# January, 11 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:10 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Kevin Anderson, Paul Restarits, Kieran Curtis, Ed Murphy, Rick Frechette, Fred Moffa, Bob Steben, Mike Sepere, Ray Solomson

Motion to approve minutes: Voted unanimously.

**Member Correspondence:** Kieran E-Mailed correspondence to all

Members – received 3 responses.

**Membership Report Update:** Ray Solomson to Date has deposited 50 - 60

Applications and has about 30 more to deposit. He further stated we have had 9 new members applying. This activity has been roughly the same as last year at this time.

Kieran has been working on confirmation postcards to be sent to all the members when they pay their dues.

**Tournament Committee:** The committee met 1/5/06 to go over the proposed schedule for 2006. The Ryder Cup will be a 6-6-6 format this year.

The interclub tournaments at Blackledge and Quarry Ridge were discussed.

The Red-White-Blue tournament was changed from 4/22-4/23 to July 4th.

The was discussion regarding contacting the CSGA regarding software for the ringer's tournament.

Motion was made to approve the 2006 tournament schedule by Ray Solomson, and it was seconded and approved with no dissenting motions.

**Web Page Administration:** Kieran went over updates to the Web site and suggested that it will continue to be a "work in process" throughout the winter. There was also discussion on the status of the hole in one pool being communicated via the Web.

**Member communication plans/Ideas:** Presently, Kieran has been using AOL Based communication for about 60.00 per year. He proposes to use a new server based E-Mail which would be more efficient at a lesser cost.

There was a motion to change to a server based E-Mail by Fred Moffa and it was unanimously approved by the board.

**Spring Mailer:** There was discussion on mailing out extra correspondence to new members. Suggestions included mailing out a new member packet containing a

- "Welcome to the club" letter
- Importance of establishing a new handicap or moving over a handicap from a previous club
- Pace of play
- Benefits of membership
- Payouts

**Advertising:** Kieran spoke with South Windsor Life and suggests we should be in the February issue. This was agreed by all. Al Cusson will E-Mail the Journal Inquirer to solicit memberships.

Mike Sepere volunteered to have phone calls directed to his house for any questions from aspiring or existing members while Topstone is closed. This was agreed on by the board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ray Solomson went over the financials including percentage of monies that go back to members thru tournament payouts. He further discussed budgeting for 2006.

**New Business:** Mike Frechette discussed the possibility of providing bag tags for all members. Questions included whether or not members would actually use these or would they wind up getting thrown away. It was decided to get estimates for a quantity of 500. This would cover this year and several in the future for new members. Kieran suggested that members need to post their "away scores" and can be done via the internet. Discussion followed.

Spring Banquet to be Wed, March 15, 2006 at Maneely's. Fred Moffa to Talk to Ray Solomson about particulars.

**PGA Professional Report:** None

**Next Meeting:** February 1, 2006 at 6pm Room 207 (next room over)

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:05** 

**Respectfully Submitted:** undefined>Secretary

# February, 11 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 7:38 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Kevin Anderson, Paul Restarits, Kieran Curtis, Ed Murphy, Rick Frechette, Fred Moffa, Bob Steben, Mike Sepere, Ray Solomson, Rick Owen, Al Veniscofsky, Phil Richards, Jim McGrath

**Motion to approve minutes:** Voted unanimously.

**Member Correspondence:** - Ray Solomson brought a few issues and Kieran Curtis emphasized the website is there to be used by the Membership including the application for membership.

**Membership Report Update:** To date, we have about 200 members including 17 NEW Members. This puts us slightly ahead of last year and this has been accomplished without the benefit of advertising.

Kieran has been working on confirmation postcards to be sent to all the members when they pay their dues. It has been discussed that membership has been gradually declining over the years.

**Handicap & Rules:** Kevin Anderson has stated that CSGA has raised their rates to 16.00 per member. Rangefinders are now legal for play and is subject to the policies of each club. This section is now updated on the website.

**Tournament Committee:** The tournament cards are being sent to the printers. Also, Individual and Match Play deadlines were set.

