

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 12/05/09

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

Absent: Ed Dominquez, Vic Shellenberg & Dave Marquez

Call to Order: 7:12 AM by Steve.

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dave was working, but Ralph reported that, after conversations with him, we have a total amount in the neighborhood of \$36,000.00, whereas last year we were closer to \$43,000.00. Ralph also reported that Dave was having trouble reconciling the budget under the new system, due to the fact that ETS issues the statement later than he is accustomed. Elliott volunteered to assist Dave in this.

Publicity: Steve will place the newly approved by-laws on line this afternoon. Vic wasn't present, but the ability to raise revenue through advertising on the website was discussed and will be followed up at a later meeting.

NCGA/Handicap: No Report.

Membership: We have 365 active members presently, which are down by about 100 from last year, reflecting the lag of about \$7K that was noted in the Treasurer's report. Ralph attributed this to one of a number of factors: dissatisfaction with our tournaments, the economy, the opportunity presented by the NCGA of taking members from the client Clubs and lastly the change to Golf Fusion, which requires the members to register in a fashion that may be outside of some members' comfort zone. It was decided to let the next month or two play out and to have our annual budget meeting as planned at the end of January when we have a better idea of our revenue stream.

Tournaments: The Ham Shoot is the next weekend and 53 players have signed up. Gary and Ralph have been spending evenings trying to develop a user's manual for the Tournament Directors to go by for both training and next years' tournaments. It has presented some challenges, but both seem confident that they can have it done. The issues that have been presented by our Club's size, apparently, have caused Golf Fusion to refine some of their programming. Once the glitches are resolved, the Directors will hopefully be able to deal with the typical last minute (Gary approved) changes on tournament days.

There followed the traditional year-end discussion of slow play and the various methods to deal with it. The Board was encouraged to think of some new, more creative-and workable-ways to cope with the situation. The topic will surely continue at the next month's meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: It was suggested that the Board look into the purchase of a net book for the tournaments, since we are doing the scoring on line and there is no longer any need for an Excel spreadsheet. Steve will investigate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary