

Bennett Valley Golf Club Meeting 01/07/06

Present: Vic Shellenberg, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, Ralph Thomas, George Elbert, Mike Duggan, Dave Marquez & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Steve Pasadis

Call to Order: 7:15 AM by Vic

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$35,638.23 in the checking account for a total of \$39,036.76. George reported that the budget seems to be in line with last year's. We had about a \$10K surplus this past year. He and Ralph will sit down before the next month's meeting to formalize the budget for the upcoming year.

Publicity: There was no report but it was decided to encourage Steve to continue in this capacity.

NCGA: Steve O's resignation from the Board was accepted and Bob was appointed to fill the now vacant NCGA/Handicap Chairman's position. Bob graciously accepted.

Membership: We now have 585 members and Ralph noted the early tee times for the tournaments are being filled.

Tournaments: The Skins Game will take place next Saturday. Dave and Jim will be working. Gary reported that he has received the various deadlines for the NCGA tournaments, so he doesn't foresee any problems like we had last year with late entries. The Board reiterated our policy of sending in the entries by USPS Express Mail, so that we can track and verify them. There was further discussion regarding the upcoming changes to the payout structure, in particular the proposed addition of payouts to the Club Championship. After some figures were bandied about, it was decided to table the discussion until George and Ralph reported back on the upcoming budget.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tony Conrardy and Jeff Goering were present at the meeting and both volunteered to join the Board. This was voted upon and approved unanimously. The Board welcomes both!

Tony broached the idea of an organized and ongoing Skin's Game, to be held Saturday mornings. This started a discussion of the availability of tee times and how this might be presented to the Pro Shop in a favorable light. Tony will pursue this proposal further.

The end of the meeting was devoted to the Tournament Directors dividing up the coming year's responsibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club Meeting 02/04/06

Present: Vic Shellenberg, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, Ralph Thomas, George Elbert, Dave Marquez, Wayne Thompson, Tony Conrardy and Jeff Goering

Absent: Steve Pasadis & Mike Duggan

Call to Order: 7:11 AM by Vic

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,449.39 in the CD and \$28,993.23 in the checking account for a total of \$32,442.62. George reported that the NCGA dues (\$14,621) were paid for this year.

Publicity: There was no report but Steve has sent his best. He still will be involved with the Club and expects to go back to work around 3/1.

NCGA: No new business.

Membership: We now have 595 members.

Tournaments: The list for the Directors working the various tournaments was distributed. Next Saturday, the first tee time is at 8:00 AM Wayne and Dave are working this one. We need to give out vouchers for the Skins Game that was cancelled last month. Members, as always, can get a refund if they send George a self addressed stamped envelope. There was some discussion on changing the format for the Directors' Cup from the Stableford to something else (alternate shot, stroke play, etc.). It was decided to survey the membership in the Mulligan on this issue.

Old Business: Tony brought up the weekly Skins' Game topic, again. He thought that with a \$25 buy-in, \$20 could go to the Skins, \$4 to the greens and \$1 to Junior Golf. There would still have to be a weekly call to assure tee times. Tony was advised to put an article in the Mulligan to gauge the interest.

The Club received a thank you letter from the Red Cross for our donation to the Katrina Relief. Jeff asked about the possibility of having tournaments with other Clubs in the area. This was greeted positively by the Board, because we had done the same in the past and it was generally a fun thing to do. It just needs a lot of organizing. Jeff will pursue this further.

George and Ralph distributed the results of the budget review that they undertook. As it turns out, we are doing an excellent job of balancing the income and outgo. Our differential from last year was only \$195, which is pretty much as good as it gets. It also points out that, if we want to make increased expenditures from years' past, we need to adjust income accordingly.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club

Meeting 03/04/06

Present: Vic Shellenberg, Steve Pasadis, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Ralph Thomas, George Elbert, Mike Duggan, Jeff Goering, Dave Marquez & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Bob Andrews & Tony Conrardy

Call to Order: 7:10 AM by Vic

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,449.39 in the CD and \$46,455.63 in the checking account for a total of \$49,905.02. George reported that we are under budget for the current year and that he has also received the Rules of Golf booklet from the NCGA.

