**RANCHO LAS PALMAS MEN’S CLUB**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 15 , 2024**

Members present: Rod Hamilton, Mike Gilliam, Mark Campbell, Brett Almquist, George Bancroft, Tony Powell, Tom Ottoson, Doc Raider, Danny Hall, Ben Weaver, Freddy Fisher, Ed Nedin & Steve Whitaker.

**MINUTES FROM THE PRIOR MEETING:**

Steve Whitaker made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Campbell and was approved unanimously.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

Rod Hamilton advised that Ed Moreno has resigned and is going to work for the Marriott Hotel in South Orange County. Rod brought up the point about using direct deposit for the Men’s Club checking account. Steve Whitaker will check with our bank to see if there is a cost for that service. Steve is really not interested. Rod wants everyone to think about the handicap methodology about selecting the tee box to hit from next season. Rod had a discussion about the Pay to Play versus Omni memberships. It seems that the Pay to Play has decreased the number of players in some Men’s Club events.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Ben Weaver advised that we had total income of $16,835 for the Member Guest Tournament. We had expenses of $14,781 showing a small profit. The payouts were the same as last year. The food costs came to $6,500 for the event. Brett Almquist was an advisor for Ben regarding the food costs. One member was complaining about the 10-stroke differential between partners.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mark Campbell reported that the Member Member Tournament enjoyed a great turnout and a very competitive golf event. The players had a casual lunch and a chipping and putting contest on Saturday afternoon. The Shenanigans Step Away Scramble event this weekend has 94 players signup for a fun day of golf a luncheon with a few surprises along the way. The $30 entry fee “self funds” and this event needs no monies required from the Men’s Club. The Club Championship is March 22 to 24. We have 8 players in the Championship flight and 20 players in the regular flights. We should have more players sign up in the next week. The Sip and Swing #3 is April 12th. We already have 23 players signed up. We expect a full field of 72 players. There was some discussion about the number of strokes given for the weekly skins games. A motion was made by Ed Nedin to limit the number of strokes on the Par 3’s to one stroke on the skins

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games for next season. The motion was seconded by Freddy Fisher and the motion was passed unanimously.

**MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT:** Tony Powell reported that we have 20 members signed up for the Soboba away trip. The $129 room rate is going to expire soon.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Steve Whitaker advised that we have $33,053 in the bank account. He has an additional $3,000 to deposit. He has to pay the Ladies Golf Club $2285 for their percentage of the Flag revenues.

 **CHAIRMAN REPORT:** Tom Ottoson advised that we currently have 89 members at the full $250. We have 5 members for the short term. We have 3 social members and 3 handicap only members.

**HANDICAP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Doc Raider advised that everything is going well. Josh hands the score cards to Doc after every event for posting. Member/Member and the Member Guest) will need to be posted.

**HORSERACE COMMITTEE:** Ed Nedin advised that the Final Horserace is coming up on Monday and he has 10 teams lined up. Ed is also going to run the Ladies horserace.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Brett Almquist advised that we will be using lift, clean and place on North 5, 6 & 7 for the Club Championship.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT:** George Bancroft advised that we had 60 visits to the Website last month. He is requesting $170 to pay the yearly fees for the Website.

**GREENS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Randy James could not attend the meeting, but sent an email that Rod read to the group. The tee markers have been repainted. This will need to be done a few times per year as the chemicals, watering and sun cause them to fade. Course is being sprayed to slow growth and the summer grass will be taking over. The traps should be better maintained with the delivery of new equipment. The rough heights are being lowered. A few items for discussion. Omni wants to set a maximum of 2 carts per tee time. Ensure that rakes a left in the traps to avoid being damaged by carts or mowers. Use of gates to enter and exit the cart path around the tees and greens.

**HUMANITARIAN FUND:** Danny Hall said that we have $1417 in the fund.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The next meeting will be held on April 19th.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Rod Hamilton at 2:27 PM to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Nedin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Gilliam Rod Hamilton

Secretary President