

Golf Committee meeting, Thursday, May 19th, 2016 (2nd meeting)

Present: Jerry Blanchard, Patsie Bonardi, Clare Brown, Victor Hoffman, Jane Storella, Pete Rivers and Ned Johnson.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved with Patsie Bonardi making the motion and Ned Johnson seconding. Vote unanimous.

Discussion:

- Gerry noted that the building gutter situation that was discussed at last meeting is being addressed by the Benefactors of BCC.
- Jane Storella asked for an explanation of the Benefactor's. Ned Johnson explained that the group was founded through a tournament that was started several years ago that benefited Bill Johnson and Head Trauma. It was run for three years and ran into some difficulties with who the monies would go to, so it was decided to continue to run the tournament as a "Benefactor's" tournament and the monies would go towards things needed at BCC. Jane also asked how much money the group had raised along with the 300 Club for things at the club. She feels that this is an important aspect for the public to be aware of – members are giving of their time and money to support the club.

Restaurant discussion:

- Ice maker broken and needs to be replaced
- Fan does not work over the grill – has to be replaced.
- - Larry Fellows is looking into getting replacements for both at Screaming Boar, as they are going out of business.
- Ned said the grill did not get cleaned up after last season as well as the rest of the restaurant.
- Patsie B. stated that money has to be spent on the building. It is historical and should be taken care of. Gerry stated that it will be an ongoing process with the wiring being done and next year the building will be painted by Grafton County inmates. Ned was concerned about the foundation under the club house – it needs to be inspected. To be remembered is that the downstairs room is enclosed on a porch. As you go in the club door you can see the porch boards. The safety committee has looked at the carpet on porch going into the restaurant and it needs repair and / or replacement.
- Clare asked who is responsible at the end of the season to make sure that the restaurant and club house are left in good order, as it is apparent that it wasn't last year.
 - The General Manager is responsible for both the club house and the restaurant, so at end of season, he or she is responsible for closing of both entities. Ultimately the Board of Selectmen is responsible as they hire the General Manager. Victor H. stated that the select board and the general manager are responsible for end of year checkups at the club. There needs to be an "exit" interview of sorts every year to make sure the club and restaurant are left in good order. Pete Rivers suggested that there be a flow chart of sorts as to who is responsible to whom at the club. This year, Gerry Blanchard is the liaison to the Country Club. Patsie asked if he took problems and issues back to the board for discussion before making decisions and Gerry stated that was done.

Discussion of rebranding (The Grille at BCC, for instance) the restaurant was discussed. It needs a new face and good food.

- Pete R. brought up the fact that the bar in past years has had the “best of everything” in liquor with three different prices. It was felt that a country club bar should not have the best, but reasonably priced liquor. At the end of the year, the inventory should be used up so that there is little left at end of season.
- It was thought that the restaurant needed to be a primary focus and all present thought that good basic food and breakfast was important. Hours need to be consistent. Whatever is done, it needs to be done well. Larry Fellows is putting a hot dog machine downstairs so can get a snack lunch is restaurant is closed. This will be helpful. The lounge area downstairs will be for food service and seating. Victor states that getting the restaurant in order must go in baby steps to be successful.
- There was discussion on membership and rates. Ned had some ideas regarding weekend out of state golfers and increasing rates for their play. It was noted again that it is felt by some that members do not support the club – using the restaurant, etc. Setting a fixed monthly rate for food that is attached to membership was discussed. Issues at the club in past years with how it was
- This week all committee members are to come up with discussion points and ideas about the Club and send them to Gerry who will in turn make a list and it will be the agenda for next week’s meeting on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
Clare Brown, Recorder