

## Spring Board Meeting, April 15, 2014

**Attendees:** Steve Windich, Jim Delaney, Rich Bull, Jack Heidenreich, Al Byrd, Steve Cebulka, Mike Phillips, Joe Kress, Tom O'Halloran, David George, Jim Thompson, Bob Burris, Dave Shaak.

**Absent:** Terry Newman

**Location/Time:** Coosaw Creek from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

### Summary:

1. **Previous Minutes:** Reviewed and approved the Fall 2013 BoD minutes

### 2. Reports:

- Treasurer – absent. After the meeting, Terry confirmed via telephone that we are in good financial shape and will send out a written Treasurer's report to each BoD.
- Tournament Chairman – Rich Bull reports that things are going well for our tournaments and the minor corrections made to post-scoring process are improving the time from last scorecard turned in to prize distribution. Getting the directors out always in an A group close to the clubhouse has been a key as well as the scoreboard team of Tom, Terry, and Al. Rich also asked that the host director monitor and ensure all Par 3 Closest-To-Pin sheets are collected and brought to Rich and Mike for prize determination (had another problem getting all Par 3 sheets together last tournament).
- Handicap Chairman – Al Byrd indicated that things have been going well with some minor scorecard issues. Al also brought up some interesting statistics regarding handicap distribution this year.

### 3. Old Business

- Tom brought up Pace of Play issue (this is an issue that probably needs to always have an agenda item of its own as it is always something we are striving to improve for our members). This led to a really good discussion on ideas (some old, some not so old) on improving Pace of Play.

- Ready Golf – Rich indicated we need to play Ready Golf which led to discussion on what is Ready Golf. Steve C found some good info and shared with the group.

***Action:** Ready Golf - Mike will work with Rich to come up with suggested Ready Golf ideas, which we will coordinate with directors. These ideas will be posted on carts for 3-4 tournaments and briefed completely at a least one tournament. Mike will post these Ready Golf ideas on our website. Directors should also send these tips directly to their players via email.*

- Other Ideas on Pace of Play: The BoD agreed that we need better consistency on start time for tournaments. Additionally, the group felt that every attempt should be made to use at least 1 Ranger per 9 holes for each tournament (course or host team provided) to help speed up play for slow groups.

***Action:** Start time - The desire is that everyone be at their hole and start on the hour (9:00 or 10:00 AM). The Tournament Chairman (Rich Bull) will primarily be responsible to ensure the Pro/Tournament Chairman Pre-Brief to players starts at 15 minutes prior to tee time. Directors should will also inform and remind their players that they need to be ready for the Pre-Brief and start at these times to ensure everyone leaves the practice areas in a timely manner.*

**Action:** Rangers - Host Directors will work with their course management to provide one volunteer or course-provided Ranger per 9 holes to monitor teams for slow play and warn groups when lagging at least one hole behind.

- We also discussed changing the course setup length to 5600-5800 yards vice the current 5800-6000 yards to help pace of play – the group seemed in full agreement with this change but decided to *table this until the Fall meeting* to finalize and put in the 2015 Tournament Checklist if we still agree then. During this discussion about course setup, David George brought up the need to categorize our Tournament Checklist a little for ease of reading for Clubs. David agreed to provide a draft of changes.

**Action:** Tournament Checklist Change – David George to edit 2014 Tournament Checklist and provide to Mike updated “categorized” listing of Tournament setup requirements for Interclub matches. Mike will provide to the group for review and comment to directors prior to the Fall meeting (mid-October 2014).

#### 4. New Business

- **2014 Charity:** Al Byrd recommended Tri-County Family Ministries be our 2014 Interclub Charity, brought supporting brochures, and provided information about the organization. We have supported this group in the past also. Bob Burris also recommended and spoke for Crime Stoppers local as our next charity. *It was discussed, voted upon, and approved that Tri-County Family Ministries would be our 2014 Charity for Interclub.*
- **Director Scorecard Validation:** It was discussed and reminded of all club directors to be the only one to review/validate their team’s scorecards and put them in the Validated Scorecards (Red) box as soon as possible – and not to hold on to all team cards until everyone has turned them in as it slows getting results on the Team Scoreboard.
- **Pres/Sec Stipend:** Mike Phillips indicated that he wanted to donate his 2014 Q1 stipend for the Interclub President/Secretary to pay for 3 years of Web Hosting for the chsinterclub.org website (rather than expensing the interclub). Additionally and henceforth, Mike desired to give his quarterly stipend to the selected Interclub charity each year. There was no dissent or issues raised from the BoD, therefore, *all Pres/Sec quarterly stipends will go to each year’s charity organization until Mike is replaced.*
- **Raising Event Fees:** The group discussed at length whether or not we needed to increase player fees to cover more prize money (for players and the club) and more money to charity. Mike asked that each BoD member keep this in mind over the next several months and *we can discuss if further action is required at the Fall BoD meeting.* We want to be fair to our members, the clubs, and continue to provide the most incentive for our members to have fun and participate.
- **Player Bad Conduct:** We had a recent incident where a player was disrupting his group by throwing clubs when hitting a bad shot. Mike asked how the group would like to handle these types of situations. The group consent was to bring these situations to the respective club director to handle warnings and team dismissal if necessary.
- **Range Balls at Charleston National:** We discussed very briefly the situation at our recent Charleston National match where range balls were not setup on the ½ mile away range. Dave Shaak indicated that he has discussed this with club management and the problem should not happen again.
- **Closest To Pin (CTP) Measuring Devices:** There was discussion that a couple of courses do not have CTP measuring devices and that the Interclub might want to purchase their own devices to be used at each event or when needed.

**Action:** CTP Devices - Mike Phillips and David George to look into devices and costs and get back with the group for a final decision and possible expenditure of funds.

- **Schedule Change Ideas:** The recent unhospitable golf weather (primarily January thru March) has caused us to relook at our schedule during the Jan-Feb months...especially since we tend to have 2 events during January or February, usually the worst months for weather. The group felt that perhaps it would be better to move the Charleston National match back such that the 2 event month would be held in a warmer month like August.

***Action:** Charleston National 2015 Sched Change: David Shaak will look into this possibility with Charleston National for next year and report back to the group before the Fall meeting.*

5. **Closing:** Adjourned meeting at noon and enjoyed nice lunch at Coosaw. Rain precluded director golf after the meeting.

P.S. On behalf of the BoD, I'd like to extend our personal thanks to Steve Windich and Coosaw Creek CC for hosting this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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