

TORREY PINES MEN'S GOLF CLUB, INC.



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Board of Directors November 19, 2013

The scheduled General Meeting of the TORREY PINES MEN'S GOLF CLUB, INC. (the "Club") was held at the Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course, San Diego, California.

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

Also present at the meeting were Directors: Michael Berg, Peter Born, Marshal Dhillon, Claude Gigoux, John Hoffman, Jerry Jeli, Dave Kitchen, Rob Phillips, and John Standish. Additionally, 31 TPMGC members were in attendance.

Members not present: Brian Cincotta, Jim Kerr, Heidy Munn, Bill Riordan, and Marc Sorensen.

President's Report: President Bob Hood introduced the present Board members. Bob also mentioned the Club has made some significant contributions to the Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course. We purchased new flag sticks for both the north and south courses and also purchased 18 new ball washers for the south course. Bob announced that the Club is seeking volunteers for "Bunker Buddies" for the upcoming Farmer's Open and encouraged those interested to contact Bill Riordan, our Volunteer Chairman. Bob mentioned that the Club is looking at re-kindling our relationship with the Hilton at Torrey Pines as a venue for luncheons following some of our golf outings. He also indicated that the Club had added Balboa Municipal Golf Course to some of our away events in the past year and we have scheduled play at that course once a month for 2014 for our away events.

New Business:

Bob Hood introduced the candidates for election to the Board for 2014, which included: Michael Berg, Peter Born, Brian Cincotta, Brian Dresser, Claude Gigoux, John Hoffman, Bob Hood, Jerry Jeli, Jim Kerr, Jim Lackritz, and Larry Prosi. Since there were more candidates than available positions, ballots were distributed to the members present and ballots were previously made available to members on-line and through e-blast previously distributed to the membership. The ballots previously made available and returned to the Secretary were tabulated and the votes were to be added to the votes received at the General Meeting. The President called for any nominations from the floor and when there were no nominations from the floor, he called upon the membership to cast their votes for no more than eight candidates with only one vote per candidate and return the ballots to the Secretary.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Jeli, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2013 and provided copies of the current Budget and Statements to each Director. He reported the total assets were over \$256,000, of which \$182,000 in Membership prize money; and we have a temporary restricted fund of \$50,000 to cover unanticipated expenses. Jerry explained that he put together a budget for 2014 based upon a history of the past two years which projects a membership of about 1200 members. As of October 31, the Club had about 300 members signed up for 2014 but the membership drive started on October 15 and renewals will continue through the end of this calendar year. He indicated we will get our first bill from the SCGA in January and he anticipates writing a check for about \$33,000 as he anticipated our membership will be around 1000 members at that point. The budget is broken down into designated and undesignated funds with a net balance of about \$3,400, which should increase considerably over the next 60 to 90 days. Jerry concluded by stating the Club is in good financial shape.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for October 15, 2012; the motion was seconded and approved without opposition.

Secretary's Report: David Kitchen, The minutes from the October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors were distributed to the board members for review.

A motion was made to approve those minutes; the motion was seconded and approved without opposition. David also thanked all those who voted for the 2014 board members. He reported that prior to the General Meeting he received 122 ballots by mail or e-mail. Of those, six ballots had to be invalidated due to the authentication process. He explained to ensure the integrity of the voting process, the authentication process included comparing the GHIN #s on the ballots; the return addresses on the envelopes received; and the email addresses on the messages received, to the records on the Club membership roster. Additionally, the Secretary also acknowledged receipt of each ballot with a personal message to those members submitting their votes. During the process, six members reported that they did not cast their ballots, indicating the six votes cast were fraudulent representations. Accordingly they were invalidated and not counted in the election process. He also announced that an investigation has been initiated and the results will be reported back to the board for appropriate sanctions.

Membership Committee Report: Peter Born, Chairman, presented the membership report thanking the members for renewing their membership and commended those members who have updated E Clubhouse on the website. He indicated many have uploaded photos, which makes it nice for others to recognize the various members. He also volunteered to help any member who is having difficulties uploading their information to E Clubhouse.

Weekend Group Report: John Hoffman, Chairman, presented a report indicating the Weekend events are well attended by the membership. John thanked all the members for participating in the Club Championship Tournament and declared Ben Page as the Club Champion for 2013. He also declared the 2013 Net Champions were David Bryant, Brian Cincotta, and Terrance Mason. He further announced the Weekend Turkey Shoot is scheduled for November 24th and noted there were 20 cancellations so he encouraged members who did not already play in the Thursday Turkey Shoot to play in the upcoming event.

