

## Bennett Valley Golf Club Meeting 1/02/10

**Present:** Steve Pasadis, Gary Davis, John Christenson, Wayne Thompson, Jeff Goering, Elliott Funk, Ed Dominquez, Vic Shellenberg, Dave Marquez & Ralph Thomas.

**Absent:** Jim Gordon, Mike Duggan & Tony Conrardy.

**Call to Order:** 7:20 AM by Steve with a call for nominations for President, since Vic will be assuming the duties of Publicity Director during the upcoming year. Mike's, Tony's and Jeff's names were thrown into the ring. Thanks were given to Vic for his many years in the office.

**Minutes:** Were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave reiterated the issues he's having with up-to-the day budget reporting under the timing of our new revenue stream. There is likely to be a one month lag in the reports, due to the EDS deposits. The Board was OK with this. Dave estimated that, as of the end of the year, we have \$10,486 in our savings accounts and \$26,864 in the checking, for a total of \$37,350.

It was decided that a meeting will be held at Steve's on Wednesday evening at 7 on Feb. 3 to set the upcoming year's budget that will reflect the Club's current finances more accurately.

**Publicity:** Vic will further research the new site's capabilities for advertising and report back next month.

**NCGA/Handicap:** It was decided to renew our membership in the USGA. There was a discussion of the NCGA's e-Club. Apparently, it's not the intention of the NCGA to poach members from subscribing Clubs, according to the rep that Jeff contacted.

**Membership:** We are waiting for members to realize that their handicaps are no longer being tracked by the Club to renew their memberships. We're still lagging in numbers behind last year. One member has asked for a full refund of his membership because he is leaving the area. The Board voted to refund the Club's portion of the \$90 fee (\$35).

**Tournaments:** The Skins' Game has been closed with 56 players. The payouts will be the same as last year's.

Gary will sign up the Board for the 2 Man Scramble this week. Members can start their registration on 1/9 for a 4 week period. He and Ralph are also getting ready to present the Tournament Directors with training sessions prior to the February tournament.

**Old Business:** Steve investigated to purchase of a Net Book to use for the tournament scoring and recommended against it. It was decided to keep using our present laptop.

A continuation of the slow play issue was brought up. Several ideas were presented. One, where a Board member would monitor the early play and then tee off later while his monitoring duties would be taken over by a member with an earlier tee time was discussed. This ultimately was deemed unfair to the Directors, since the later tee time would be less desirable. A second idea for monitoring the pace of play was have the players' time at the turn recorded in the Pro Shop, either by the staff or the members themselves. Gary offered to ask the Pro Shop if they would help us on this. This recording would give the players more of an idea of their own pace and help avoid a 2 stroke penalty if they were behind by more than 15 minutes after the 18 holes. There were some objections to the 2 stroke penalty, which would tend to lead to confrontations with the tournament scorers, during the discussion. After the discussion, a motion was made to monitor the field by recording the times at the turn. This motion passed on a 6 to 3 vote. There will be a blast e-mail sent out to the members advising them of this action.

**New Business:** It was suggested by Jeff that we look into other formats for the upcoming years' tournaments. He said that he would favor a return to the 3 Club (+putter) format for one of them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted, John Christenson, Secretary