**Advertising:** We will make March deadline for South Windsor Life. Connecticut life advertising is \$1,600.00 for the ad, committee agrees this is too much.Did not make February issue of S.W. Life due to a misunderstanding. Kieran looked into The Reminder advertising, but the board concurred again that it was too expensive.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ray Solomson went over the budget for 2006 based on levels (Numbers of members) and passed out sheets. The board liability insurance policy was discussed.

**Old Business:** Kieran mentioned he is looking for multi-colored bag tags and pricing them. Suggestions were made to have these ready for the March 15 banquet.

**New Business:** Fred Moffa stated that Maneely's contract price went up \$2.00 per person to \$24.95 which includes taxes and tip. This is with a cash bar. The board approved this without dissent.

A lengthy discussion followed about the administration of flights (Championship, A, B, C, D) and if we should make changes based on number of people per flight.

**PGA Professional Report:** Jim McGrath is leaving to pursue another career. He will be missed and did a fine job. His official last day was 1/24/06. A search team was narrowing down a list of candidates to replace him. Jim agreed to work with Ray for raffle prizes for the banquet on a \$1,000.00 budget.

**Spring Banquet: Wed March 15, Maneely's** 

**Next Meeting:** March 1, 2006 at 6pm Room 207

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:35** 

**Respectfully Submitted:** undefined>Secretary

### March, 1 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:20 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Kevin Anderson, Paul Restarits, Kieran Curtis, Rick Frechette, Fred Moffa, Bob Steben, Ray Solomson, Rick Owen, Phil Richards, Casey Morris (Topstone Pro)

**Motion to approve minutes:** Voted unanimously.

**Topstone's new pro, Casey Morris** was introduced to the board. He comes to Topstone from Blackledge and seems excited about his opportunity.

**Member Correspondence:** - There was a discussion of 1 member with Health concerns and may need to postpone/forego membershipfor 2006. The board wanted to set a precedent for all future situations like this.

There was a motion made to defer membership for up to one year and grant returning status the following year if the member submits the request in writing. Motion was made by Kieran Curtis and was passed unanimously by the board.

**Membership Report Update:** To date, we have about 282 members paid including 32 NEW Members. This puts us about 14 behind last year at this time. Rick Owens will be distributing a list of non renewing members for the board to call on. The intent is to find out why they are not renewing and hopefully get some to get back on board. Paul mentioned that 2006 is the tenth anniversary of Topstone opening and of course, the men's club. He will call the Journal Inquirer to print an article.

**Handicap & Rules:** Rangefinders are now legal for play and is subject to the policies of each club. There was discussion on whether or not rangefinders will negatively affect the pace of play. After further discussion, Fred Moffa made a motion to allow GPS Systems but not rangefinders. Decision was made to bring info to banquet for membership and the board will discuss this at a later date.

**Tournament Committee:** Discussion on Member Guest Tournament Last year's tournament was the best one to date. For this year, 9/29/06 is First choice and 9/22/06 is second choice. To be discussed later. Payout system – Paul displayed spreadsheet on projector and gave a detailed explanation. The board concurred that this was the most fair Payout – all agreed.

Rick Frechette will call CSGA to determine whether or not there are any Updates in the TPP Database.

**Advertising:** Our ad appeared in the SW Lifestyles. We are running for March, April and May. Kieran Curtis had to resubmit order for bag tags as Original order was lost. He will try to get these by the banquet. If this is not possible, they will be at the pro shop for members to pick up.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ray Solomson says were are at same place financially as last month. The budget needs to be fine tuned as we get more due monies in. Ray made a motion that we move \$10,000. to account for payouts. Phil Richards seconded the motion and this was unanimously approve by the Board.

**Web Page:** Phil will work with Casey for posting scores & Times on the Web site. Tee times will be posted by Thursday morning each week. Kieran mentioned that web site should be updated by March 15. Fred Moffa agreed to take reservations for the banquet by E-Mail.

**Old Business:** None.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2006 at 6pm Room 207

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30

undefined>Secretary

# **April, 5 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting came to order at 6:20 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Restaris, Kieran Curtis, Rick Frechette, Mike Sepere, Bob Steben, Phil Richards, Casey Morris (Topstone Pro)

Motion to approve minutes: Voted unanimously.