Publicity: Steve reported that the hits to the website are going up after the tournaments and that there are notices regarding the individual tournaments (rules of play, etc.) are on the site. The selection and whether to use winter or summer rules will still be determined the day of the tournament by Gary.

Steve also suggested a survey of the members regarding a choice for a change in format for the Directors' Cup.

Jeff would like to also poll the members on the possibilities of intramural tournaments with other Clubs and also pointed out that the Directors' Cup could also be used as a qualifier for these intramural teams. He will also get in touch with other Clubs in the area to gauge interest.

NCGA: No report given; Bob being indisposed in Hawaii.

Membership: We now have 617 members.

Tournaments: Jeff inquired about the possibility of increasing the field for tournaments. This led to a discussion of where we are now with what had been in the past a struggle to field a full tournament of 144 players. We are the victims of our own success, based largely on the concept of having the members prepay for their spots in the tournaments. This led to further discussion of how to deal equitably with this success, since the popularity has led to fields that are pushing our limits with the course capacity. Up until now, Gary has managed to tuck all who want to play into the field and it was decided, after further discussion, to carry on with this course of action, but to monitor it.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 04/01/06

Present: Steve Pasadis, George Elbert, Gary Davis, Mike Duggan, Jim Gordon, Tony Conrardy, Bob Andrews, and David Marquez

Absent: Wayne Thompson, Jeff Goering , Vic Shellenberg, John Christensen, Ralph Thomas

Call to order : 7:05 by Steve ,(acting chairmen)

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Currently have \$3,449.39 in the CD and \$43,586.56 in the checking account for a total of \$ 47,035.95

Publicity: Steve reported on the results of an online survey that was taken to help decide the format for the directors cup tourney , this tourney format is yet to be determind, the survey conveyed a majority interest in having either a 4 man 2 ball event or a 4 club event , much discussion about the survey results and how to proceed.

NCGA: Bob reported about informational meetings with ncca, we missed a local meeting, however Bob may be able to attend another soon .

Membership: No report , Ralph was absent.

Tournaments: Discussion about April tourney , weather and play conditions, much discussion about policy for tourney cancellations. Mike raised questions about how BV could make a better showing in the Monterey tourney's , much discussion about sandbaggers and how to deal with them. Questions raised about number of flights and how many players from each flight . Tony raised questions about having a Scratch Flight in some of our tourney's , much discussed about future possibilities in this area. George made a motion to vote on format for directors cup tourney, Gary went to the bathroom and the motion was not seconded, George withdrew the motion and the tourney format was tabled until next meeting.

Old Biz : None

New Business: Bob Bowowitz asked the club if we would like to go in with the ladies club in purchasing a new file cabinet , the general consensus was in agreement to this , style and color were in question.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30,
Respectfully submitted,
David Marquez (acting secretary)

Bennett Valley Golf Club

Meeting 05/06/06

Present: Vic Shellenberg, Steve Pasadis, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, Ralph Thomas, George Elbert, Mike Duggan, Dave Marquez, Tony Conrardy, Jeff Goering & Wayne Thompson

Absent: No one

Call to Order: 7:00 AM by Steve-Vic was late

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,449.39 in the CD and \$41,817.65 in the checking account for a total of \$45,267.04.

Publicity: Steve reported that there have been lots of hits.

NCGA: Bob was notified by the NCGA that our Club can take a pass on the mandatory meetings for the next 2 years, since we went to one recently.

The question of whether or not members can use handheld GPS devices during tournaments was introduced. The NCGA has basically kicked it back to the individual clubs for rulings. After some discussion, it was voted 9 to 4 to allow the members to use the devices.

Membership: We now have about 720 members.

Tournaments: The next tournament up is the President's Cup. Tony and John will work Saturday and Jim and Jeff will work Sunday.

Jeff reported on his efforts to generate interest in inter-club play with other clubs in the area. He distributed a hand out in which he laid out some of his ideas for a framework for these events, including bracketing, qualifiers for the inter-club tournaments, home-and-home play and methods of elimination to determine the winning club. He reported good response from the clubs. This led to a generally favorable discussion by the Board and ended with recommendations that Jeff can bring up in his further discussions with other clubs.

