

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013

Location: Jared's House - Ellington, Ct

Attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Rick Labruna, George Thompson, Kieran Curtis, Denis Richards, Brian Gilbert, Brian Lathrop

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of December 4 minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is 42
- Brian G indicated 2 gift certificates for 2014 memberships were purchased in December
- Brian G will send an email to members whose membership was deferred from 2013 indicating their status as 2014 members.

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran will post the 2014 membership application for new and returning members
- The 2014 membership registration letters have been sent to members. Kiernan will send Sally at AAA a thank you letter for her help with the printing and mailing.
- Kiernan will check with AAA during 2014 to see if they will do this same work for us for the 2015 membership registration.
- The Mens club does not renew a 2013 member's handicap that is not a 2014 member of the Mens club by May 2014. The board discussed sending an email to these members before that date informing them of this in hopes it might encourage them to join again for 2014. This issue will be discussed again at a future meeting.
- Kiernan ask board members to send him any pictures from 2013 events that they have by March 1 such that they can be displayed at the Spring banquet.

4. Tournament Committee:

- Brian L passed out a preliminary tournament schedule for 2014 with very similar events as 2013. The board agreed that the mix of tournaments in 2013 was also appropriate for 2014. The board was asked to email any comments to Brian such that the schedule can be finalized at the February board meeting. Kiernan will arrange printing of the schedule and tournament punch cards for the spring banquet.
- The board discussed target dates for each match play round. These targets will be finalized by the March board meeting.
- The board agreed that the Shamble event will be the first Mens club tournament even if the opening of the 2014 season is delayed due to weather conditions. The first event to be dropped if this occurs is the "Hate Em" event.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Nothing new to report.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed the final 2013 budget spreadsheet showing 2013 year-end balance is \$3915.18. The board agreed that this balance is adequate to keep the payout level at \$7.50 for the first several months of the season. When the 2014 membership is known (end of May), the payout level will be reassessed. The board did not see any significant change in expenses for 2014.

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7 Professional Report:

- Nothing new to report

8 Old/New Business:

- The main building at Maneeleys is booked for March 12. Brent checked with the Nutmeg and they have March 12 open. Brent and Rick L will tour the Nutmeg, get prices and inform the board via email of their recommendation for having the spring banquet there. The board agreed to vote by email such that either the Nutmeg or the rear building at Maneeleys can be reserved.
- Gene distributed a straw proposal for changes in the membership and dues section of the bylaws. The board agreed to present these changes to the membership at the spring banquet.
- Phil and George distributed a straw proposal to better define the term of each board member. The Board discussed the changes and agreed to get any suggested modifications to Phil and George before the next meeting such that the board could agree on what to present to the membership at the Spring Banquet.
- The board was inclined not to advertise in the Reminder this year, but Phil agreed to check with Casey before the next meeting to get his input.
- Phil will ask Al if he could setup an electronic Dropbox for Mens club templates, handbooks, etc. such that they would be available for any board member's use.
- The board discussed the value of creating a Mens club board handbook that would include board member's duties and required tasks with due dates. The board agreed to discuss a schedule for this at a future meeting.

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- Feb 5, March 5 - Jared's house, Ellington
- Spring banquet will be March 12

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2014

Location: Jared's House - Ellington, Ct

Attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Rick Labruna, George Thompson, Kieran Curtis, Denis Richards, Brian Gilbert, Brian Lathrop, Al Cusson

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of January 15 minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is currently at 158 (4 carry-overs, 12 new and 142 returning members)

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran will send an email to members by 2/16 regarding the spring banquet at the Nutneg on 3/12.
- Kieran asked board members to email him their 2014 letter to members and any pictures they might have so they can be posted on the website.
- Kieran will have blank Topstone Mens club cards printed for the board's use (thank you, sympathy, etc.)
- Kieran will have tournament schedules and punch cards printed for distribution at the spring banquet

4. Tournament Committee:

- Brian L is confirming the interclub dates before he gives the tournament schedule to Kieran for printing.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Gene indicated the Mens club is current on its handicap training class requirement.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget spreadsheet. The board discussed the 2014 budget in general, but deferred any action until the membership level be better known.
- Ron indicated the 2013 financial is underway.

