

## Spring Board Meeting, April 7, 2015

**Attendees:** Joe Kress (BE), Steve Windich (CC), Rich Bull (CM), David Shaak (CN), Jim Thompson (CR), Jack Heidenreich (DW), Mike Phillips (LO), David George (PF), Al Byrd (SM), Jim Delaney (RT), Art Kreutz (SF), Bob Sideikas (SU), and Tom O'Halloran (WE).

**Absent:** All Present.

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

### Summary:

**1. Previous Minutes:** Reviewed with no discussion and approved the Fall 2014 BoD Meeting Minutes.

### 2. Reports:

- Treasurer – Dave George, the new Treasurer, gave a verbal report and indicated we are on budget and should have enough money in our account to give a \$2,000 contribution to our charity this year.
- Tournament Chairman – Rich Bull reports that things are going well for our tournaments.
  - Reminded directors to communicate Ready Golf rules to speed up play. Mike indicated he would hand out more of the Ready Golf flyers for the next tournament.
  - Scorecard annotation – Rich reminded everyone and will continue as a briefing item to put your final point +/- score at the top right of the score card and circle the score. Makes it much easier to post scores and ladder scores for prizes.
- Handicap Chairman – Al Byrd indicated that things have been going relatively well in his area of responsibility.
  - Al provided a few statistics from the scores at Crowfield that were discussed with no action.
  - Al asked the directors to provide him just their changes only for the Legend Oaks makeup match on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, please get in those changes as soon as possible before Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 3. Old Business

- **Closest-To-Pin (CTP) Measuring Devices:** David George came up with a solution to go with the measuring tape that Mike purchased last year (Mike had only bought one special tape measure to make sure we had a good solution before obligating more money towards the effort). David brought a picture of the solution device and a lengthy discussion ensued as to whether we really needed our own CTP measuring devices. So, before we spend any further monies, it was agreed that we should ask the host clubs that do not have a “measuring device” if the club would be purchasing or consider purchasing measuring devices in the near future. *Action: Shadowmoss (Al Byrd), Stono Ferry (Art Kreutz), and Crowfield (Jim Thompson) will ask their clubs if they plan to purchase or would consider purchasing CTP measuring devices for their clubs in the near future.* The answer from each club will determine if we need to purchase Interclub CTP measuring devices. We will handle the subsequent discussions and decisions via email with BoD members so we don't have to wait until next BoD meeting to complete this project.

### 4. New Business

- **2015 Charity:** Three charities were nominated and discussed for our 2015 charity donation – Tri-County Family Ministry (Al Byrd), East Cooper Meals on Wheels (Steve Windich), and the Red

Cross (Rich Bull). We have given to both Tri-County and Meals on Wheels in previous years and both of these are very worthwhile local organizations. Rich Bull invited a representative from the local Red Cross to speak very briefly to our group during the meeting. After discussions, the group majority voted the Red Cross as our 2015 Interclub charity organization. The BoD asked Rich Bull to communicate our choice to the Red Cross and that we wanted our money designated for Charleston area/low country Red Cross missions.

