Fountain of the Sun Country Club
Minutes
Regular Meeting of
02/21/17

The Board of Directors of the FOS Country Club met in regular session on February 21, 2017 at the boardroom of the Country Club. Members present were Bob Golphenee, Karen Kilzer, Jerry Lennick, Carol Miller, Ann Schmidt, and Chuck Thibert . Several owner/members attended and Head Golf professional Ryan DeBois was present for part of the meeting. Deb Call recorded the minutes.

Vice President Lennick called the meeting to order and reported that Ken Amburgey had accepted appointment to the Board to fill a vacancy. Amburgey executed an oath of office and was sworn in as Director.

A motion was made by Schmidt, second by Golphenee to approve the minutes from the January 10, 18, and 21 meetings. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Guido, insurance agent for the Country Club, presented a report on the Country Club insurance policies. Questions were presented to him, and he made recommendations on issues. The Board thanked him for his assistance.

On motion of Schmidt, second by Miller, all voting yes, the Board affirmed that Broadway Christian Church could hold an Easter Service at the Country Club.

A request to use a retired membership number was referred to office staff for reply as the matter is covered by a Country Club policy.

The Board considered a tabled item concerning dues for new members who join during the year. Schmidt moved that the policy be adopted effective for new memberships purchased after November 1, 2017. Kilzer seconded the motion, all voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of the policy is available from the Country Club office.

Mike Sebastian from the Bylaw Revision Committee reported that the proposed Bylaws had been approved by the attorney retained to review them. Discussion was held on various Articles in the Bylaws, voting materials, alternative Bylaws provisions, date and times for meetings on the Bylaws, and effective dates. Thibert moved to adopt the Bylaws as presented, second by Kilzer, all voted yes, motion carried.

Schmidt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas the Board of Directors has adopted changes to the Bylaws of the Country Club, and

Whereas before said Bylaws can become effective they must be approved by the membership of the Country Club,

Now therefore be it Resolved:

1. That a special meeting of the members of the club be held on at 9:00 a.m. at the Boardroom of the Country Club, on March 30, 2017 for the sole purpose of voting to approve or reject the action of the Board approving said amendments, changes, and provisions, and

2. That the Secretary/Treasurer of the Country Club prepare ballot materials and give notice of said meeting, as provided in the Bylaws.

Thibert seconded the motion and all voted yes, motion carried.

Ryan DeBois, Head Golf Professional, presented a report to the Board stating that pro shop income is $21,000 ahead of last year, but due to many factors, including rain outs on weekends, it is less than projected in the budget. He also reported that he is investigating a makeover of the range ball dispenser, increasing driving range stations, and is reviewing building front, middle, and forward tees on some or all holes , and is opening discussions on contract leagues for next year. He had also met with members of the Country Club Finance Committee to discuss the budget for next year.

Director Schmidt led discussion on a proposal to establish an Emeritus Equity Membership. The proposal limited membership to existing social members and members at least 80 years old with 15 years of equity membership, and limited golf by such members to 5 rounds per year. Discussion focused on the fact that the membership was initially established for members who were unable to golf, that social members were a valuable asset for the Country Club, and that co-ordination with the pay to play membership option was necessary to eliminate overlap. Schmidt offered to rework the proposal to limit it only to those not golfing.

FOSHA representatives have asked to meet with Country Club Board representatives to discuss water purchase and use. Thibert, Schmidt, and Miller will meet on Wednesday, February 22, to discuss the issue with the FOSHA representatives.

Director Thibert reported that our greens mowers need repair or replacement. He suggested that we enter into a lease purchase agreement with a company that sells used mowers. No acceptable mowers are currently available and he was uncertain when, or if, any would be found, but that if some became available, the Country Club needed to act quickly to lock them in. There was general consensus that replacement would be a better solution than repair, that Thibert continue looking for good used mowers, and that the matter would be addressed immediately once the availability, price and condition of mowers was determined.

Thibert also reported that he had not completed his study of tree ownership and responsibility for maintenance, but he thought that he now had gathered all available information and would hopefully present a report to the Board next month.

Director Kilzer reported that the “Love of Golf” Tournament had been successful and that she had obtained a bid for $8,500 for upgrade of the restrooms on the course. She felt that with the help of volunteers, that we could achieve the same results at a reduced price. Director Amburgey agreed to review what needs to be done and to assist with completion of the project.

Secretary/Treasurer Golphenee reviewed the financial report. A copy is posted outside the Country Club office and on the Country Club website.

It was determined that filling the vacancy in the office of President of the Country Club would be delayed until after the vote on the Bylaws was concluded, as the duties and number of officers would likely change.

Director Kilzer gave a report on a leak in the roof above the restaurant and discussions she had had with the owners of Rochester's on that and other rental issues. A social event consisting of a Drive In Movie Night will be held on the driving range on March 30.

The Board entered executive session to discuss a personnel issue relating to wages.

Upon completion of the executive session, a motion was made by Kilzer, second by Thibert, to increase the salary of the Country Club Head Grounds Mechanic by 2%. All voted yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned.

The next regular Board meeting will be held March 14, 2017.

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Bob Golphenee Secretary/Treasurer