**Member Correspondence: -** None

**Membership Report Update:** To date, we have about 338 members paid. The board agreed that getting to 350 would be a plus. There was a motion to extend to Jim McGrath a 1 Year Honorary Membership by Richard Frechette. It was seconded by Phil Richards and was passed unanimously.

**Handicap & Rules:** There was more talk on this and the direction appeared to allow rangefinders and GPS Systems on the course. This will be discussed fully in our next meeting.

**Tournament Committee:** Member Guest Tournament is on 9/29/06. Kieran will put this on, "Save the date" on the website. A few people were not happy with the cancellation of our first tournament due to cold and wet weather forecasts. It was decided to stay with, "If the Course is open, we will play" option. There also was a discussion about losing punch cards. Phil Richards made a Motion to have a signature line on the punch cards to eliminate fraud. After some discussion, Kieran Curtis seconded the motion and it was passed.

**Advertising: None** .

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

**Web Page:** Casey passed around some particulars on some software that would allow us to post results of Tournaments (in more detail) on the web. Initial one time fee is \$1,000.00 with a monthly charge of \$25.00. This can do more things that our present software cannot do such as have members Look up their winnings for the year. Casey passed around material for all to see. It was decided to table this discussion for next meeting.

**PGA Professional Report:** Casey started a discussion on use of handicap stickers. These are printed out too often and many times, they never are picked up by members. This information is available on the web. A motion was made by Kieran for our database to be entered into the GHIN System for our members to access and print out stickers only by request. Ed Murphy seconded this and motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

**New Business:** Topstone now offers seasons passes. Prices: Walking only is \$2,600.00 per year. With carts, it is \$3,400.00 per year. This is for unlimited golf and carts. There is a 10% Ct amusement tax that is additional. The board discussed this and made comparisons with other courses in the area offering the same packages. Kieran will put this offer on the web for the membership to see.

**Next Meeting:** May 3, 2006 at 6pm, Topstone Grille.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30** 

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Steben, Secretary

### May, 3 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:15 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Resetarits, Kieran Curtis, Rick Frechette, Bob Steben, Phil Richards, Ed Murphy, Rick Owen, Kevin Anderson, Al Veniscofsky, Ray Solomson, Casey Morris (Topstone Pro)

**Motion to approve minutes:** There were corrections to the minutes for April 5:

- The board voted to give honorary memberships to Gary Devaux, and Dave Zeiter in addition to Jim McGrath. This is for the year 2006.
- Under Handicap and rules, GPS and Rangefinders were discussed

In full. A motion was taken and passed on April 5. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Al Veniscofsky and seconded by Ray Solomson. The motion passed unanimously.

**PGA Report:** Casey reports he will have "Sky Caddies" in soon. There was some discussion on handicap cards VS using the Web. All in all, Casey Says things seem to be going well so far this young season.

**MembershipCorrespondence:** Kieran: One member says measuring devices will slow up play and should not be allowed. He suggests putting each group's playing time on the website in which he makes a motion. After some discussion, Rick Frechette seconded the motion and was approved unanimously. There will be a column under, "Elapsed Time" on the results page.

Membership Report: Rick Owen: Ray Solomson took everyones G.H.I.N. Number and put on Topstones database. So far we have 343 paid members to date. A member who is being transferred out of the area asked to have his dues refunded. He hasn't played or picked up his punch card. The board concurs that the bylaws say he is not entitled to a refund. Rick Owen suggests putting up a link from our website to the G.H.I.N. system. Next year renewal rates will be graduated subject to further discussion later. There was a discussion on men's club members receiving driving range tokens at Willowbrook, for example: 15 Tokens for 10 paid. There was also a discussion on Men's club advertising with Willowbrook to obtain value added benefits.

**Tournament Committee:** Ringers will be updated periodically. It is up to 80 members. Al Cusson created list for team match play. There is no Buick Scramble. There are currently 2 scrambles on the schedule. Some noteworthy items: June 17 is now a 2 Men best ball. June 18 is unchanged June 24 Buick Scramble is cancelled.

