

San Carlos Golf Club Board Meeting

3/16/17

Attendance: Mike Allardyce, Jim Warner, Al Schneider, Theresa Randall, Seda Butler, Ron Fisher, Sue Maxwell, Keith Taylor, Mike Dopsloff, Jason Craft and Robyn DeMattia

Absent: Bob Deeley

President Mike Allardyce called the meeting to order at 1902 hours.

President Allardyce asked for approval of the minutes from 2/16/17: approved by Al Schneider and seconded by Ron Fisher.

Presidents Report: President Allardyce welcomed Bob Deeley to the Board. He supplied contact numbers and asked everyone to include Bob on future correspondence etc. President Allardyce wants to form a list of goals for the Board for the year and prioritize them.

#1 on the list is the Watering System

#2 is a Balanced Budget.

President Allardyce would see this as a great accomplishment for the year.

Keith Taylor asked if the dues and fees structure would support the balanced budget, it was agreed that it would not. The Board has a mandate to be able to increase dues by 5% per year which would not in itself balance the budget. A discussion ensued regarding the summer use of the course if the extension to the clubhouse could be achieved. This is the way forward to increase revenue from the course. President Allardyce thinks that if we go to the membership and ask for an increase of 15-30% from the members and revoke the 5% option for future years it may have a chance of passing.

Vice President: No report from Jim Warner

Treasurer's Report: We ended the month with \$634K in the bank with current liabilities of \$215K which left \$419K net, of which \$74K will be used for debt service on the greens due May 1st.

The month of January yielded a profit of \$147K which is \$45K short of budget. Year to date is showing \$15K short of projections. Golf course revenue is \$32K short of

projections but expenses are \$4K lower. Golf Course Maintenance and Snack Bar are in excess of budget, Pro Shop is lower than budget and Admin is on target.

Treasurer is concerned about possible operating loss in excess of budget if this trend continues.

No news on the Audit.

General Manager's Report: Play total for February was 6984 rounds.

Mr. Dopsloff reported that revenue was down in February and we are showing a 50% drop in Walkers. Asked why this is happening, Mr. Dopsloff said that although we have several groups who walk regularly their numbers are declining (probably due to age) and we will have to look for new groups to join our walkers. Walkers are currently allowed to go off the back nine up till 8.30am and off the front nine after 3pm.

Mr. Dopsloff again brought up the summer pass fee and asked if we can sell these at \$15.09 + tax which will be a \$16 total fee. He expected to double the amount sold from last year. The Board voted to allow the \$16 fee and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Dopsloff brought up the subject of the outside rules board (wall of the clubhouse) which under item #12 differs from our Policies and Procedures manual on the dress code. This is what the public sees. P & P states under 2.3.6 that "Proper attire is required on the golf course. Shirts with collars, turtleneck, mock turtleneck or crewneck is required, however sleeveless shirts are acceptable for women. Proper attire does not include short-shorts, cutoffs, tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops and T shirts" The board on the clubhouse wall does not say anything about tank tops and this needs to be brought into line by the P&P committee. It is also suggested that P&P update this section to say that the dress code applies to all golf course property; this would include the clubhouse, driving range, putting green etc. Also on the rules board is an absolute ban on fivesomes which needs to be changed to being allowed with permission. Mr. Fisher suggested that we also say that men must wear their shirts tucked in. P&P will address this.

Theresa Randall brought up the fact that many of our members use two personal carts when they are playing as a twosome instead of riding together. This is unnecessary wear and tear on the course. Jason Craft agreed with that and asked that we address this situation, it should not be allowed.

It was noticed that we have blue stakes now around the greens and Mr. Dopsloff said that these are where Handicapped players are asked to park their carts. These will be moved on a regular basis to ease wear and tear on the course.

Motion to accept President, Vice President, Treasurer's, and GM report as presented. Accepted by Al Schneider and seconded by Ron Fisher.

Building & House: An effort will be made to Mig Weld the bar stools from the clubhouse to secure the foot rests. Plumbing on #17 is fixed. Russ Butler has a crew in place to do the fascia on the Maintenance Building. Claude will make signs for #1, #2 and #4 per Jason's request.

Lack of donations for the porch addition is causing concern. Mike Dopsloff stated that \$4,500 additional dollars have been received which brings our total to date to \$8,300. More is needed. Al Schneider asked if we had a figure which once passed would allow the project to start. Mike Allardyce said the budget committee would address that.

Greens and Beautification: Seda Butler reported that we have \$1,754 dollars in the bank due to a recent donation and wants to wait a little longer before prioritizing the list of areas which need work. Jason Craft is to provide us with a list of acceptable trees for the course and their cost. Denis Avagliano will be contacting families of recently deceased members to see if they would like to donate a tree in their loved ones name.

Discussion was held on the roundabout area on the approach to the club which is not San Carlos property. It is County property. We will be in contact with the San Carlos Park Beautification Committee to see if there is a way forward from here.

Golf Rules: No report from Jim Warner

By-Laws: No report from Sue Maxwell

Insurance: Jim Warner reported that Insurance has been transferred as of March 1st from Cincinnati Insurance to Lloyds Insurance at a savings of \$5,616. Pesticide Insurance was added to our Insurance and included in this savings.

