

NEW HAMPSHIRE SENIOR GOLFER'S ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – ANNUAL FALL BOARD OF GOVERNING MEETING
COMMON MAN RESTAURANT, CONCORD
OCTOBER 26, 2015

Present: Bob Barry, President, Don Allen, Immediate Past President, Russ Matthews, Ed Phippard, Mike Roy, Dave Richardson, Fran Fournier, Mike Laramie, Craig Rowley and Chuck Mitchell, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Barry at 11:30 AM.

The minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting were accepted and approved as presented.

Membership Information:

There were a number of very interesting statistical reports compiled by Kathi Mitchell. These included lists of those members who did not renew their membership in 2015, new members for 2015, the waiting list for 2016, and demographics of the membership in addition to both Skins and Closest-to-the-Pin winners. This generated a discussion of the waiting list and that former members should have preference for readmission to membership.

Finances:

The Board received a report of the finances of the organization showing current bank balances of all accounts as of 10/25/15 in addition to a summary of events showing profit and loss for each of the events held during the 2015 season.

Management Software:

We had an extended discussion about our history with BlueGolf and the opportunities afforded by Event-Man. It was a unanimous decision to authorize Chuck to inform Blue Golf of our decision to terminate our relationship with BlueGolf and to seek a termination with terms as favorable as possible for the NHSGA. In addition, the board authorized Chuck to sign a contract with Event-Man for the 2016 season.

2016 Calendar of Events:

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed schedule of events for 2016. There are a few openings where we can plug in a few more events. As of 10/26, we are awaiting to hear from both Baker Hill and Nashua to see if they will add us to their outside event calendar. Kingswood GC contacted us and has offered us a date in late May. We are holding off on committing to this until we hear back from Nashua and Baker Hill. In an attempt to attract greater participation at Keene, we decided to offer it as a member/guest, allowing each member who wished to play Keene to bring one guest and the format will be a two ball best ball. The age of the guest must be at least 55 and have an active GHIN # to conform to our membership conditions. It was also decided to utilize the same 6-6-6 format at Rochester CC, as we have used at Nippo Lake.

Closest-to-the-Pins:

Due to the fact that more and more club pros do not “own” their pro shop, and because it is not uncommon for members to not participate in Pins due to distance concerns to cash in on winnings, it was decided to handle Pins in the same manner as we handle Skins. We will now compensate the host pro with a cash gratuity in lieu of the pro shop credit we have historically provided.

Pace of Play/Use of Clocks:

Slow play and the use of clocks at our events was discussed. It was generally agreed that the pace of play improved in 2015 and that we should continue to use the clocks and to promote ready golf in 2016.

Season Tickets:

For many reasons, it was unanimously approved to terminate our practice of selling “season tickets” or “pre-buys” to the membership.

Mail-In Coupon Registration Booklets:

The Board also agreed that the association will no longer be printing and mailing out coupon registration booklets to the membership. They gave approval to making a generic coupon available to members. This coupon will be mailed out to all members in the spring and also be made available through our website.

Hole-in-Ones:

“Hole-in-one insurance” was discussed. The association will further discuss this at our spring meeting. There was some consensus that we establish “Hole-in-One” pool. Then at the end of the season, those getting “Aces” would split up to money etc.

ByLaw Revisions:

A number of by-law changes were discussed and approved. The changes were more of a housekeeping nature to reflect how the association is currently being run. It was decided that these will be posted on our website.

Dues:

Annual dues for 2015 were approved at a rate of **\$60 for cash/check** payment, and a rate of \$65 for those paying by credit card.

Thank you to:

Kathi Mitchell informed the board that she no longer plans to show-up at events and will reduce her support the NHSGA over what she has contributed in the past. We want her to know that the Board and the members of NHSGA are most appreciative of her contributions, and that she will certainly be missed. As an expression of our appreciation and gratitude, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a gift certificate/card to one of her favorite stores.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Rowley, Secretary