7. Professional Report:

- Nothing new to report

8. Old/New Business:

- The board discussed spring meeting logistics:
 - Phil indicated he would pick up \$1000 worth of raffle prizes from the Pro shop before the spring banquet.
 - Brent will give the Nutneg the final number of attendees, menu item and table configuration by the first week of March.
 - No first tee collection will be done this year
 - Mens club will conduct a 50/50 raffle
- Casey agreed with the board's decision to not advertise in the Reminder for new members this year.
- The board discussed the by-law clean up changes. Phil will email changes agreed to by the board to each board member for a final review by 2/16. Kieran will send out the by-law changes to members 2 weeks before the spring meeting such that they can be voted on at that meeting.

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February 12, 2014**

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- March 5 - Jared's house, Ellington
- Spring banquet will be March 12

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2014

Location: Jared's House - Ellington, Ct

Attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Brent Colby, George Thompson, Kieran Curtis, Denis Richards, Brian Gilbert, Brian Lathrop, Al Cusson

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of February 12 minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is currently at 218 (4 carry-overs, 24 new and 190 returning members), about 10 ahead of last year at this time.

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran has sent members an email last week regarding the spring banquet and the proposed bylaw changes. He indicated he will send another email to members this week regarding these items.
- Kieran indicated the tournament schedules and punch cards are at the printers. He will bring them to the spring banquet.

4. Tournament Committee:

- If Topstone does not open March 15, the first Mens club tournament will be the Shamble unless the opening day is delayed till April 12.
- The Wintonbury interclub will begin at Topstone on Saturday June 21.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget update. The board discussed the 2014 budget in general, but deferred any action until the membership level is better known.
- Ron indicated the 2014 insurance is paid, business filing is made and 2013 financial review is underway.

7. Professional Report:

- Phil indicated that Casey does not know yet if the 2014 greens fees will change from the 2013 amount.

8. Old/New Business

- The board discussed spring meeting logistics:
 - Phil indicated he would pick up \$1000 worth of raffle prizes from the Pro shop before the spring banquet.
 - Brent will give the Nutneg the final number of attendees by March 10.
 - No first tee collection will be done this year
 - Mens club will conduct a 50/50 raffle
 - Phil will introduce board members, welcome new members, give high level overview of club's financial condition, give membership level to date, announce the winner of the picture contest (picture from the farthest distance- prize is round of golf) and remind members of club logistics.
 - Kieran give Casey the punch cards and tournament schedules after the banquet

**Topstone Men's Club
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March 5, 2014**

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- April 9 - Topstone (later changed to April 16)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Spring Minutes (Opening banquet)
March 12, 2014

Location: Nutmeg Restaurant , East Windsor, Ct

Board member attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Brent Colby, George Thompson, Kieran Curtis, Denis Richards, Brian Gilbert, Brian Lathrop, Al Cusson, Rick Labruna

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Phil Richards

Old/New Business

- Phil will introduce board members, welcome new members, give high level overview of club's financial condition, give membership level to date, announce the winner of the picture contest (picture from the farthest distance- prize is round of golf) and remind members of club logistics.
- A motion to approve the attached bylaw revisions was made, seconded and unanimously passed.
- The 50/50 and prize raffle was held
- Casey discussed logistics for the season.

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014

Location: Topstone Clubhouse

Attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Brent Colby, George Thompson, Kieran Curtis, Denis Richards, Brian Gilbert, Brian Lathrop, Rick Labruna, Casey Morris

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of the March 5 and 12th minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is currently at 290 (4 carry-overs, 38 new and 248 returning members), about 24 ahead of last year at this time.

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran is continuing to send emails to all 2013 members. Jared will provide Kieran with an email list of prior year members so they can also receive our emails.
- Kieran indicated that he will be sending out additional email notices this year. The next email will inform members that Topstone handicaps for anyone not current on their 2014 dues will be put in an inactive status as of May 1. It will also explain how the hole in one pool works and the amount currently in the pool.
- Kieran indicated the website is current and match play brackets will be added as soon as they are available.

4. Tournament Committee:

- Match play qualifying is in progress with a target of 64 individuals and 32 teams.
- The Board will determine payouts for the 2 man championship at the May board meeting.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Gene will deactivate any 2013 members that have not paid 2014 dues by the May 1 deadline.
- Gene will email Kieran the procedure on how a member can enter scores in the GHIN system for inclusion in a future email to members.
- Gene indicated that he will coordinate with Casey on pace of play letters (incorporating the new timing entries on the score cards).

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget update. The board discussed the 2014 budget in general, but deferred any action until the May board meeting when the membership level is better known.
- Ron indicated the financial review is underway.

