

Sterling Farms Men's Club
July 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Carl Gregorio at 7:30 PM.

Board Members Present:

Tom Aberle	Ian Boccaccio	Steve Scorziello	Billy Lombardo
Carl Gregorio	PM Perimeius	Marc Schultz	Sean Sullivan
Ed Roloff	Bart Weissman	Joe Sargis	Dean Pedon
Josh Fedeli	Jim Romaniello	Jeff Teasdale	Ciro Pirone

1. Review and approval of May 2009 and June 2009 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Aberle and seconded by Dean Pedon then passed in a vote to approve.
2. Officers' Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Email blast
 1. Email to be sent for Interclub and the draw for the City tournament.
 - ii. Club Championship
 1. Carl and Bart will play with the early round participants
 2. 12:33 Round – Carl plans to forecaddie and asked the BOG for volunteers.
 3. Complaints from competitors regarding spectators interfering. Carl asked for no communication with participants.
 - iii. Royal Green Restaurant
 1. Carl had a very unproductive meeting
 2. He met with management and the chef and discussed:
 - a. Event food is not as good as regular restaurant experience. The Royal Green denied that the food tasted any different.
 - b. Royal Green made it clear that they don't care whether the SFMC uses them for events as margins are very low.
 - c. Member / Member food was good.
 - d. Roy is going to come up with some new ideas for food concepts within our price range for the Member/Guest.
 - e. Closing Event:
 1. Food:
 - a. Off-site adds an extra hour to the event which will turn people away.
 - b. A determination for the closing event food source will be based on satisfaction of the member/guest experience with Royal Green.

- f. Interclub:
 - 1. Trophies – Shoreline tournament trophy purchases were with Angela. Last year, the board found that Angela's prices were extremely competitive.
 - 2. Shirts – We need to get our logo onto the shirts
 - g. August meeting will be the annual golf/bbq outing
 - 1. Short meeting will be held.
 - 2. Tee times will be just after 1:00 with
 - 3. BBQ held at Tom Aberle's immediately following
- b. 1st Vice President Report – NO REPORT
 - c. 2nd Vice President Report – NO REPORT
 - d. Treasurer Report
 - i. Membership is down 7% compared to last year at this time
 - ii. MGA costs rose by \$2 per person
 - iii. Opening event lost just over \$400
 - iv. AT&T will offer us a discount of \$1 per month if we renew our contract for a three year term.
 - v. Clarification on financials: \$200 donation is netted with bench cost (\$600 reduced to \$400).
2. Chairmen Reports
- a. Handicap Chairman Report – NO REPORT
 - i. It was clarified that a member of any handicap can play in white tee tournaments
 - b. Tournament Chairman Report
 - i. Off – Sterling Farms Event
 - 1. Tom is seeking around four to six groups
 - 2. Tom will send an email asking about best days of week.
 - ii. Iona Gale Open – Lunch, dinner, drinks with cost of \$100 on Monday August 10th.
 - iii. Interclub shirt color discussion:
 - 1. Tom asks that we spice up our color
 - c. New Member Chairman Report –
 - i. Carl spoke on behalf of Rick Tippitt who asked the board to consider a family tournament. This idea will be tabled until next month's meeting.
 - d. Rules Chairman Report
 - i. Pairings: The objective is to create a process to pair without bias. A standard process will be written and posted to the website. A motion was made by Tom Aberle, seconded by Dean Pedon and passed in a vote to adopt this policy.
 - ii. Match Play: Rules policies made by players in a match are not allowed to decide. Decisions must come from the Tournament committee and be enforced across the entire field.
 - iii. T score for match play:

1. Should match play be posted as a T score? Answer – YES and it is NOT optional.
2. Conceded shots must be held to a probable score standard.
3. Proper scoring in match play: Modification of a player's score is appropriate from the point where the match was closed. The USGA's preferred method is to play out the remaining holes. The SFMC has three options:
 - a. Score is a score – post it.
 - b. Once match is done, the 18 hole score is determined at that point
 - c. Score and modify when appropriate.
 - d. A motion was made by Jeff Teasdale to allow members post the 18 hole score and the committee only intervene upon complaint. The motion was passed in a vote to adopt.
4. Current rule states that posting of a T score in certain events (Club Championship and qualifier) is required with penalty of disqualification.
 - a. USGA rules allow a reasonable amount of time to post the T score.
 - b. Vote was taken:
 1. Should the rule stand as is: 0 Votes
 2. Changing rule for Club Championship but not qualifier: 0 Votes
 3. Change the rule to require posting a score, but not a T score: Unanimous vote
 4. Billy Lombardo: The reason for the rule is manipulation of handicap.
 5. A motion was made by Josh Fedeli to adopt the following policy:
 - a. The player must post a score. Failure to do so is disqualification.
 - b. For qualified events, the player must post the score as T. Failure to do so results in a warning. Failure to do so twice triggers the sandbagging investigation process. Sean Sullivan seconds the motion which was passed in a vote to approve. Note that Ciro Pirone abstained from this vote.

3. New Business – NO NEW BUSINESS

4. Adjournment

At 9:12 PM Billy Lombardo made a motion to adjourn which was passed in vote, ending the meeting.

Ian Boccaccio
SFMC Secretary
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