

TORREY PINES MEN'S GOLF CLUB, INC.



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 19, 2013

The scheduled Regular Meeting of The Board of Directors meeting of TORREY PINES MEN'S GOLF CLUB, INC., (the "Club") was held at the Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course, La Jolla, California.

The meeting was brought to order by President Bob Hood at 6:30 pm on March 19, 2013.

Also present at the meeting were Directors: Michael Berg, Brian Cincotta, John Hoffman, Claude Gigoux, Jerry Jeli, Jim Kerr, Dave Kitchen, Heidi Munn, Bill Riordan, Rob Phillips, John Standish, Marc Sorenson. Members in attendance included John Cochran and Larry Prosi.

Directors not present: Peter Born.

President's Report: Bob Hood made a presentation about TPMGC hats that will be made available to the membership through the Torrey Pines Pro Shop at \$15 each to include tax. Bob mentioned that members could use their prize fund accounts to pay for them. The hats should be available the first of April 2013. He mentioned he will ensure the membership is made aware through the newsletter and we should also make mention of it on the website.

Old Business:

1. Secretary's Report: David Kitchen presented a copy of the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting to each Director, and further advised that he filed the Statement of Information to the California Secretary of State, which identified the new officers of the TPMGC for 2013. He also mentioned that he conducted a review of prior TPMGC minutes concerning membership dues, based upon new business raised at the February 19, 2013 meeting by Denny Esh, wherein Denny raised the issue of membership dues being too high and because they are in excess of expenses, the club is not operating as a non-profit organization. The review of prior minutes revealed the only 2006 minutes we have are the minutes from the December 2006 meeting, which did not discuss dues. The minutes from the April 17, 2007 meeting revealed the results of the law suit, wherein the signed agreement on February 15, 2007, indicated TPMGC would be reimbursed \$130,000 by the San Diego City and Hilton Hotels by April 16, 2007. Those minutes made no mention of membership dues. Subsequent meeting minutes of July 15, 2008 set membership dues at \$128 for new members and \$85.00 for renewals. The minutes of the July 21, 2009 meeting, disclosed the membership dues were set at \$100 for new members and \$75.00 for renewals. The minutes from the September 20, 2011 meeting revealed the membership dues would continue to be \$100 for new members and \$75.00 for renewals. A discussion ensued which resulted in a unanimous decision that the club needs to continue to designate funds in excess of expenses as reserves for donations under a 501c7, which is not considered profit. Any consideration for 2014 dues will be discussed through the finance committee, which will make recommendations to the TPMGC Board.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for February 19, 2013; the motion was seconded and approved without opposition.

2. Treasurer's Report: Jerry Jeli presented the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2013 and had previously provided copies of the current Budget and Statements to each Director by e-mail. Jeli reiterated that the net balance at the end of February was \$21,000 due to an increase in membership since January. After looking at the tournaments for the Thursday and Weekend events, Jeli realized the subsidy report does not reflect additional subsidies needed for the Weekend event which will be held at Balboa, and the report did not account for the move of the Thursday SCGA event from April to June; therefore he will make those changes in the next subsidy report, which he will present in April.

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A motion was made to accept the Treasurers Reports as submitted; the motion was seconded and approved without opposition.

3. Torrey Pines Tournament Committee Report: Brian Cincotta, Chairman, reported he will convene a Committee meeting before the next Board meeting and therefore had nothing to report. He indicated he and Peter Born attended the SCGA meeting on Rules and he will ensure some of the rules will be addressed in the newsletters.

4. Prize Fund Report: John Standish, Chairman, indicated Brian has been helping him get up to speed in transitioning the position. He indicated there will be a news article concerning the Prize Fund encouraging members to use their prize funds rather than letting them linger in their accounts. As of the end of February the prize fund balance was up to \$189,000. Jerry Jeli commented that Golf Mart has finally come in with an invoice since November. Bob Hood also commented that anyone who has not renewed their membership then they have until April 1, 2013 to use the prize funds. After that date, any remaining funds were to be returned to the general funds; however, the deadline should be extended until April 30, 2013 so those members are notified either through the newsletter or website or email messages. John Hoffman requested funds be designated for trophies for the Club Champion and the Senior Champion and it was mutually agreed that funding would be allocated.

4. Membership Services Committee Report: Peter Born, Chairman, was not present but Larry Prosi, indicated he has met with Peter and they are looking at drafting an article for the newsletter to increase member participation through E-Clubhouse and to ensure their email addresses are current. General discussion ensued that membership emails are not consistently recorded through E-Clubhouse or the GHIN system, although it is supposed to be transferable between the two.

5. Entertainment Sub Committee Report: Rob Phillips, Chairman, reported that he has coordinated with Paul Yossem on production of the newsletter with a deadline at the end of March so that it will be published on the website for the first quarter. Rob also mentioned that he has tried to set up a meeting with Carlsbad Golf Center for a TPMGC social event similar to the one the club had last year at Stadium Golf but she has not responded to his inquiries. He indicated Stadium Golf has expressed interest in hosting us again this year. Rob indicated he would like to have host events at both venues and will look into dates that we can publicize through the newsletters and e-mails. Discussion ensued about establishing a Pay Pal button on the website to ensure members can pre-pay prior to the events, which will also enable us to determine the number of attendees.

