

**Topstone Men's Club**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2020**

Location: Brent's house

Attendees: Brent Colby, Al Cusson, Joe Staszowski, Keith Percy, Dave Romano , Kyle Niver, Paul St. Onge, Tim Berger, Philip Richards

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by Brent

**1. Approval of the December 5, 2019 minutes:**

- The approval of the December 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. Membership Report:**

- The membership dues letter will be mailed this week.

**3. Membership Communications Report:**

- Nothing new to report.

**4. Tournament Committee:**

- Nothing new to report.

**4. Handicap and Rules Report:**

- Dave indicated a new World Handicap System will be effective this year. These changes have many differences from the current system. Dave will be attending a handicap seminar in February (there is a requirement that one member from each course be certified in order for the system to be in place at a facility).
- The new Pace of Play policy will be emailed to the membership and discussed at the spring banquet.

**6. Treasurer's report:**

- Keith indicated that the budget subcommittee has met a couple of times and will have several 2020 budget options for consideration at the February meeting. He also distributed the budget spreadsheet showing actual 2018 and 2019 income and expenses (2018 net gain/loss of \$1008.797 and cash balance of \$4649.32 along with a 2019 net gain/loss of \$-987.97 and cash balance of \$3661.35). The 2019 results met the goal of reducing the 2018 cash balance.
- Keith suggested a mission statement regarding budget goals be developed. The board will consider this at a future meeting.
- Since the Men's club gets little mail and to reduce costs, the PO Box will be dropped and the mailing address will be changed to Topstone Men's Club C/O Topstone Golf Course.
- Keith is still looking into the cost of online payments, but many seem cost prohibitive. He will report back at the next meeting.

**7. Professional Report:**

- Nothing new to report.

**8. Old/New Business.**

- Kyle surveyed surrounding Men's club and found that none has a new member initiation fee. After a discussion on the potential revenue impact and possibility of attracting new members, the board unanimously approved reducing the new member initiation fee to \$0. Any member paying after April 1 will still be charged a \$10 additional fee.

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- The board discussed the need to update the bylaws to conform to current practices. One area is to state that Board members receive reduced membership dues which has been the practice for many years. A straw poll was taken to set the 2020 Board dues to the cost of the punch card plus CSGS handicap fee (direct fixed cost of a membership) which received a majority vote of those present. A formal vote will be taken at the February meeting.
- Keith emailed the proposed board structure changes to Board members. He asked for comments within a week so they could be addressed by the subcommittee. A vote on these changes will be taken at the February meeting. If approved, a bylaw change will be presented to the membership at the Spring banquet. If approved, the change will take effect January 2021.

**Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

**Next meeting date:** Brent's house Date TBD

**Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.**