7. Professional Report:

- Casey indicated the practice nets will be up soon.
- Casey and the Board members discussed the pace of play system on the score cards. Phil asked Casey to let him know of any comments he receives from members.
- Casey was asked if a bucket of water to wet towels could be put on the first tee and if a bucket of water to wash clubs could be put near the cart barn.

8. Old/New Business

- The board agreed to send Joe Kelley (who is having back surgery this week) a \$100 gift from the Mens club. Board members are asked to sign a card for Joe (in the Pro Shop over the next week).
- The Board discussed the Spring banquet venue and need for better seating arrangements.

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014**

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- May 7 - Topstone

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2014

Location: Topstone Clubhouse

Attendees: Phil Richards, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Brent Colby, George Thompson, Denis Richards, Brian Lathrop, Rick Labruna, Al Cusson, Casey Morris

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of the April 16 minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is currently at 300.

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran will have match play brackets on the website this week.

4. Tournament Committee:

- Board discussed payouts and agreed to increase the total payout for the two man event to \$600. The Board also discussed the President's cup and Senior's event payouts but agreed to discuss these and other major event payouts again at the June or July meeting.
- Jared will be transitioning the Ringers administration and data input to Brian L over the next month.
- The Board agreed to contribute \$5 per shirt for the Wintonbury interclub match team shirts.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Gene deactivated the handicaps of sixty - 2013 members that have not paid 2014 dues. Of those members, twenty played 2 rounds or less.
- No slow play letters have been sent out this month.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget update. The board discussed the budget and believes it looks reasonable based on the current membership.
- Ron indicated the financial review and tax return will be completed by next week.

7. Professional Report:

- Casey indicated the practice nets are now operational.
- Casey said most groups are filling out elapse times as requested on the score cards. These time reminders seem to be helping. Phil asked Casey to let him know of any comments received.

8. Old/New Business

- The Board discussed changing the definition of a returning member to someone that has been in the Mens Club for one or more years over the last 10 years and also that Board records will be retained for 10 years. Gene was asked to draft the appropriate by-law language for review and vote by the Board in time for the Fall banquet.

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting dates:

**Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2014**

- June 4 - Topstone

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2014

Location: Topstone Clubhouse

Attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Brent Colby, Brian Gilbert, George Thompson, Denis Richards, Brian Lathrop, Rick Labruna, Kieran Curtis, Casey Morris

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of the May 7 minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is currently at 319 (includes Gary and deferrals).

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran indicated :
 - Weekly emails will continue to be sent to keep membership aware of Men's club activities.
 - Website is up to date except for by-law changes voted in at the Spring meeting. Phil will send Kieran the approved version of the by-laws for posting.
 - Brian L will send Kieran a tournament chairman letter to post on the website.
 - Brent will continue to write-up golf tips /rules to include in emails.

4. Tournament Committee:

- The board discussed the Wintonbury interclub event (pairing will be determined the week before the event and George will take pictures again this year). Because the signup list was filled so quickly this year, the Board discussed the merits of a set signup period. If more members want to play then there are spots, a lottery would determine the roster. This potential procedure will be discussed again next spring for possible use in 2015.
- Brian L indicated the match play events are on schedule.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Gene indicated:
 - The Topstone GHIN total is 319.
 - Slow play letters will begin for rounds played May 17-18..

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget update. With the current membership total, no budget issues are foreseen. To give back to members as much as possible within the yearend budget limits, the board voted to increase payouts beginning July 1. (payout to equal \$8.50/player).
- Ron indicated the financial review and tax return have been completed.

7. Professional Report:

- Casey indicated new tape measures have been purchased. He also said Joe Kelley appreciated the card and gift the Men's club sent him.

8. Old/New Business

- Discussed above

Adjournment:

**Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2014**

- Meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- July 23 - Topstone

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2014

Location: Topstone Clubhouse

Attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Brent Colby, Brian Gilbert, George Thompson, Denis Richards, Brian Lathrop, Rick Labruna, Al Cusson, Casey Morris

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of the June 4 minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is currently at 320 (includes Gary and deferrals).

