

**Bennett Valley Golf Club**  
Meeting 8/7/10

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

**Absent:** Jim Gordon

**Call to Order:** 7:05 AM by Jeff

**Minutes:** Were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$10,487.48 in the Exchange Bank Interest Maximizer & \$9,986.02 in the checking account for a total of \$20,473.50.

**Publicity:** Vic reported that he has had no inquiries regarding advertising on the website. He suggested putting a notice on the site, advertising this feature. Gary also thought that an e-mail blast would be appropriate. We can also announce it at the upcoming general meeting.

**NCGA/Handicap:** Tony and Jeff attended the recently held seminar put on by the NCGA at the Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club. They mentioned that there are numerous opportunities listed on the NCGA website for special rates, events, etc. They are also offering a free tee time for a foursome at either of the Poppy courses if a member can entice 3 new golfers to join. Thiiks particular offer is good until next March.

**Membership:** We still have 475 members. The half year sign-ups have totaled 2.

**Tournaments:** The next tournament is our annual shotgun tournament/BBQ meal with a general meeting to be held this year after the tournament. There are 136 players signed up, 24 of who joined after Gary's e-mail notification. There was a discussion about the change in greens fees that the Pro Shop has initiated and what that means to our prepaid members. It was decided to let the Pro Shop handle it, since we have already paid full price.

Elliott and Steve got together and did an analysis of our tournament formats, looking for ways to spice things up. We have 6 individual events, 6 team events and 2 open ones. The NCGA events have to remain, so we're limited to how many we can change-if we change any. This may be mentioned at the general meeting.

There was another very general discussion about the issues we've had with Golf Fusion. The speed of posting seems to be getting better, but it's still pretty much of a learning curve for both Ralph and Gary, especially. There was some talk of other systems, but the consensus was to go forward. In response to some members' complaints about score publishing for the 2 day events, Vic moved that we pre-flight (something we haven't done) the 1<sup>st</sup> day, print out the roster and manually enter gross scores so that they can be posted in the Pro Shop on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. This was seconded and discussion (Why do it manually when the program can print it up? Why not tell the members to suck it up and wait until the next Wednesday? etc.) ensued. The motion passed 9-3.

Jeff brought up what he thought was the unfair distribution of prize credits vis-à-vis the scratch flight, since there were only 3 teams in that flight. Steve reiterated the Board's history of payouts and how it had changed recently in regards to the scratch flight. Jeff's

contention was that the flight was too small; that the Board in the past had limited flights to 5 and over, quoting March '08 minutes to that effect. This led to further discussion but no resolution as to the status of the scratch flight.

**Old Business:** Apparently, the menu for the Shotgun Tournament was not settled at last month's meeting. Jeff told the Board that Margo had given us an either-or choice between the chicken and tri-tip. Either that or we could go back to square one and choose something else from the menu. Jeff was encouraged to go to Margo and reiterate our desire to have the option of both and to order 72 chicken and 72 beef.

Jeff brought up the format and agenda issues he thought needed to be settled for the general meeting. Since time had run on, this item wasn't really concluded.

**New Business:** Wayne's thought of perhaps modifying the tournament fees and payouts downward for the time being was brought to the attention of the Board. The idea was that this may help with attendance at future tournaments, given the economic times. This was tabled due to the above mentioned time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Christenson, Secretary