Bob brought up the necessity of doing something soon in order to plan for the annual Shotgun tournament in August. He will investigate the possibility of renting out the park for the barbeque but noted that there is enough room around the temporary pro shop to stage the event. After some discussion about the budget, it was decided that Bob will coordinate the particulars-caterer, place, etc.

It was announced that the new format for the Director's Cup will be a 4 club-including a putter.

Old Business: Steve and Tony are working on the introduction of scratch flights for 2007.

New Business: Ralph reported on a Windsor men's club conversation regarding a petition that one of its' members-who is also a BV member-made to overrule an NCGA decision to lower his handicap index from 8.3 to 2.4. The member wants to higher index because of a medical condition. After much discussion, it was decided to table any action or recommendation, since this has not been brought before our Board officially.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club

Meeting 06/03/06

Present: Steve Pasadis, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan, Jeff Goering, Dave Marquez, Wayne Thompson, Bob Andrews & Tony Conrardy

Absent: Vic Shellenberg, Jim Gordon & George Elbert

Call to Order: 7:02 AM by Steve

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,449.39 in the CD and \$38,901.25 in the checking account for a total of \$42,350.64.

Publicity: Steve reported that the past tournaments have been posted and the advance notice for the 4-Club format for the Directors' Cup has been posted, as well.

NCGA: Nothing new to report.

Membership: We now have 720 +/- members.

Tournaments: The next tournament is the NCGA 2 Man Best Ball. The field will go out from 7:30 until 12:52. Wayne and Mike are working. There are 46 seniors signed up for their part of it with 14-16 singles. They will, as before, be assigned teams through a blind draw. We will continue to take 90% of the individual's index, find the course handicap on the modified slope sheet and assign flights accordingly. As always, the maximum handicap will be 18 with a 9 stroke maximum between players, pegged to the low handicap. White tees will be used.

Bob announced that Galvin Park is unavailable for the August Shotgun tournament. Bob Borowitz has offered to provide sufficient space around the temporary pro shop so that we can hold the festivities there. Jeff Bodwin has been contacted regarding the catering at \$12.50/plate. There will be \$1,000.00 worth of door prizes like last year.

Steve submitted a report from Vic, who reviewed the scoring from the last tournament.

Essentially, we will have to monitor the members closely to make sure they post at the course before they leave.

Old Business: A spirited discussion was held over the old bugaboo of pace of play, given the various circumstances (lost balls, the "caterpillar effect", golfers with carts vs. golfers on foot, etc.) which occurred during the last tournament. It was reinforced that the Board will continue to advocate the posted guidelines and that they will make every effort to set the appropriate conduct that reflects those guidelines. All agreed.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 07/01/06

Present: Vic Shellenberg, Steve Pasadis, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Ralph Thomas, George Elbert, Mike Duggan, Jeff Goering, Bob Andrews, Dave Marquez & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Tony Conrardy

Call to Order: 7:00 AM by Vic

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,449.39 in the CD and \$32,444.48 in the checking account for a total of \$35,893.87. George, not having been present at the last meeting, questioned whether or not we had, in fact, budgeted the same amount of money for the annual barbeque as we had last year. In order to set the record straight, the Board voted unanimously to do so.

Publicity: There was no report.

NCGA: Bob reported that, once again, one of our members had been sanctioned again by the NCGA for posting tournament scores below his normal index. The member can, as before, appeal to the NCGA.

Membership: No report given.

Tournaments: The next tournament will be a 2 day event. Wayne and Jim will work the 1st day and Mike and Jeff will do the 2nd. The 4 Club tournament just passed was deemed an overall success and the pace of play was good.

Bob & Wayne, who worked the tournament, had several requests regarding the structure of our tournaments. The 1st was to require all players to swap scorecards so that no one player is taking down his own score. The 2nd would allow the Board members running the tournaments to have some form of means to deal with members who, for one reason or another, present problems to them. The 3rd request was that all players involved in Senior events keep a scorecard separate from the main tournament. The 1st and 3rd requests were approved by the Board.