**Web Page Admin:** Phil Richards – Will put USGA Link to GHIN System. Paul suggested we E-Mail the Journal Inquirer the men's club Results.

**Membership Communication:** Kieran Curtis suggests advertising men's club in Ct. Lifemaybe in the fall. He also suggests monthly schedule reminders go on website. He feels that E-

Mail communications are the best they have ever been in our men's club as a high percentage of people read their e-mail and zero has come back as undeliverable.

**Treasurers Report:** Ray Solomson passed out the 2006 budget and financials and explained the men's club is in good shape.

**Handicap and Rules:** Kevin Andersen – Slow play letters continue to go Out on Mon or Tuesday.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Al Veniscofsky that payout for hole in one pool is made on a day basis instead of time of day. This is in response to the 2 holes in one day recently. The pool would be split. This was seconded by Phil Richards and approved unanimously.

Old Business: None.

**Next Meeting:** June 7, 2006 at 6pm, Topstone Grille.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 Motion by Ed Murphy and seconded by Ray Solomson

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Steben, Secretary

### June, 7 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:15 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Resetarits, Kieran Curtis, Bob Steben, Phil Richards, Ed Murphy, Rick Owen, Kevin Anderson, Al Veniscofsky, Ray Solomson

**Motion to approve minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kieran Curtis and seconded by Fred Moffa. The motion passed Unanimously.

**PGA Report:** None

**MembershipCorrespondence:** Casey sold 6 rangefinders to date. Following is a distribution Of Members in each flight:

- 0-10 58 Championship Flight
- 11-14-57 A Flight
- 15-18 74 B Flight
- 19-23 72 C Flight
- 24 Up 64 D Flight
- No Handicap 25

There was a discussion on breakdown of flights further. There was a motion By Phil Richard to establish a new flight for the club championship only. "Big Al" seconded it and was approved unanimously. There will be a bracket for 0-6 Handicappers and another for 7-10 Handicappers.

**Membership Report:** Rick Owen: So far we have 358 paid members to date.

**Tournament Committee:** Al Cusson: Attendance at tournaments has been good. Granted 3 extentions for match play entrants. Discussed putting Match play entrants names and phone numbers on website. Will revisit this. 84 people to date on ringers. Al will talk to Tracy on meals pricing for Member-guest tournament. Budget of \$2,000.00 with \$1,700.00 Spent last year. There was a discussion of giveaways for that tournament. Al mentioned that winning payouts were not posted recently till the end of the week.

Phil Richards has been posting information on website for 1) Ringers and 2) will be updating info on Match Play tournament brackets.

**Handicap and Rules:** There was a discussion on slow play letters and when enforcement should happen (Later tee times, etc). This will be revisited. Another country club in Manchester will give later tee times to slow groups the following week.

The language, "at the discretion of the Men's club" should be added in the slow play letter.

**Treasurers Report:** Ray Solomson reiterated that the Men's Club Financials are in fine shape. He projects about 5,000.00 at the end of the year. To Date, we are back up to 720.00 in hole in one pool.

New Business: Joe Kelly talked about potential course improvements

Some of which to help reduce slow pay. Looking for mens club to give suggestions.

- Hole 3: Add out of bounds stakes. Remove turnaround near Green.
- Hole 7: Remove at least the shortest bunker if not two of the three bunkers.
- Hole 9: Remove Shortest bunker
- Hole 11: Split the bunker. Allow for an area to roll up to the green in the center.
- Hole 12: Put area on left side to slow some balls going down or increase size of bunker.
- Hole 13: Remove shortest bunker. Cartpath can be reduced in length so balls will not roll down the hill as far.
- Hole 14: Move Bunker to the right.
- Hole 17: White stakes to house so that drives on 16 th hole that are near house will be out of bounds.
- Hole 18: Open distance between bunkers

Next Meeting: July 12, 2006 at 6pm, Topstone Grille.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:15** Motion by Big Al and seconded by Al Cusson.

# July, 12 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:10 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Resetarits, Bob Steben, Phil Richards, Ed Murphy, Kevin Anderson, Rick Frechette, Ray Solomson

**Motion to approve minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ray Solomson and seconded by Al Cusson. The motion passed Unanimously.