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran was asked to include in the next email:
 - mid-year membership will be available as of July 26
 - discussion of golf cart etiquette
 - reminder about the club championship and requirement to have played in 5 members club rounds before the event

4. Tournament Committee:

- The board decided to begin signups for the Rolling Meadows interclub in the next few weeks. If more members signup than there are needed, a lottery will be held. The Board agreed that the president and tournament chairman will be exempt from the lottery.
- Brian L indicated the match play events are now back on schedule.
- The board discussed the club championship and agreed the event should be 54 holes even if one of the rounds gets rained out. The makeup date for a rainout would be Aug 16. A \$10 food coupon will be given to each player for use after the final round.
- The board discussed the gold tee policy and asked Brian L to research how other clubs handle this (board discussed an age and handicap requirement). The board agreed that gold tees could not be used for major events. The board discussed the need to include this in the bylaws.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Gene indicated tardy letters are a bit behind but will be up to date in the next few weeks. He indicated round times are tending to be slower. Gene was asked to develop some comparisons of round times for different periods this year compared to past years for discussion at the September board meeting.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget update. With the current membership total, no budget issues are foreseen. Payouts have been increased.

7. Professional Report:

- Casey indicated that Gary wanted the Board to remind members about keeping pull / gas carts off aprons and tees as well as raking traps after use.

8. Old/New Business

- The Board approved a mid-year membership option beginning July 26 at a rate of \$120 w/o a punch card.

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- Phil asked Board members whose term is up in 2014 to let him know if they plan to run for another term. He also asked if any Board member would be interested in running for president after Jared's term ends.
- Phil asked Board members on availability for a Board outing on Sept 22 (rain date Oct 6) and suggestions on a venue.
- Gene was asked to write up a record retention policy for inclusion in the bylaws for discussion at the next meeting.
- The Board agreed to grant Dave Grunberg's membership deferral request

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- September 3 - Topstone

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2014

Location: Topstone Clubhouse

Attendees: Phil Richards, Jared Albert, Joe Staszowski, Ron Brower, Gene Sullivan, Brent Colby, Brian Gilbert, George Thompson, Denis Richards, Brian Lathrop, Kieran Curtis, Casey Morris

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of the July 16 minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is currently at 322.

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran was asked to include in upcoming emails:
 - Letter from Phil on pace of play
 - Reminder on Rolling Meadow interclub match
 - Request for any members interested in running for a Board position to contact Phil
- Kieran indicated match play standings are current on the website
- Kieran will post current bylaws on the website

4. Tournament Committee:

- Rolling Meadows interclub lottery was drawn. Topstone team will be supplied with matching hats.
- Brian L indicated the match play events are on schedule.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Gene distributed pace of play (PofP) sheets for 2013 and 2014.

	Maximum Time		Average Time		Shortest Time	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Longest	4:52	5:05	4:34	4:43	4:13	4:20
Shortest	4:02	4:16	3:57	4:06	3:24	3:33
Average	4:40	4:42	4:21	4:22	3:54	3:57

- The board agreed to send an email to members discussing PofP, post a reminder sign on the 1st and 10th tees (Brian L will make up signs) and discuss PofP at the Fall Banquet.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget update. No budget issues are foreseen by the Board. Current financial forecast has revenue about equal to expenses leaving a balance of about \$4000.

7. Professional Report:

- Board outing will be at Connecticut National Golf Course in Putnam

8. Old/New Business

- The Board approved the proposed definition of "new member" and will present the bylaw change at the Fall banquet.
- Casey and George will handle the 2014 trophies for the Fall banquet.

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September 3, 2014**

- The Board discussed the definition of when members can use the Gold tees, leaning toward age greater than or equal to 65 and age plus handicap equal to or greater than 83. This option will be finalized at a winter Board meeting and communicated to members at the Spring banquet.

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- October 1 - Topstone

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

**Draft Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 8 , 2014**

Location: Topstone Golf Course – Banquet Hall

Attendees: Phil Richards, Gene Sullivan, Rick Labruna, George Thompson, Denis Richards, Brian Gilbert, Brian Lathrop, Brent Colby

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of September minutes:

- A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Membership Report:

- 2014 membership is 323
- Brian G indicated we picked up a few returning members who had left and come back
- Brian G will be checking on past highest men's club participants.

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Kieran will be updating the website with pace of play and plaques of all tournament winners.
- Kieran will send an email reminding members about registering for the Fall Banquet as well as signing up for the GreensKeeper Revenge Tournament.
- Phil will be giving Kieran a copy of the Board Ballet to post on the men's club website.

4. Tournament Committee:

- Brian L indicated the Finals for the Match play championship is all set.
- Brian L will let George know what the final results are so the trophies will be ready for the Fall Banquet.

