



*New Hampshire Senior Golfer's Association
Minutes, Annual Spring Board Meeting
Common Man Restaurant, Concord
May 4, 2015*

Present: Don Allen, President, Bob Barry, VP, Russ Matthews, Ed Phippard, Mike Roy, Dave Richardson, Fran Fournier, Chuck Mitchell

- **Introductions:**

We all gathered in the Governor's Chamber room and took a few minutes to exchange pleasantries and took a moment of silence in honor of deceased member and friend Peter Malley.

- **Review of the Membership:**

Chuck took a short amount of time to review the handouts, mainly demographics of our membership as well as a list of those who not rejoin, the new members and those on a leave of absence for 2015 and those who returned from a LOA.

- **Annual Review of Age Divisions/Prize Money Payouts:**

We looked at our 2015 membership by age groupings (divisions) and there was little change from 2014, so it was decided to leave the current prize money payouts the same as 2014.

- **Closest-to-the-Pin Payouts:**

A discussion ensued about how the Closest-to-the-Pin monies is generally turned over to the golf course (golf shop) in exchange for merchandise vouchers/gif cards. At those courses where the pro does not own the golf shop merchandise, the local pro's were not seeing any of the monies... this is counter-productive to our mission of rewarding the local pro for giving up a day giving lessons etc., so the board has adopted a new policy. of the CTTP money and combine it will funds which will come from our regular budget so as to provide the pro with a cash gratuity of up to \$1.00 per person of those playing in the event. The actual amount to be determined by those working the event. By the way, The pros at The Oaks, Pease, Rochester, Nippo and Lake Winnepesaukee do not own the merchandise in their golf shops..

- **Pace of Play:**

The board agreed to put out two clocks, one on the 9th green and one on the 18th green and to ask each group to please record the time that their group finishes putting out on the last hole of play. At this time, we will take no immediate action dealing with those who take seem to take too much time on the course, but will be spoken to or corresponded with and asked to speed it up.

- **Online Event Sign-Ups:**

The online sign-ups for the May event, seemed to be so slow on the BlueGolf end, that it was agreed that we would be best to do two sign-up days in May (for the four events being held in June) and the same in August for the four events being held in September. Chuck will send out an email to everyone to clarify this... i.e. Sign-ups for Concord CC and Pease will take place as scheduled on Wednesday, May 13th and the sign-ups for North Conway and Lochmere CC will take place a week later on Thurs. May 21st (not Wednesday, May 20th due to The Oaks Golf event taking place on day).

- **X-River Challenge Match vs. Vermont Seniors:**
The X-River Challenge will take place on Thursday, August 6th at Lake Sunapee CC, the fee will remain the same at \$100/person. The board agreed to allow me still purchase new golf shirts and hats and to take any excess in costs out of the \$1000 that we get annually from Golf & Ski Warehouse.
- **Handicap Committee:**
The board looked at the role of the Handicap Committee, consisting of Fran Fournier, Chair, David Richardson and Don Allen and Mike Roy. It was agreed that Kathi will forward information after each event as to handicaps (HI) and scores and it will be the job of the committee to make their own judgements as to whether or not anyone needs to be communicated with.
- **ESC Scorers and BlueGolf:**
I have checked with BlueGolf and their system does not adjust scores according to the ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) when they are entered into the system or otherwise. Needless to say, this is why we stopped emailing out their scores. When I spoke to someone today at BG, they suggested I email in a(n) Enhancement Request... which I will do today.
- **Posting Scores:**
The Association does not have a problem requiring that everyone post their own score(s) from events... that is the least they can do if they wish to be eligible for prize money.
- **Hats & Shirts:**
I am going to check with David Hazen and see if he wants to make up some hats which he can sell at our events.
- **Assisting at Events:**
Chuck will put together a cash bag with change for use at events which he will not be attending. No decision yet on which those will be.

The following have offered assistance at:

The Oaks – Possibly Mike & maybe Russ

Concord CC – Russ and Dave

Pease GC – Mike and Fran

North Conway – Russ and Dave

Lochmere CC – Bob B.

Laconia CC – Bob B.

Keene CC – Ed (maybe one of the other Keene CC members)

Rochester CC – Mike and ???

Lake Winni – Russ and Dave

Cochecho CC – Don (AM only)

Nippo GC – Russ and Dave

Lake Sunapee CC – Dave and

Portsmouth CC – Mike and Jim