**PGA Report:** Casey raised some issues for year end deadlines for credit. This was tabled for future discussion.

**MembershipCorrespondence:** The membership has made it known when they are not happy. One complaint was that some members have not been happy with their starting times. Because there is a lot of variables when making tee times, members will not always be put out on slots they signed up for.

**Membership Report:** 1 new member signed up bring total to 368. Hole in one pool participants is up to 77 Members.

**Web Page Administration: Phil Richards** – Web site has been down for Longer than it should be. Board agreed this should be monitored more closely.

Handicap and Rules: There was discussion to move white tees back or Blue tees forward to cater to the club championship. Ray Solomson will Talk to Gary Devaux about the feasibility of having men's club tees that Men's club will pay for. There have been a couple of Team match play entrants that have not played their matches by their allotted times. They should be disqualified unless they had prior approval to extend their deadlines. Ray raised a question if we can put the number of rounds each person plays a year on the web site. Ted Barry currently takes care of tracking this. About the member guest tournament, Rick Frechette spoke to Tracy. One of the options was to do the grill for \$6.00 PP. This would be for Hot dogs or hamburgs (2 of any combination), Chips and Soda. A list of other options were passed around. Giveaway will be a vest with A Topstone Emblem and "Member-Guest 2006" written. Ray Solomson Will put together an updated budget for this tournament.

**Treasurers Report:** Ray Solomson reiterated that the Men's Club Financials are in fine shape.

**Handicap and Rules: Kevin Anderson** – not much to report. Discussed Rangefinders work better on some holes than others. Paul suggested Going out with Sky Caddies and updating sprinkler head yardage Markers.

**Old Business:** List of suggested course improvements were passed out. It was stated that 150 yard bushes would be removed from the course.

**New Business:** Water bucket refills on Sun 7/9 were not done in a timely

Manner. Many people complained about this during this very hot day. We want to thank the Grill for a very good and tasty dinner during this meeting. We will not be meeting in August.

Next Meeting: Sept 6, 2006 at 6pm, Topstone Grille.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:45** 

### September, 6 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:10 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Resetarits, Bob Steben, Ed Murphy, Kevin Anderson, Rick Frechette, Ray Solomson, Ray Solomson, Fred Moffa, Kieran Curtis, Rick Owen, Al Veniscofsky, Mike Sepere

**Motion to approve minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ray Solomson and seconded by Rick Frechette. The motion passed Unanimously.

**PGA Report:** Special order deadline for pro shop merchandise is 10/1/06 and to cash in credits is 11/1/06.

**MembershipCommunications: Kevin Anderson** – Slow play has not been much of an issue. There was some discussion on the protocol for people who received 3 slow play letters.

**Membership Report:** Nothing to report.

**Tournament Committee:** Need more people to fill up inter-club matches. We need 4 or 5 more people for the Blackledge Tournament and many more for Quarry Ridge as of this meeting.

Match Play – There have been a few matches that have been late but for the most part, it has been OK.

Member-Guest Tournament – Rick Frechette – The golf vest was passed around and looks like a great give-away.

Club Championship – Suggestions were made to move this tournament to August or September. After discussion, it was suggested to bring this to the membership.

Rick Frechette spoke to Gary Devaux about getting tees exclusively for men's club. Kevin Anderson made motion to buy Tees for the men's club. There was some discussion. After discussion, it was tabled to invite Gary Devaux to a future meeting to discuss this more at length.

There was also discussion on having separate tees and a flight for seniors. There was a motion made by Rick Frechette for a "Blue Tee" weekend Tournament. This was seconded by Kieran Curtis and passed unanimously. This will be for 10/14 - 10/15/2006. This year's ringers payout will be paying deeper than last year.

Web Page Administration: Kieran can change Web ISP anytime and save money. We would have to either get a new website or overhaul our existing one.

Ray Solomson (Pro shop) has received calls from people who cannot see their tee times especially if these are on 3 day weekends. Kieran states problems with people unable to access the website have been resolved.