- **Interclub Director Playing Privileges:** Steve Windich brought up a long-standing unwritten perk that host clubs would extend a golf cart only rate to Interclub Directors wishing to play practice rounds at their club. We have not often tried to use this “unwritten understanding” in the recent past except at clubs that also host our meetings (e.g., Coosaw Creek primarily and Dunes West last fall). The group decided that since this was not written into our tournament agreements with host clubs, it would simplify matters if we just let this perk die a natural death. So, rates for Interclub Directors will be at the discretion of the host club – and, hopefully our “goodwill” will earn a perk.
- **2016 Schedule Changes:** Mike had requested in the Fall 2014 BoD meeting, and BoD agreed, that we should try to reduce or eliminate the January match dates due to the traditionally bad weather. Unfortunately, neither Stono Ferry nor Charleston National could agree on an alternate date for 2015 so we ended with 2 events once again in January 2015. At this meeting, the group unanimously agreed that we would go to only one event in January starting in 2016 and that date would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January (i.e., the first Monday in January will not be used in the future as it is too close to the holidays). *Action: Mike Phillips has provided a list of alternate event dates for 2016 to both Stono Ferry (Art Kreutz) and Charleston National (Dave Shaak) so they can approach their clubs to see if the club could agree to one of the alternate dates not in January. The BoD has no problem with SF and CN rotating 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January dates if needed, but one club would need to use one of the alternative dates. We want to get an agreement on this by end of August so we can start working on the final 2016 schedule.*
- **2016 Team Reduction Proposal:** Jim Thompson introduced an idea to reduce team size from 10 to 8 players with emphasis on improving prize money and reducing total event participation time. This has been a recurring thought in many Director’s minds for some time, but Jim put pen to paper and spelled it out as a proposal for us to consider carefully. Jim’s initial thought was to limit the # of players to 104 (13 teams of 8 players) – this should reduce playing time a little as it reduces 6 ½ foursomes (tee times). Additionally, many event prizewinners struggle to find something in the Pro Shop for just \$23, our minimum amount for about 20 players. Jim’s idea was to also move that up to \$30 minimum as well as the CTP prizes up to \$ 30. There was quite a discussion around this proposal, predominantly about whether it saved time or not and whether the host clubs would believe this is better or worse than the current 130 person event (13 teams - 10 team members) format. The actual proposal is found as Annex 1 to this document (1 modification was made in agreement with the BoD – “all 8 players scores would count (vice 7) and if only 7 players were available, the current Interclub Team Scores rules would apply.) *Action: Each Director will use Appendix 1 – Jim’s Proposal – as a talking paper to discuss with their club and their team members – the specific question being “which do they prefer – old method, new method, or either approach is OK”. Directors would then report back to Mike the results from their clubs and Interclub team members. This will then be a basis for discussion and decisions for 2016 at the Fall 2015 BoD Meeting.*
- **2015 Prize Payout Modification:** Based on some of the discussions on Jim Thompson’s 2016 proposal, Al Byrd requested a modification to the current prize payout which would reduce the # of prize payouts to the top 25 and increase the payout amounts by \$ 1 for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> place and by \$ 7 each for places 11 – 25. The BoD unanimously accepted these changes and agreed to start the

modification with the next regularly scheduled match at Coosaw Creek. This will not change the overall money for the clubs or the Association but will affect the # of prizes and the payout amounts of each place. *Action: Directors for clubs that have not had their 2015 event will need to print out a copy of this new prize payout and let their club know before their event. Mike Phillips will update the Financial Data sheet and add the Prize Payout sheet to the website in the Forms and Documents link on the Home page. Direct links are: Financial Data ([http://chsinterclub.org/forms/tournament\\_financial\\_data.pdf](http://chsinterclub.org/forms/tournament_financial_data.pdf)) and Match Prize Payout Document ([http://chsinterclub.org/forms/Interclub\\_Payout.pdf](http://chsinterclub.org/forms/Interclub_Payout.pdf)).*

- **Closing:** Adjourned meeting at 12:55 PM after working through a very nice lunch at the Coosaw Creek club. Golf followed.

On behalf of the BoD, I'd like to thank Steve Windich and the Coosaw Creek club for yet another great location and services for hosting our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**ANNEX 1 – Jim Thompson Proposal (Reduced team size for 2016 forward)**

**General**

- Reduce the # of players per team from 10 to 8 and count all 8 scores for the team score. This reduces the # of players on the course from 130 to 104, reducing the # of holes with 2 starting groups from 15 to 8, thereby improving pace of play.
- Increase the cost per player from \$30 to \$35 (1<sup>st</sup> increase in many years) – 8 x \$35 = \$280 per team
- Increase the amount of each prize in Pro Shop credits.
- Reduces post-scoring process time and improves manageability of a large group.

**Financial Data**

**Currently (2015):**

We are collecting.....	\$ 3900	\$ 30 x 130 Players	
We pay the club \$20 per player.....	2600		Club gets \$ 3620
We pay out in total prizes.....	1020	\$ 920 + CTP \$ 100	
Interclub gross income.....	280		

**Proposed (2016):**

We would be collecting.....	\$ 3640	\$ 35 x 104 Players	
We would pay club \$22 per player.....	2288		Club gets \$ 3248
We would pay out in total prizes...	960	\$ 840 + CTP \$ 120	
Interclub gross income.....	392		

**Prize Payout**

**Current**

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 55	11 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> \$ 23 each (20 x \$ 23) = \$ 460
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 53	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 51	
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 49	
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 47	
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 45	Closest To Pin (4 x \$ 25) = \$ 100
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 43	
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 41	
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 39	
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 37	

\$ 460 + \$ 560 = \$ 1020

**Proposed**

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 60	11 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> \$ 30 each (11 x \$ 30) = \$ 330
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 58	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 56	
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 54	
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 52	
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 50	Closest To Pin (4 x \$ 30) = \$ 120
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 48	
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 46	
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 44	
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 42	

\$ 510 + \$ 450 = \$ 960