

## Minutes of the Fall Board of Directors Meeting, October 12, 2016

**Attendees:** Joe Kress (BE), Rick Slagle on behalf of Steve Windich (CC), Rich Bull (CM), Gene Weir (CR), Jack Heidenreich (DW), Mike Phillips (LO), David George (PF), Al Byrd (SM), Bob Sideikas (SU), David Shaak (CN) and Tom O'Halloran (WE) and Stan Petrohovich (WE).

**Absent:** Art Kreutz (SF).

**Location/Time:** Dunes West Golf Club from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

### Summary:

1. **Previous Minutes:** Reviewed with no discussion and approved the Spring 2016 Board Meeting Minutes.
2. **Reports:**
  - Treasurer – Due to additional event expenses this year and significantly less income on 2 events, Treasurer David George recommended a \$1500 amount go to our 2016 charity, Ronald McDonald House. With annual trophy expenses and website hosting fees due in December and a few other expenses in the first part of January, David felt like this approach would give us a \$500 cushion in the bank to handle any unforeseen needs. Director's voted and agreed upon a \$1500 charity donation.
  - Tournament Chairman – Rich Bull reports that things are going well for our tournaments. Rich made another plea for a director or someone from each club to please stay for the prize distribution. Mike P added that if you don't 'think' you have anyone in the prize money, check with Mike or Rich (or President or Tournament Chairman) to see what scores will probably be in the money. If you are sure you don't have anyone in the prize money, of course, feel free to leave if you have no other duties.
  - Handicap Chairman – Al Byrd provided some stats he felt demonstrated the need to make play a little fairer for those people having to make 35 points or less. We've discussed this in the past and taken some actions to improve this area, but to some extent, to no avail it appears. Al will continue to look at these stats and provide percentage numbers in the future, like "percentage of players below 35 points" vs. "percentage of players below 35 points winning top 25 prize money". Another good stat would be the "average \$ amount per event for players below 35 points" vs. "average \$ amount per event for players 35 points and above (or whatever point cutoff makes sense)" – this would be good compiled over the course of a year.
3. **Old Business – None.**
4. **New Business**
  - **2016 Charity – Ronald McDonald House:** As per the treasurer report, it was decided to award \$1500 to the Ronald McDonald House (RMH). The actual check will be cut by the Treasurer and presented to a TBD representative of the RMH on December 5<sup>th</sup> at RiverTowne Country Club, our last event of the year. There were some discussions about using a Dry Erase "reusable" check, but there were good points as to why this might not be a good decision so no action was taken. *Action 1: We "elected" (©) Steve Windich to contact RMH and ensure there is a representative available on that date. Action 2: Bob Sideikas agreed to create the large presentation check (for photo op purposes) again this year.*
  - **2016/2017 Schedule Issues:** This time of year, we start making plans for the next year events and set schedule dates that are acceptable with the clubs and create the best opportunity for our club teams to fully participate. Mike started out by admitting he did a poor job on the 2016 schedule as there were too many conflicts with SC Coastal Seniors (SCCS) events. This caused major problems for several teams and in Stono Ferry's case, forced them to miss 2 events. Unfortunately, sometimes we can't

always avoid these types of issues due to golf course availability and holidays, but we need to try to do better. **Action 3:** *The Interclub will make de-conflicting events a higher priority and if necessary use other dates or days of the week in scheduling/re-scheduling events. Any conflicts will be communicated in advance to the directors for consideration if at all possible. FYI, the SCCS schedule can be downloaded on their webpage at <http://www.sccoastalseniors.org/tournaments.html>.*

The 2017 draft schedule was discussed and several changes were made to meet with club needs and deconflict with other Charleston area golfing events. The results of that schedule can be found at [http://chsinterclub.org/forms/draft/2017\\_draft\\_schedule.pdf](http://chsinterclub.org/forms/draft/2017_draft_schedule.pdf).

