

RANCHO LAS PALMAS MEN'S CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 07, 2023

President Rod Hamilton called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:00 PM on December 7, 2023.

Members present: Rod Hamilton, Ben Weaver, Freddy Fisher, Mike Gilliam, George Bancroft, Brett Almquist, Lennie Schwartz, Ed Nedin and Steve Whitaker. Tony Powell via phone.

MINUTES FROM THE PRIOR MEETING:

George Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 07, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben Weaver and was approved unanimously.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lennie Schwartz and Nann Goplerud advised us of the contentious meeting they had with Helen Simmons and Curtis Rowe at their last monthly meeting in December. Lennie and Nann sent a letter to Omni highlighting various settlement agreement violations and asking them for a response. They did not take their seats and Helen started yelling at Lennie and Nann about the contents of the letter. Curtis accused Lennis of being nasty and loud, and at that point Lennie and Nann left the meeting. Lennis and Nann were addressing the Men's Golf Club meeting because a lot of the letter was about the poor conditions on the golf course. Lennie asked the members of the Board to keep the compliance committee informed and Nann reminded everyone that the compliance committee represents all of the proprietary homeowners, not just the golf members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Rod Hamilton advised the Board that he is appointing Rob Raider to be the new Handicap Chairman. He is taking over for Lennie Schwartz after serving the Men's Club for many years. Rod advised that the Men's Closing party has been rescheduled to April 20th for financial reasons. Rod also mentioned that the proposed helicopter golf ball drop has been canceled. Rod told the board that Ben Weaver is resigning from the board after the 3-day member guest tournament. The board needs to consider how to replace Ben because Ben would be President next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Ben Weaver is working on the 3-day member guest tournament scheduled of March 7th to the 9th. Ben will start fundraising after January 1st. The dinner dance after the tournament cost \$8,100 last year with 23 teams. Christine thinks that it will probably cost around \$8,500 this year. Ben is planning to order hats and towels for the tournament.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mark Campbell did not attend the meeting but provided a report. We have had a good participation in the Fall Events with 33 players in our first major, The Classic and 44 players in the Ryder Cup. In January, we have the President's events Friendsgiving and Bah Humbug both sold out with 60 players participating. Good feedback from both the Men's and Women's Clubs. In January we are planning a Sunday Couple's brunch & scramble event. In February we have the Guys and Dolls themed event. The golf outings we introduced this year have resulted in 24 players for the Desert Princess game and 28 players for the Soboba Springs outing net week. We will have one more Golf outing towards the end of January to a course to be named. In January we will be introducing the 1st Friday Sid and Swing six person men/women scramble event. More information to follow next week. In spite of the continuing course condition challenges we have faced, the overall "buzz" around the membership is positive and it is showing with great participation in our events.

MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT: Tony Powell reported that the Men's Away trip to Soboba Springs is in progress.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Whitaker advised that we have \$26,795 currently in the bank account. Steve presented a preliminary budget for 2023-2024, and a 2023-2024 Men's Club Budget for non-game payout expenses.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Tom Ottoson was absent from the meeting but provided the following information. We have 91 full members and two 60 day members.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE REPORT: Lennie advised that we are posting West 4 to 9, North with a par plus on 1 North, and West 5 and 6 as par plus. There will be an SCGA handicap meeting at the Thunderbird Country Club on January 23rd.

HORSE RACE COMMITTEE REPORT: Ed Nedin advised that the Top 20 are all in for the Final Horse Race of the Fall season.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT: Brett Almquist advised that all of the OB markers are all out. Brett has noticed that some members are not marking their ball before taking relief.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT: George Bancroft advised that we had 53 visits to our website last month. Also, George advised that the Men's Club roster can be directly printed from the website.

GREENS COMMITTEE REPORT: Randy James was absent from the meeting but provided a report via email. Randy has had several conversations with Francisco and Alex regarding the course. The wash areas on North has / will have the fairways cut towards the wash on both sides of it. This will help the shorter hitters. The Blue tee box will be added to 9 North. The uneven grass heights in the north fairways is a result of excessive seed being dropped in those areas. This will disappear with more cuttings. The pathway to the number 1 North temporary tee box has been removed as a trip hazard. A rope will be run along the concrete drainage ditch on 5 north to prevent carts from driving over the bank. Francisco will talk with the individuals to ensure that the changed holes are at the correct height and moved around the green on a rotation basis to avoid being near the previous hole location. South is being over seeded on December 8th. Driving range will also be overseeded. Holes 5 and 6 West will be done in 2 weeks. Divot days will return when South reopens. Mowers on the greens have been requested to slow down to eliminate the unevenness of the cutting.

HUMANITARIAN REPORT: Dan Hall was not present at the meeting. However, he reported that we have a \$965 balance in the account.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Steve Whitaker at 2:18 PM to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Freddy Fisher and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Gilliam

Secretary

Rod Hamilton

President