The 2nd request generated considerable discussion. Apparently, a member, perhaps fueled by a bad bowl of Cheerios, became verbally abusive and semi combative with Bob and Wayne during the posting of the last tournament. As a reprimand, Gary has placed him and his foursome at the end of the next tournament. Further, it was discussed and voted upon that, should a situation like this happen in the future and both of the Board members running the tournament agree, the miscreant can be disqualified on the spot with the right of appeal at the next Board meeting. This was carried with some dissent.

Gary read the form letter that he uses for the no-shows, 8 of which occurred at the last tournament. We reiterated our policy of not allowing no-shows to play in the tournament until the fines are paid. The Board has received a request from Bob Borowitz for the Club to pass the no-show fines along to the Pro Shop. This was voted on and approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: Steve announced that he is working on a plan to include a scratch flight in 5 of the next year's tournaments-the President's Cup, Club Championship, 2 Man Best Ball, Dues Breakfast and the St. Patrick's Day Tournaments. He will bring more detail to future meetings. It was suggested that, at the next meeting, we discuss guest invites to our tournaments as a way to recruit lower handicapped players.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 08/05/06

Present: Vic Shellenberg, Steve Pasadis, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan, Jeff Goering, Bob Andrews & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Tony Conrardy, George Elbert & Dave Marquez

Call to Order: 7:05 AM by Vic

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,449.39 in the CD and \$30,851.14 in the checking account for a total of \$34,300.53.

Publicity: There was no report.

NCGA: Bob reported that there will be an increase in fees from the NCGA as of next year. The Board voted to pass on this increase only to the membership.

Membership: We have many.

Tournaments: There are 124 players signed up for the Shotgun Tournament. The Board authorized Jeff Bodwin to prepare meals for 135. The tee time is 7:00 AM. Gary has made out the scorecards and stapled ½ the tickets onto them. The other ½ will go into the hat for the drawings. There will be 20 prizes worth \$50 each. The Board agreed to provide sodas and water along with the range balls for the membership. All the members have to do is give the scorers their group handicaps and the spreadsheet will take it from there. As always, threesomes will rotate the 4th shot. Gary noted that 2 players who have signed up will not be allowed to play due to unpaid fines.

Next year's tournament list was passed out with the 5 tournaments already designated to have scratch flights noted. The motion was made and seconded that the Board will give this a 2 year trial with the hope that this will attract lower handicapped players. The motion passed.

Old Business: The topic of guest invitees was tabled for future consideration.

New Business: Steve reminded the Board (surprise!) of elections. He will post the notice on the website and also will research who is up for re-election.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club

Meeting 11/04/06

Present: Steve Pasadis, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan, Tony Conrardy, George Elbert, Bob Andrews & Dave Marquez

Absent: Jeff Goering, Vic Shellenberg & Wayne Thompson

Call to Order: 7:05 AM by Steve

Minutes: Were assumed to be correct and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,502.30 in the CD and \$16,472.88 in the checking account for a total of \$19,975.18. George noted that, compared to last year, we are \$2,500 +/- to the good. George also moved that we increase the prizes for the Turkey and Ham Shoots to \$45 from the present \$20, in order to make the tournaments more popular with the membership. The move was seconded and, after some discussion, passed unanimously.

Publicity: Steve handed out copies of the yearly mailer for review by the Board. Scratch flights have been added to 5 tournaments for next year. Steve is in the process of analyzing the payout structure to determine what the payouts for the scratch flights will be. He also reworked the Grand Prix points system and noted that in the mailer, as well. The Board had some suggestions for the sign up format, noted by Steve. It was decided to hold the stuffing meeting at Steve's on the night of 12/13.

The Club Championship was brought up for discussion, again. Tony noted that there are several other tournaments in the area which may be attracting the better quality players. This led to further discussion, but no resolution.

NCGA: Bob reported that there had been no correspondence with the NCGA during the month. Gary thinks that there may have been further problems with one of the second tier NCGA tournaments. The qualifiers weren't notified by the NCGA of the date, etc. This led to more discussion of the members' and Board's responsibilities in this regard. It was decided that, in the future, Bob and Gary would collaborate to make sure that the communication is seamless.