Thursday Group Report: Claude Gigoux, Chairman, presented a report indicating the Thursday events are also well attended by the members and said the recent Turkey Shoot was successful and all of those members who shot a net 72 were given gift cards for \$40 each the day of the event and 12 additional cards were mailed out to those who scored a net 73. He announced that the Christmas Scramble was scheduled for December 12th and encouraged members to mail in their sign-up sheets as soon as possible so he can let the restaurant know how many members would attend. One member asked if the events with a luncheon could be re-examined by the board to consider giving players an option of forgoing the luncheon if they prefer. President Hood indicated it was too late to consider for 2013 but the board would take the recommendation under consideration for future tournaments in 2014. Claude also reminded the members that there is a cart path only restriction as the course maintenance is being prepared for the Farmer's Open. A discussion ensued about the membership's displeasure with the course management decision. One member asked the board's position on the course management's decision not to issue an appropriate number of flags to ADA members and not allowing them to drive their carts onto the fairways while preparing for the Farmer's Open. President Hood indicated it was an excellent issue for the Government Affairs Committee to address with the course management. When asked who was on the Government Affairs Committee, President Hood responded that he, John Hoffman, and Marc Sorensen were the committee members. Bob further indicated that he and Joe Burwell had previous discussions on this issue and he recommended that Joe approach the course management as an individual as this issue is not just TPMGC issue because it affects any disabled golfer who wants to play at the Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course. President Hood encouraged any disabled TPMGC members to contact Joe Burwell who could best represent a group of disabled players. It was decided a message could be placed on the TPMGC website pointing out that Joe Burwell would be available for any consultations on the issue.

Prize Fund Report: John Standish, Chairman, reported the prize fund system is synchronized online between himself and the treasurer and was working very smoothly. He asked that when requesting a certificate, the members should use the TPMGC prize fund centralized email address (prizefund@torreypines.org) rather than sending a personal e-mail to John as he gets quite a few email messages on his personal account and he does not want to miss any member's request. John indicated the Club has issued over 400 certificates this year and will probably issue another couple hundred before the year's end. John also advised that over \$21,000 was accounted for in the old prize fund system, which previously belonged to people who are no longer members who have not responded to inquiries by the board. After several failed attempts to get in contact with those previous members, the board elected to transfer the funds back into the general ledger. John said he tries to turn around the requests for issuance of prize funds within the same day. Bob Hood reminded that members can have the certificates issued to particular vendors and request they issue gift cards, which can be used at the vendor like cash.

Special Events and Newsletter: Rob Phillips, Chairman, was recognized by President Hood for coordinating the pizza and beer, which everyone enjoyed at the General Meeting. Rob had nothing to report and Bob indicated the only thing to add was an update of the newsletter to publicize the donation of the flag sticks and ball washers to the course.

Handicap Report: Michael Berg, Chairman, Michael encouraged all members to post their scores within 48 hours after playing and indicated they can either post them at the terminal in the pro-shop or via the internet through a computer or even a smart phone. He indicated we are monitoring the postings and have issued penalty rounds which equate to their lowest posted score of the last 20 scores. Repeat offenders will also be sanctioned by not being able to play in future TPMGC events. He also reminded members to post a "T" score only if the event is designated a tournament event. Michael further reminded the members that if they enter a score incorrectly to notify him by e-mail as he can make the correction for them as the Handicap Chairman. One member suggested that the on-line posting be altered to ensure that when a member is entering his score a default page pops up asking if the posting is a home vs away vs tournament posting. Michael thanked the member for the suggestion and indicated the board will look into making that change.

Technology Report: Marshal Dhillon, Chairman, reported the computer in the Torrey Pines Pro Shop has been operating fine for the past six months. He also indicated we use that computer to sync our on-line member database with the SCGA. He reported that he negotiated with the Pro Shop to use their internet connection which has save the Club some money. He further reported that the on-line membership registration is operating well, and he reminded members they can download the mail-in forms for the holiday tournaments, complete and mail them in to register for the events.

Open comments from the floor: Bob Hood opened the session for comments from the membership and recognized Art Stromberg. Art stated he had a comment concerning the SCGA Tournament Committee decision to split up foursomes because, to quote Mr. Hood, the board is "protecting the field". Art said he called the SCGA about the issue and was told the SCGA does not protect any fields from any tournaments. Art said that the board telling the membership that the board is protecting the field, the board is telling the membership that we cheat, plain and simple. Art thinks the board should re-address the issue and stop splitting up foursomes. Bob Hood indicated the board would take that under consideration.

Art Mulvey raised an issue wherein it appeared a number of board members were signing up to play between 7:00 and 8:30 am, which prevented the membership from playing at those times. Bob Hood thanked the member for raising the issue and indicated that the board would take that issue up for consideration in 2014.

Another member raised the issue of pace of play and while acknowledging that it seems to have improved, he wanted to know what the board is doing to address the issue. Bob Hood, responded by stating that the Club now gives the course marshals a list of our players with start times. The marshal can then address the offending groups to help speed them along. Since initiating that procedure, the marshals have not raised any issues with the Club.

A raffle was conducted and door prizes were distributed to the winners.

Secretary Kitchen announced the results of the election to the board. He announced that the directors elected to the board for 2014 were Michael Berg, Peter Born, Brian Cincotta, Brian Dresser, John Hoffman, Bob Hood, Jerry Jeli, and Jim Kerr.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. It was seconded and approved without opposition.

The Next Scheduled Board Meeting January 17, 2014

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David Kitchen - Secretary

Bob Hood - President