

Board of Governor's Meeting – February 9, 2009

In attendance were: Joel Paige, Judy Furlotte, Jane Broderick, Carl Ferris, Bonnie McLeod, Elaine Solomon, Joe Mottle, Kathy Blazer, Maureen Quinn, Tom Sedita, Bob Hodgson, Pat Caggiano, Ralph Infanti, and Margaret Byrnes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Elaine Solomon at 430 pm.

***Manager's Report - Kathy Blazer***

1. Lunch is averaging 165 people and about 50 per night for dinner. Nibbles and Nosh has been eliminated and changed to an a la carte menu. All special events have been booked. Participation has not increased on Saturday nights since jackets were eliminated. Generally pleased with the member's participation in the club.
2. We had 10 new members in the month of January. Six were full golf. Now have a total of 1163 golf members.

***Joel Paige***

1. More money is being spent on payroll to upgrade the service.
2. Estates bathroom has gone from \$70,000 to \$210,000. An upgrade will be done on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole bathroom.
3. Looking for recommendations from the Tennis Committee for repairs and upgrades. \$100,000 is available right now.
4. Croquet Club received \$2500 towards its tournament.
5. Bookings were good at the resort for January, February and March not looking as good. So far 2010 looking ok.
6. Only three or four employees have been laid off, but additional employees were not hired as they normally are.
7. Westin Hills is now being managed by Century Golf. Mike Blazer will be the new in charge there.
8. In conversation with the municipal golf course to take over the concession at the Estates. If that doesn't work out, there is a back up.

**Old Business**

1. The Board has recommended that the requirements to be elected to the Board be revamped. Sections D and I should be deleted and section will G will be reworked by Maureen. Changes will be approved at the next meeting.

**New Business**

1. David Rinder has resigned from the board. Since his position is for 3 years, the board agreed that it will be filled at the next election. The By Laws will be changed to reflect this new policy.
2. Elaine presented the following statement to Management from the Board: *On behalf of the Board, I would like to be placed in the record that we as a Board are not in favor of any dues raises for the 2010 membership year. Due to the economy and the last 2 years of raises, we feel strongly that no increase in dues for the members is appropriate. We suggest that the Golf Committee explore the possibility of a user fee discount for members. For example, if you golf over x number of times a year then you become eligible for a discount on the cart's rate. This would encourage play and reward those who do. Also a quarterly payment plan for dues would make it easier for the membership. If management is open to our exploring other avenues such as these, we will encourage the committees to work with us to come up with some ideas that we think would enhance and secure our membership in these rough economic times.* Joel, Kathy and Bonnie discussed their thoughts on this statement. All felt that an increase of some degree is inevitable.
3. All bathrooms on the courses need to be cleaned. Jane is aware of the problem and it is being handled.
4. The twice a month tee sheet signup for Tuesday's is creating a problem. The Board suggested that Jane consider a shot gun that would make it fair for everyone.
5. Minutes are to be posted on the web site after they are approved.
6. Request tennis committee to look into a dress code.
7. Member's can now register to receive automatic phone call reminders of upcoming events.

The March Board meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Judy Furlotte  
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