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2017 Board Members

President – John Kasten
Vice President – Mike Morris
Treasurer – Frank Debold

Secretary – Jim Ratcliffe
Events – Greg Best
Handicap – Ken Skinner

Club Monitor: Barb Morris

The May Meeting of the Echo Mesa Men's Golf Club was called to order by the President, Kasten, in the Par 4 Meeting Room at Pebblebrook Golf Course on 05/08/18 at 2:02 PM. All Board members present except Mr. Skinner.

March 27th Members Meeting Minutes: Approved.

April Board Meeting Minutes:

Not all Board Member had a chance to review the April minutes electronically before this meeting. Therefore, President Kasten agreed to conditionally approve the minutes, with electronic approval or comments directed to the Secretary prior to final approval and posting.

Treasurer's Report: Approved

F. Debold presented the April Treasurers report which was accepted by all Board Members present. It was noted that the Membership dues came from two players new to the community and two coming over from other clubs. Mr. Kasten expressed that it was good to see the club continues to show growth. Mr. Debold's spread sheet format was greatly appreciated

Monitor's Minute:

1. Barb distributed the Summer Schedule covering the dates Stardust and Desert Trails will be playing at EM on Men's Club days. Tee Time sequencing will be coordinated by the three club Monitors to ensure good tee time utilization. The basic parameter will be "alternating tee times" among the clubs playing.
2. Barb indicated that while there was general agreement on the tee time scheduling at the meeting of the Monitors that established the schedule, she expects there will be some growing pains initially and asked for support and understanding from the Members the first week or two if last minute adjustments are required or if the sequence of tee times resulted in slower play.
3. Barb handed the President completed CR-4's for the period Dec 2017 through April 2018. This closes item 2 of the Monitors Minute from the April 2018 Board Meeting.
(Note - the completed forms were turned in to Dori Miller, RCSCW on May 9th)

Current Business:

1. Agree on EMMGC Board Position, Sweeps.

John Kasten recounted the details of the incident during May 2nd play where five players were not charged sweeps by the Course Starters. As three of those players would have been “in the money” had they been charged, a decision had to be made about payments. The decision he made was to not make the payments and to schedule discussion at the upcoming board meeting. Subsequently, he conducted a search for documentation on Sweeps for RCSCW Golf Clubs. As the search turned up nothing, he contacted the Presidents of the other six men’s Clubs for input on their procedures. Their responses were made available to the Board. Essentially, it was learned that no Club had documented procedures and the general understanding was that managing of Sweeps was within the scope of the Monitors’ activity for the club.

Based on this information, Mr Kasten had prepared and made available to the Board Members a “Board Position Paper” on conducting Sweeps for EMMGC. The paper was discussed at length. The decision made for May 2 play and the manner in which that decision was disseminated were also discussed. The “to pay or not to pay” portion of the paper received the greatest attention. It was noted that two of the Clubs had indicated a more ad-hoc approach to that decision than the one Mr. Kasten made for May 2. In the end, a vote was taken, specific to the May 2 decision but also valid moving forward. The Board voted 3-2 stating that if the member wants to participate in sweeps then it is the player’s responsibility to pay for sweeps to the Course Starter prior to beginning play.

The Board agreed to passing the position paper as written to the Club Monitor for her guidance. The paper will not be posted nor will it be included in the Club Handbook.

2. 2019 RCSCW CR-6, Club Activity Schedule.

Mr. Kasten reported that he had submitted a RCSCW Form CR-6 for the calendar year 2019 on May 1 with the requests for Board Meeting Room location and time as well as location and time for a Spring and Fall Membership Meeting. He now waits to be contacted by RCSCW on whether the requests can be accommodated and if not, what options.

Old Business

1. Further action on April Agenda, New Business, Item 1, Handicaps

Mr. Kasten drew the Boards attention to the Addendum to the April Board Meeting Minutes that was intended to close this item. No further action was deemed required.

2. Post-mortem on Membership Meeting of March 27th, 2018

3/27 Membership meeting at Palm Ridge was well received with only positive comments made by attendees. Board members reviewed all aspects of the meeting to see what went well and not so well. We all agreed this one was better than our first one. Dave Layman of Golf 4 Less presented a good short game lesson which was very well received.

3. Update on how the new Blind Bogie Bracket is working

Blind Bogey procedures are still in the testing process. A suggestion for a new change was made by Frank Debold, namely to have no scoring bracket from now on. Any valid 18-hole score of those having paid their money to the Club Monitor prior to beginning their round

are in competition. The Board unanimously accepted this suggestion for immediate implementation (May 9th Play).

4. Post-mortem on April 18th Team Best Ball Scramble and “brats” versus pizza.
4/18 Tourney went OK, no complaints about the golf part of the tourney. Biggest issue was the Brats were not very good and were not grilled outside as we thought they would be. Nibby Musso will be contacted to see if he can comply with our wishes on how and where the next meeting’s food will be prepared.

New Business

1. Discussion on issuing a Revision One to Membership Handbook
There will be no revision to our 2018 HB. The two primary concerns were the listing of the board members and the suggestions for pace of play. It was agreed that updating the various bulletin board postings for these items would be sufficient.
2. Discussion on creating EMMGC- specific Job Descriptions (will require Club By-Laws to be changed)
Existing Job Descriptions contained the Club By-Laws will be retained unchanged. Additional explanatory material will be written covering the idiosyncratic specifics this Board uses to conduct the Club business IAW SCW Charter Club Rules. This is being done only as an aid to the incoming 2019 Board members to help them get started.

Ad Hoc Business:

1. Frank Debold asked whether there would be any reservation from Board Members if he were to additionally join the PBMGC. It was noted that membership in multiple SCW Golf Clubs is up to the individual SCW residents. EMMGC officers are not restricted either.
2. Mike Morris raised an issue on how the Club Champion had been decided this year. Mike outlined in detail that the method used is probably OK for the bracket winners but stated that he believed the Club Champion should be decided strictly on stroke play, including play-off holes should there be a tie at the end of the two-day tournament. He had a number of other suggestions about bracketing. The Board Members present agreed to a more detailed review once Mike had the opportunity to document how he saw the rules. Expect to review this item again at a fall meeting.
3. Frank Debold suggested that the award for Closest-To-The-Pin be changed from a sleeve of golf balls to a \$5 gift card for use at the Echo Mesa course. He stated that this was already been done in the DVMGC and was liked by that membership. He presented some ideas on the mechanics of the implementation, both initially and longer term. While it is not a pressing matter given the current supply of golf balls (seven weeks), it looks like we will run out before our next Board Meeting in September. Therefore, we should move forward with documenting for Board Member review how it is going to work. As a good portion of what needs to be understood has to do with the financial side of things, Frank was asked to make the first pass as finalizing the process and timing for the change.
4. Jim Ratcliffe questioned whether the words in the Club Handbook on the role of “group captains” needed updating. The Captain of each 4 some is not a policeman and not responsible for peace keeping, club selection and smoking. There will be continued discussion in future board meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM by President Kasten.

Next Meeting – Location, Date and Time

Porcelain Painters Room, Beardsley Rec Center, Tuesday, September 11th, 2018, 1:00PM

Minutes submitted by J. Ratcliffe/ club secretary.