Handicap and Rules: Nothing to report

**Treasurers Report:** Ray Solomson reiterated that the Men's Club Financials are in fine shape. He passed out copies and some discussion ensued.

**Old Business:** Joe Kelly like our course improvement suggestions and will consider those.

**New Business:** Elimination of at large board members were discussed for the purpose of giving them job duties and titles. Some possible positions:

- Banquet Coordinator
- Match Play Coordinator
- Member Stats Coordinator

The president asked us to read by laws and bring to meeting for review.

THANKS AGAIN TO TRACY FOR A GREAT SUPPER!

**Next Meeting:** October 6, 2006 at 6pm, Topstone Grille.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00

# October, 4 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:10 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Resetarits, Bob Steben, Ed Murphy, Kevin Anderson, Rick Frechette, Ray Solomson, Ray Solomson,

Fred Moffa, Kieran Curtis, Mike Sepere, Phil Richards

**Motion to approve minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ray Solomson and seconded by Rick Frechette. The motion passed unanimously.

**PGA Report:** Casey wanted to thank all who helped and attended the Member Guest Tournament. Have until 11/1/06 to use up any credit at Pro shop.

**MembershipCommunications:** Kieran has done an excellent job keeping in touch with members via E-Mail. Most recently, he sent out E-Mails appealing to members for the Quarry Ridge Inter-club match. There was discussion on individual awards especially player of the year awarded by points.

**Membership Report:** Nothing to report.

**Tournament Committee:** There was discussion for changing the dates for future member-guest tournaments to try for better attendance. A suggestion was made to survey the membership at the banquet.

There was also a general discussion on flight payouts. The are payouts no matter how few people show up on a given day and minimum payouts for each category for each flight.

There was a discussion on whether it was men's club authority or club's call to call off tournaments for bad weather. It was decided to be a pro-shop issue whether a signed up member is charged for not showing up during marginally bad weather.

A motion was made by Paul Resetarits to have all remaining 2006 tournaments to be "Bring a friend". Kevin Andersen seconded and it was passed without abstention. It is hoped this would possibly attract new members for next year.

There was also a discussion on tie breakers for match play and ringers.

**Web Page Administration:** Phil Richards updated the Web-site. He suggested we stay with current service provider until season's end. Phil makes motion to change service provider during the off-season. Fred Moffa seconds the motion and it passes without abstention.

**Handicap and Rules:** There was some discussion on slow play during Match play and interclub matches.

**Treasurers Report:** Ray Solomson passed out copies and some discussion ensued. Things are OK. Also passed out budget for member-Guest tournament and discussion followed.

**Old Business:** Discussion on adding new board members. Mike Sepere volunteered to be interclub match chairman. Another suggestion was have an at large board member be in charge of food and beverages for all events including banquets. There was also discussion to assigning Ringers to a board member. The Board Slate will be presented at the banquet.

**Bylaws:** There was discussion on this topic. Some small changes will be posted around 11/1/06.

**Fall Banquet:** Fred Moffa is working on this. Made down payment. Discussed door prizes and grand door prize. Also discussed possible dates for 2007 banquets.

**New Business: None** 

Motion made by Phil Richards to Adjourn and was seconded by Ray Solomson.

**Next Meeting:** 11/2/06 6pm, Topstone Grille.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00

# **November, 4 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting came to order at 6:15 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Resetarits, Bob Steben, Ed Murphy, Kevin Anderson, Rick Frechette, Fred Moffa, Kieran Curtis, Al Veniscofsky, Casey Morris

**Motion to approve minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Al Veniscofsky seconded by Rick Frechette. The motion passed Unanimously.

**PGA Report:** Casey said 2006 was a good year. Number of Rounds were down due to the weather. Sent out E-Mails to members who are past due to Casey. Sold 11 Sky Caddies for 2006 – newer and better version coming out for 2007. There was a discussion on re-marking the course in the spring. A suggestion was made to retain Credit Card numbers from members who have outstanding pro shop balances.

**MembershipCorrespondence:** There was a request from a member to be excused for only having 8 rounds in this year due to sickness in the family. No one seemed to have a problem with this. Kieran sent E-Mails to members as a reminder to get their 10 rounds in.