5. Handicap and Rules Report:

- Nothing new to report.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Phil indicated there are no budget issues in Ron's absence.
- Phil will be looking at the budget in order to possibly get interclub trophies.
- A motion was made to increase the trophy budget. The cap will be up to the treasurer(Ron Brower). Brian G motioned, Rick L 2nd, and all in favor

7. Professional Report:

- Nothing new to report

8. Old/New Business:

- Brent will work with Tracy to go over the menu and prices. Phil indicated as Outgoing President he would like Chicken Francais.
- Banquet update – All raffles will be done throughout the night. Phil will work with Casey on purchasing the door prizes. Casey will be doing his own raffle.
- Trophies: we are sticking with our original location, we are happy with the quality and service we receive and it meets our budget. Our current vendor has the broadest selection available.
- Board openings: Phil indicated he sent out an email to the membership with the openings, he had 2 members respond to date and the email stated that Phil needed a reply by 10/19/4. Voting on the new board members would take place at the Banquet.

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October 8 , 2014**

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.
- Motion made to adjourn by Gene Sullivan, Brian Gilbert 2nd, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Brent Colby.

**Topstone Men's Club
Fall Annual
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2014**

Location: Topstone Clubhouse

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of the 2015 Executive Committee:

The following Slate was unanimously approved by the membership :

Position	Held By	Term Ending
President	Jared Albert	2016
Vice President	Al Cusson	2016
Secretary	Joe Staszowski	2016
Treasurer	Ron Brower	2016
Chairs:		
Communications	Andrew Coats	2015
Handicap and Rules	Gene Sullivan	2015
Membership	Brian Gilbert	2015
Tournament	Brian Lathrop	2015
Directors		
	Fran Scalley	2016
	George Thompson	2016
	Brent Colby	2015
	Denis Richards	2015
Past President		
	Philip Richards	2016

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.

Topstone Men's Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2014

Location: Jared's House

Attendees: Jared Albert , Ron Brower, Brent Colby, Al Cusson, Brian Lathrop, Denis Richards, Phil Richards, Fran Scalley, Joe Staszowski, Gene Sullivan, George Thompson,

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Phil Richards

1. Approval of the Nov 5 minutes:

- Deferred till January meeting

2. Membership Report:

- Final 2014 membership is 323 of which 48 are new and 3 midyear members.
- There is one deferral into 2015, Dave Grunberg
- Two gift certificates for the 2015 season have been purchased to date.
- AAA has agreed to do the mailing again this year . Brian G will give them the membership application and letter before Christmas so the material can be printed and sent out the week of January 5th.
- Phil will develop a new member handbook that will be post on the website.

3. Membership Communications Report:

- Andrew is modifying the website structure to make it easier and less time consuming to update going forward. Little used content will be eliminated. The site will be ready by March.

4 Tournament Committee:

- Brian distributed a draft 2015 tournament schedule. He will confirm the dates for interclub matches.
- The board discussed giving Casey the ability to pick the format for the first few tournaments based the number of sign-ups. A decision on this was deferred till the January or February meeting.
- The board discussed the pros and cons of a 2 vs 3 day club championship. It was felt more discussion was necessary and the topic was deferred till January.
- The board also discussed if any board positions were exempt from the interclub lottery. A decision was deferred to a future board meeting.

5 Handicap and Rules Report:

- Brent will help Gene with the administration of handicap and rules plus pace of play for 2015.

6 Treasurer's report:

- Ron distributed a 2014 budget update. The final 2014 balance will be available by the January board meeting.
- The board discussed options to reduce the balance for 2015. One option discussed was Topstone Men's Club members bag tags. Jared and Phil will research and report back at the January meeting.

7 Professional Report:

- Casey is considering having members sign up for a time block vs a specific time (i.e. 6-7 vs 6:30). He would decide the specific time that each group tees off. Casey is not made a final decision as yet.

8 Old/New Business

- The spring banquet will be March 11. Brent will report on potential locations and cost at the January meeting.
- Fran will take over the administration of the Hole in One pool after the next hole in one occurs.

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- By law changes reflecting each board member's term of office will be voted on at the spring meeting. An email will be sent to each member and the changes will be posted on the website at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.
- Brian L will check on printing of the tournament schedule and punch cards, Al will check on options for folding the tournament schedules. Andrew will check with Kieran on how this was done last year.
- The Board discussed the definition of when members can use the Gold tees, leaning toward age greater than or equal to 65 and age plus handicap equal to or greater than 83. This option will be finalized at a winter Board meeting and communicated to members at the Spring banquet.

Adjournment:

- Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting dates:

- January 7 – Jared's house

Respectfully submitted by Joe Staszowski.