- **2017 Financial Data:** Mike was concerned that when we lost players or a team (in 2 cases this past year) to an event that the graduation of the amount returned to the Interclub on the Financial Data document was disproportionate and resulted in reduced income to the Interclub for annual charity. A more proportionate financial data table was made and presented to the directors. After discussion and a vote, the new financial document was approved for 2017. The document can be found at [http://chsinterclub.org/forms/draft/2017\\_financial\\_data.pdf](http://chsinterclub.org/forms/draft/2017_financial_data.pdf)
- **Match Fee Increase for 2017?:** Mike P presented a possible financial data breakout for 2017 based on feedback from one of the Club owners asking the Interclub to consider increasing income to each host club for the event. It is true that the Interclub gets a very good discount, especially to some of the “resort” courses, and it’s been about 5 years since the last fee increase. There was considerable discussion on the subject but due to the lack of pressure from any other club, the fee increase proposal was tabled with the proviso that the issue be monitored closely for the 2018 season.
- **2017 Officer Nominations and Elections:** Effective January 1, 2017, there will be 2 Interclub officer positions that will be open, therefore the directors discussed and voted upon the President/Secretary and the Tournament Chairman position.
  - **Tournament Chairman:** Rich Bull has done an outstanding job for 3 years at this position and we thank him for his faithful service. Prior to this meeting, Berkeley Director Joe Kress volunteered as a possible replacement for Rich. The directors unanimously elected Joe Kress as the new Tournament Chairman.
  - **President/Secretary:** Mike Phillips also has served for 3 years as the President and desired to step down. David George stepped up to offer his services as President with the proviso that Mike Phillips continue updating the Interclub website (which Mike accepted). As there were no other eager volunteers, the group unanimously elected David as the next President. There was discussion about who would take David’s job as Treasurer, however, David again volunteered his services to continue in that position as well as the President position. The directors agreed with this approach and David will remain as Treasurer also.
- **New Player Rules:** Mike brought up a concern about our new player rules. Mike felt it a little unfair that a new player was hurt unfairly by a good score on their first round in the Interclub and that would tend to drive new players away. E.g, a new player scores 8 points above their target points (or +8 as we say) – the rule dictates that not only would the player be limited to +3 points for team and individual prizes for that event, but he would also go up 8 points! This seemed like triple jeopardy to Mike. The rule has been in our rules for a very long time and was there to protect the field from “sandbaggers” who overstated their handicap. However, with the introduction and acceptance by clubs of the GHIN handicap system, this problem is not nearly as severe. So, after much discussion, it was decided by all directors to change the new player rules to the “+5 rule” which states that a new player is limited to +5 over his point quota for that event for prizes and team competition. Additionally, the new player’s point quota adjustment will be limited to +5. This rule change will start with the 2017 season in January. **Action 4:** *Mike P will change the rules to reflect this agreed change.*
- **2017 Documents:** The directors briefly reviewed 2016 documents and the changes needed for 2017. Especially important were the new documents needed for getting 2017 commitments from each club

(like the Schedule, Financial Data, Tournament Checklist, Tournament Agreement). **Action 5:** *Mike P will work on the 2017 draft documents and provide links on the website for review and comment before going "final". Directors will review and respond in a timely manner so we can put these issues to bed.* **Action 6:** *Once the documents are ready, Directors will be required to provide 2017 documents to each club, get a signed tournament agreement form, and provide the signed tournament agreement form to Rich Bull prior to or at the December 5<sup>th</sup> RiverTowne event.*

- **Wescott Director Change:** We welcomed Stan Petrohovich aboard, the new director for the Wescott club. Stan is a long-time player for Wescott in the Interclub and will fit in nicely. We are sad to see Tom O'Halloran leave us after many years as Wescott's director. Tom did a super job as director and always helped out at every event by taking care of working with the Pro to post scores and determine team points for the annual trophy race. We will always remember Tom as Mr. Ready Golf and now, with no role in the Interclub leadership to weigh him down, he's a cinch to break all of the state and national records for rounds of golf played per year!
- **Closing:** Adjourned meeting at 12:45 PM after enjoying a nice lunch at Dunes West Golf Club. Golf followed!

On behalf of the BoD, I extend our sincere thanks to Jack Heidenreich for his coordination efforts to host the Fall BoD meeting at his home club, Dunes West. The facilities, food, and golf were great.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Phillips  
President/Secretary  
CHS Area Men's Interclub Golf Association