**Membership Communications:** Some complaints from people on not posting date for fall banquet in a timely manner. This discussion will be discussed further in December meeting.

**Membership Report:** Al Cussson – Suggests Trying to get Membership Info out by Jan 2007.

**Tournament Committee:** Talked about rearranging some inter-club Tournaments because of conflicting schedules. Quarry Ridge have people who have to qualify where we struggle to get people to play on a volunteer basis. One thought is to play Blackledge in June and Quarry Ridge in September. Casey suggested having a 2 Ball format for 9 holes and an individual Tournament for the other 9 holes each day. Al discussed making decisions on calling the weekly tournaments due to Inclement weather or even based on weather radar. A suggestion came up where in these situations where play is optional. There was a discussion on most improved player which was presented at banquet.

Web Page Administration: No report for now.

**Handicap and Rules:** A spreadsheet was passed out and 3 Dates to show over the season how many people were in each flight. It was agreed that there is a good balance of people within the flights.

**Treasurers Report:** Copies of budget were passed out and the actuals were \$5,000.000 in the hole compared with the budget. Discussion ensued on ways to reduce the shortfall. It was mentioned to either/or increase membership and increase membership rates. This will be tabled until the December meeting.

**Old Business:** Fred Moffa mentioned that more people showed up at the Spring Banquet than people committed. There was a discussion on this which will continue in December's meeting.

**New Business:** Fred Moffa suggested we should advertise our reduced Playing times per round to attract new members. This was a bone of contention for many people. One way is to say that the majority of people are getting their rounds in 4 Hours and 30 Minutes or less. There was discussion on tee time sign-ups. Most members assume that their tee times are always the same slots they sign up. The pro shop does their best to accommodate everyone but it is impossible to guarantee this.

Motion made by Fred Moffa to Adjourn and was agreed by all.

**Next Meeting:** 12/6/06 6pm, at a place to be determined.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:45** 

# December, 6 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:15 PM.

**Board Members Present;** Al Cusson, Paul Resetarits, Bob Steben, Kevin Anderson, Rick Frechette, Fred Moffa, Kieran Curtis, Mike Sapere, Rick Owens, Tom Kirby, Phil Richards, Ray Solomson

**Motion to approve minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kevin Anderson seconded by Phil Richards. The motion passed Unanimously.

**New Board Member:** One new board member was welcomed – Tom Kirby. Two others were not able to make it today.

**Professionals Report:** Nothing to report.

**Membership Communications:** Nothing to report.

Membership Report: Approximately 4 members were injured before they got their 10 tournaments in. This was discussed. No one kept formal records of rounds played per person this year. Paul suggested that rounds should be tracked even though there is no waiting list. Rick Frechette made a motion to waive the 10 tournament minimum for returning members. Fred Moffa seconded it. After discussion, the vote was unanimously approved. Rick owen made another motion to keep dues the same as 2006, Kevin Anderson seconded and this was also approved unanimously. There was a discussion on when to mail out membership renewals. It was agreed to strike out question. "Will you be over 50 by..... Date" on the form. It was agreed to mail out renewals the week after Christmas. There will also be a letter generated for all potential new members.

**Tournament Committee:** Passed out handout containing potential tournaments for 2007. There was discussion if the club championship were played at a different time, would there more participation. There was also discussion on possibly relocating the inter-league tournaments.

**Web Page Administration:** Phil Richards: The men's club will be Switching providers but it may be only the men's club, not Topstone G.C. itself. After discussion, Phil will check into a 3 year agreement.

**Handicap and Rules:** Discussion on playing times. It was agreed playing times have really improved with the policies we put in place.

**Treasurers Report:** Ray Solomson: Discussed tournament payouts. He also stated that the Executive Committee needs to keep track of the financials from year to year or we could fall into a deficit.

**Old Business:** There was a discussion on course improvements.

**New Business:** Discussed at large board assignments. Tom Kirby Volunteered to keep different stats as needed by the board. Paul will turn over gavel to Rick Frechette. Thanks to Fred Moffa for All of his work who will be leaving the board.

**Next Meeting:** 1/10/07 6pm at a place to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!