.

Results from the Table Marketing at the Driving Range were light although we did get a few sign-ups. It was thought that maybe we would have better luck at the first tee. It was also suggested that we have brochures at the desk where resident cards are renewed.

MGA – Met Life Net Teams Championship...

- o Pro Shop runs it
- o We distributed information late and it was not well coordinated.
- o It needs to get on our calendar.

Tom Aberle suggested that we add it to a weekend event as a two man better ball.

A motion was made by Tom Aberle to fully support the MGA – Met Life Net Team Championship by adding it to our calendar and doing what is necessary to communicate it clearly to our members.

Sean Sullivan seconded the motion.

It was unanimously approved. The motion carries.

Vice President's Report

No Vice President's Report. He was too busy taking minutes...

Handicaps

Rob Whetsell reported all paid members are activated.

Membership

There are 338 members at this time. We are about 15% behind last year. We will wait until the June meeting to discuss actions.

Tournament

110 people were in the opening event and it is considered successful.
52 people are playing in the President's and Vice President's Cup tournament.

There was a lengthy discussion about moving tournament qualifying dates. Our policy is that we do not move dates unless there are extenuating circumstances that in fairness of competition warrant the effort. We will try to accommodate our members as long as the request is reasonable and does not contradict the appearance or spirit of fair play.

Tom Aberle believes we should be stricter with enforcing the rules about moving qualifying dates.

A member may not change the qualifying date on their own and must go through the committee or the board.

Carl will clarify the qualifying rules and procedures but basically it comes down to the policy of:

A player must play at their designated time, in their designated group, against their designated opponent.

The question was raised as to whether or not we have arrangements for how the course is setup.

Some information came to light about how the Royal Green handled the tournament arrangements. They tried to get us to pay for Golf Only participants. Carl made the arrangement that we would basically pay for any ticket collected. Carl handed tickets out at the start of the line for lunch.

We are going to research alternatives as we believe the value could be better. The Italian Center was suggested. We cannot have an event catered onto the facility.

The question was raised as to whether or not Rangers are actually performing their duties during a tournament.

A suggestion was made to have a description of how the tournament is being scored to the description of each tournament and the handouts the day of the tournament (if applicable).

New Member

Need Brochure

Website Helps

We need to come up with something that creates a "buzz"

Rules

No Report

Member Issues

Any members that do not call to cancel for a tournament or call the day of the tournament, are not to receive a refund for their entry fees.

If there is a lost member fee, we will hold back winnings until it is paid off.

Rob Whetsell made a motion to get a trophy for the person that had a hole-in-one during the tournament.

Dean Pedon seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

We will increase the payout for White Tee events to pay up to five places. Carl will research the frequency.

We agreed that we don't pay more to Gross Scores because we are basically a "Net" Men's Club first.

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.