6. Handicap Report: Michael Berg, Chairman, reported that penalties are still being issued to those members identified as not having posted their scores. It was also noted that a number of members are incorrectly posting their scores as Tournament scores when the some events are not considered tournaments. It was determined that the money collectors should remind the players to properly post their scores when the cards are collected.

7. Thursday Group Chairman Report, Claude Gigoux, reported that he had contacted Balboa Municipal Golf Course concerning playing some away games at Balboa but unfortunately, the Balboa Women's club plays on Thursdays from 7am to 10am and said that sometimes it may be after 10am before others can start. Claude said that he had received some suggestions about playing some Thursday events on Wednesday. He spoke to John Howard at Balboa, concerning playing at Balboa on Wednesdays and he was told that the Balboa Men's Club plays on Wednesdays but only twice a month, usually the second and fourth Wednesdays. Claude indicated he is planning to pick up a Wednesday in the next month and post the sign-up early on the website to determine how many members would be interested in playing at Balboa. Claude also mentioned that he received several complaints about the condition of Double Tree Golf Course, which has changed the name to Carmel Highlands Golf Course, which has been one of the regular courses used for away games. He claimed that while they give us a wonderful breakfast many members are frustrated about the conditions of the course. He indicated he would be playing the course shortly, on April the 25th, and if the course is in as bad a shape as it was the last time we played, then he will look into to cancelling it and he will make sure that we don't get penalized as we have 30 days. Claude also announced that the Spring Fiesta is scheduled for April 18th, and the event will be mentioned in the newsletter, as well as posted on the website to ensure membership participation.

8. Weekend Group Chairman Report, John Hoffman, indicated there has not been a Weekend event since that last meeting and next event will be on Sunday, March 24th, which will be an interesting event as it will be six holes scramble, six holes better ball of partners, and six holes all strokes counted for both partners. There will be a gross flight and three handicapped flights. John also mentioned the upcoming President's Cup, which is a mail-in event and by collecting the money up front members will not have to stop by the starter's booth, which should help speed up play on the course. There will also be an option to buy into a skins game at the same event.

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9. Government Affairs Chairman Report, John Hoffman, he indicated the City would like to talk to the TPMGC concerning purchasing trees for the course but they wanted to wait until the approved the plans Phil Michelson had concerning his redesign of the north course. The Farmers Insurance Open people were very complimentary of the TPMGC volunteer effort. In his discussion with Peter Rippa, it appears they would be receptive to expanding the volunteer effort next year to include marshaling a particular hole and other efforts. He added that the city is not going to raise golf fees and it looks like we can get more golf tee times at Balboa. He claimed there appears to be a willingness to establish a golf advisory council down the road. Bob Hood also discussed with Bill Riordan about expanding the overall volunteer effort to include marshals. He also indicated Bill has agreed to coordinate the TPMGC no show policies and Bob would work closely with Bill as his backup to ensure a smooth transition.

New Business:

1. No Show Policy and the wait lists: President Hood during the February Board meeting proposed modifications of the No Show Policy, which included moving cancellation deadlines for the Thursday Events and the Weekend Events; and penalty changes for violating the no show policy. Ensuing discussions resulted in agreement that the Weekend Event cancellation date would be moved to 6pm on the Wednesday prior to the Weekend Event and Thursday Event cancellation date would be moved to 6pm on Monday prior to the Thursday Event. It was further agreed that the Tournament Chairmen be given discretion on the level of penalties to be applied for violation of the No Show Policy. It was further agreed that the No Show Policy be published on the TPMGC website and discussed in the next TPMGC newsletter. Furthermore, a motion was made, seconded, and approved at the February Board meeting that No Show penalties only apply for play at Torrey Pines or any San Diego Municipal Golf Course Tournaments. Finally, it was agreed that the non-payment of No Show penalties for away tournaments would be applied retroactively to January 2013 and refunds would be given to those members who paid their fines after January 2013.

A lengthy discussion at the March Board meeting ensued concerning member complaints about how members were selected from the wait lists by the Tournament Chairmen to fill vacancies left by member cancellations within the prescribed deadlines. John Hoffman explained that if a member does not get into a Weekend Event after being placed on a wait list then they are given preference for the next Weekend Event. It was evident from the discussion that there was a great deal of confusion among the membership on how a member on the Thursday Event wait list may be selected to fill vacancies due to cancellations. It was mutually decided that the Tournament Chairmen draft a proposal for board consideration to standardize the wait list selection process.

2. Enforcement of the One Guest Rule: During the November, 2012 Board meeting a motion was made, seconded, and approved that TPMGC board members, money collectors and past presidents be restricted to bringing one guest for priority player selection. During discussion it was determined that between 30 and 40 percent of the Thursday Event tee times are taken up by board members, money collectors, money collector backups, past presidents and their guests, which is a lot of tee times that the general membership does not get. While the board had previously adopted policy that only one guest would be selected, that rule has not been enforced. Further discussion ensued that enforcement of the one guest rule would alleviate some complaints about the wait list selection process. It was mutually agreed that board members should agree to collect money during the events which would reduce the current number of money collectors for each event; thereby freeing up more tee times for the general membership. It was also agreed that the Tournament Chairmen should ensure the one guest rule is enforced.

There was a Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm. The Motion was seconded and approved without opposition.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING – April 16, 2013

David Kitchen

David Kitchen - Secretary

Bob Hood

Bob Hood - President