Policies and Procedures: No report from Mike Allardyce

Membership: Seda Butler asked that if there was any way we could have a Cocktail Party, get-together (maybe a 2 for 1 drink special) where the new members would be invited specifically to get to know current members. This would only be for a couple of hours. The member information packet was discussed to see if new members were getting information on leagues etc. when they join. Mike Dopsloff said the Welcome Packet needs to be updated. Seda will look into this. We have 6 new Certificate holders in the past month.

Safety: No report from Ron Fisher

Marketing: No report from Sue Maxwell

Motion to accept committee reports as presented, accepted by Terri Randall, seconded by Jim Warner. President Allardyce stated that no suggestions were in the suggestion box.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jason Craft has a report for us.

Jason has a list of approved trees for the golf course. There are about eight different trees which he is recommending including, Sabal Palm, Live Oak, Slash Pine, and Pond Cypress. He said Black Olive is a nice shade tree. Flowering Trees: Royal Poinciana, Cassia, and Crepe Myrtle. Cost ranges between \$100 to \$200 each depending on size. There are programs available depending on how long we want to wait for the trees to mature. A slash pine is \$50 for about a 6 foot tree. If we wanted to get saplings, they are available very cheaply from the Forest Service but these would take a long time to grow. These would only be 6-8" tall and they cost \$10 for about 1000 trees. Our grandchildren might see this size grow to be tree size! Jason was asked about Magnolia trees and he stated that these would be OK if there was a place out of the playing area as they drop a lot and their debris could interfere with play.

Here are individual prices:

- a. Sable Palm = \$200.00/each
- b. Slash Pine = \$50.00/each
- c. Live Oak = \$100.00/each
- d. Pond Cypress= \$150.00/each
- e. Black Olive = \$185.00/each
- f. Royal Poinciana = \$175.00/each
- g. Flowering Cassia = \$100.00/each
- h. Crape Myrtle = \$150.000/each

Addressing the left and right side of #11: Left side has no irrigation, we can install this, it would cost appx. \$6,300 for pipes, electric, sprinkler heads and rental of a ditch digger. We do have capacity for heads in the irrigation boxes. Heads are \$380 each. This is not in Jason's budget. Al Schneider stated that this could be capitalized as part

of the irrigation system. Right side: Jason would like to combine all areas and make a waste area but he needs to put drainage from #12 through to almost #10 and this is part of his agenda for summer. Back of #11 green: Jason will remove the hump as this is a problem for the mowers.

#4 this again has no irrigation and the satellite box is full. This would entail getting a bigger satellite box and digging across the fairway to install. This item will be delayed.

Moving trees on the property: Jason was unable to get quotes for this as the companies won't give pricing until they see what has to be done. Jason thinks pricing for this is a waste, cutting down the tree and getting a new one is more cost effective.

Plans for sand traps in the summer: No plans for the fairway bunkers. Jason will evaluate each greenside bunker. Mostly they will need 2 to 3 layers of sod to create crisp edges and once these are done they will not use the machines to rake the bunkers more than about once per month. The rest of the time these will be done by hand as the machines getting in and out are causing the edges to become ragged. We discussed bunker sand from fairways to greenside and the difference in sand quality. Fairway bunkers have Florida ground sand in them and have never been enriched. This is a project which will be addressed later. Mr. Dopsloff added that there is a gap between the bunkers and the greens to allow mower access. Jason will review these bunkers when they are replenished this year to see if anything else needs to be done.

Well Update: Pump on #13 is currently operating at 450 gpm It has a couple of small leaks but not severe enough to take the pump out of service as it is our only working pump. This is ground water recharge not irrigation.

Pump on #17, both the motor and pump are damaged. Bearings are worn out. This motor needs to be replaced. The pump is also damaged and air is getting in the system causing cavitation in the pipes. Jason received a quote from Metro of \$17,571.81 to replace pump and motor. However, if we replace the pump with a submersible one, the cost would be around \$5000 and this would have to be retrofitted, we currently don't have pricing for this for this. It would be 300gpm, (less than the 450gpm we have on the old system). If we don't fix #17 we lose the ability to fill the lakes,

We have a permit to drill a 40' deep 8" casing well on #9. The actual well drilling will be \$7,450 from Youngquist if they leave the dirt they dig. Submersible pump for this would be appx. \$5-8000. There would also be costs for electrical and installation. Jason thinks there is an existing pipe from #9 to the lakes which was used for the reclaimed water. He will check on this pipe. President Allardyce said we need to dig this well even if we cap it because the permit is running out.

Jason will get Metro out to get a hard price on retrofitting #17 and will work on locating the pipe from #9 to see if it is viable.

Mr. Dopsloff stated that the club has a history of calling people to get prices for projects and then we don't follow through with the jobs. The vendors see this as a waste of their time and we currently have difficulty getting people out to quote on jobs.

Motion by Keith Taylor to approve drilling the well on #9 seconded by Al Schneider, the vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Jason gave us a quote of \$15,849 for Snail Treatment which would cover all the irrigation system. This would stop them blocking the sprinkler heads which is a major problem. Maintenance on this system from the manufacturer would be appx. \$300 per month. This amount would come from Jason's budget.

Jim Warner made a motion to approve the Snail Treatment, seconded by Theresa Randall, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Seda Butler wants to move the Memorial Stone from near the Starter Shack to the Ladies Memorial Garden. Mr. Dopsloff will look in the history book to see if there is a reason why it is there and if it can be moved.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 20th 2017 at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Al Schneider and seconded by Ron Fisher.

Meeting adjourned at 2116 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Theresa Randall

Secretary