Membership: We have 680 presently, with 370 +/- signed up already for next year. As approved earlier by the Board, the dues for the coming year have been raised to \$80.

Tournaments: There are 138 players signed up for the Dues Breakfast. Tee times are from 7:30 to 12:30. Bob Borowitz will be offering breakfast burritos. Vic and Mike are working. Gary reported that there have been some no-shows in the recent past and that he is prepared to DQ them from future tournaments if they continue to not respond.

Old Business: Ralph reported as fully as possible on the selection process for the restaurant vendor for the new clubhouse. It's still a mystery and will in all likelihood remain one for the foreseeable future.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club

Meeting 12/02/06

Present: Steve Pasadis, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan, Tony Conrardy, Jeff Goering, Bob Andrews & Wayne Thompson

Absent: George Elbert, Vic Shellenberg & Dave Marquez

Call to Order: 7:05 AM by Steve

Minutes: Were amended in the Treasurer's Report to read: "...we increase the prizes for the Turkey and Ham Shoots to \$40 from the present \$25..."

Treasurer's Report: In George's absence, Gary reported that we have \$3,502.30 in the CD and \$37,994.88 in the checking account for a total of \$41,497.18.

Publicity: Steve reported that the Grand Prix has been finalized and posted on the web site and that Eric Lutz claimed the 1st place.

It was also reported by several members of the Board that our publicity efforts have reaped unintended results. Golfers from out of the area have been contacting the Board, asking for tee times, etc. The hope is that, once the clubhouse is completed, the course will launch their own website.

NCGA: Bob has been in contact with the NCGA, trying to resolve the latest episode of the failure of qualifiers to be notified of their upcoming tournaments. Bob was informed by the NCGA that all the information needed by qualifiers is now located on the NCGA website (www.ncga.org) and, if the qualifier's e-mail address is listed with the NCGA, they will be notified electronically. This was news to the Board, since the NCGA seemingly made this change from written to electronic communication without notifying the Club. Shame on them. In the future, the members will be made aware of the changes in notification. Should the qualifiers be off line, Gary will contact them via snail mail.

At this point, Steve introduced Johnnie Walker, a member who had several issues he wanted to discuss with the Board. First, he wanted to know why he was not refunded the greens fees for the Club Championship, even though he notified the course and Board 8 days prior to the tournament that he wouldn't be competing. It was explained to him that, with both the Club Championship and the Shotgun tournaments, the teen times are locked in by the pro shop and any cancellation affects their income. However, since this policy had not been made clear to the membership, it was voted upon unanimously to refund Johnnie's \$23 green fees and to publish a disclaimer stating that fees for those two tournaments are nonrefundable.

Johnnie's second issue concerned pace of play. He expressed frustration over this, since his foursome finished their last tournament using flashlights to putt. He offered several suggestions, all of which had been tried by the Board in the past with varying degrees of success. This issue continues to be a source of discussion with very little chance of satisfactory resolution, given the constraints under which the Board operates. The efforts to streamline play will continue, but the membership needs to self-police to a certain extent. As noted above, no real resolution was made.

Membership: We have 500 members signed up for the current year. Ralph expects this number to remain fairly constant over the winter.

Tournaments: The Ham Shoot has 16 foursomes and 1 twosome signed up. Gary asked for volunteers to run the Skins Game in January. Mike and Jim stepped up. Gary also notified the Board that the assignments for the next year's tournaments will be made at the next meeting. Bob moved that the temporary par three on the 3rd hole be included with the other par 3's into the hole in one prize. This was passed unanimously.

Old Business: Tony asked about the genesis of the home and away tournament format with other Clubs. After some discussion, it was decided to perhaps lay the groundwork for this type of tournament during 2007 with an eye toward implementation in 2008, when the clubhouse is operational.

New Business: Steve brought up the subject of the Boards procedures as they have evolved over the past several years. His interest had to do with whether or not the Board wished to tighten things up a bit, vis-à-vis adherence to our published regulations. There followed a discussion on how we have met challenges in the past (sandbaggers, improper score cards, the ever popular pace of play, etc.). The general consensus of the Board at this time was that yes, we could be a little more strict in our operations. The issue was tabled for further discussion at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary