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Topstone Men's Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2020

Location: Topstone Clubhouse

Attendees: Brent Colby, Al Cusson, Joe Staszowski, Keith Percy, Steven Migneault, Dave Romano , Kurt LaFlamme, Tim Berger, Jeff Beyer

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Brent

**1. Approval of the November 5, 2020 minutes:**

- The November 5th minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. Membership Report:**

- Nothing new to report

**3. Membership Communications Report:**

- Nothing new to report

**4. Tournament Committee:**

- Nothing new to report

**4. Handicap and Rules Report:**

- For 2021, the GHIN will require everyone who would like a handicap to have an email address and password so they can enter their scores in the system (the Pro Shop will enter Men's Club tournament scores in GHIN). Currently, there are 54 Men's Club members that have not given us their email address or don't have one. Dave will enter the member's email addresses we have into the GHIN system, but members will need to create their own password. The Men's Club will communicate this new requirement in an upcoming email such that everyone will understand the 2021 requirement.

**5. Treasurer's report:**

- Keith distributed the 2020 financial worksheet showing a significant budget surplus this year due to the unusual circumstances that occurred. These abnormal occurrences included no fall banquet, more paid tournament fees beyond the punch card pre-payment, more members not using their entire punch card, additional guest fees for tournaments and lower board costs. The board agreed to discuss how to appropriately reduce this surplus such that a plan can be implemented for the 2021 season.
- The end of year gifts normally given to certain course and clubhouse staff members will be discussed at the January meeting.

## **6. Professional Report:**

- Jeff indicated that some members still need to close out their Pro Shop account. These members will need to pay off their balance before they can renew their 2021 Men's club membership.

## **7. Old/New Business.**

- Paul and Al will pick up the 2020 trophies the week of Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. The board will need to decide how to distribute them.

- The board discussed the upcoming board elections (email vote by the membership). The President, Secretary, Tournament Chairman, Membership Chairman, and (1) Assistant Director position are up for election, but only one position (membership chairman) is contested ( Kurt LaFlamme and Franklin Hunt running for that spot). Aaron Morrison is running for the secretary's position, Scott Rowe for tournament director and Steve Hillard for an assistant director. The President is chosen by the board members. The ballot will be emailed to members Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and remain open till Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

Kurt and Franklin will be asked to submit a short write-up with their qualifications and why they feel they should be considered for the position. Whatever is submitted will be included with the ballot.

- The board discussed the annual dues for 2021. Various options were discussed including eliminating the punch card and therefore reducing the dues by \$50 as well as using some of this year's surplus to reduce fees. A reduced membership fee would put the club's rate more in line with area Men's clubs (these clubs do not offer prepaid tournament fees). The board agreed to form a committee to bring a recommendation on the 2021 dues to the board at the January meeting. The committee will consist of Keith, Dave, Phil and Brent. Board members were asked to share their thoughts with the committee via email.

- The Board agreed to offer Men's club 2021 membership gift certificates for \$175. If the fee is reduced, the difference will be refunded to the purchaser.
- Brent thanked Al, Paul, Simon and Joe for their service on the board over their years of service.

**Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

**Next meeting date:** TDB

**Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.**