

ERMGC Board of Directors Meeting

May 10, 2006 - 5:00pm

Empire Ranch Clubhouse

Attendance:

x	Greg Miles - President	x	Todd Keefe - Home Tournament Chair
x	Dave Terrill - Secretary	x	Tony Morabito – Handicap Chair
x	Bill McMorran - Treasurer	x	Barry Ward – Away Tournament Chair

Guests: Members Tom Ferguson, Bruce Hayes, Ed Miles, Steve Ryan, Bill Tague, Paul Sauer and Mike Weldon.

Minutes

Director Terrill read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Director Ward and seconded by Director McMorran to approve them. Minutes approved.

President's Report

President Miles reported that the golf course was in great shape and the ERMGC was healthy and running well.

Treasurer's Report

Director McMorran reported that we had \$32,327.51 in our checking account as of 5/9/06. Motion was made by Director Terrill and seconded by Director Keefe to approve the report. Report approved.

Handicap Chairman's Report

Director Morabito reported that we have 527 members (95 new and 432 renewals) – and that this was behind last year, but that with the rates to drop soon, he was confident we would exceed 600. Motion was made by Director Terrill and seconded by Director McMorran to approve the report. Report approved.

Home Chairman's Report

Director Keefe reported that 132 players participated in the Memorial and we had a net expenditure of \$417. Motion was made by Director McMorran and seconded by Director Terrill to approve the report. Report approved.

Away Chairman's Report

Director Ward reported that 66 players participated at Castle Oaks and we had a net expenditure of \$630. Motion was made by Director Morabito and seconded by Director McMorran to approve the report. Report approved.

Old Business

Next Home Tournament – Director Keefe reported that 80 players have signed up for the A-B-C-D Scramble.

Next Away Tournament – Director Ward reported that 41 players have signed up for Lincoln Hills.

Using the listserv – Director Terrill explained some of the problems we're having with messages not going through on the listserv and volunteered to send some tips to all Directors.

Elections – Director Terrill informed the Board that the next deadline (for filing the "Regular Ticket" of candidates) was June 19th.

Proposed Bylaws changes to Article 4 – Director Terrill presented multiple proposed changes to

the Bylaws. They were approved 6-0 with the stipulation that the Hole-In-One reimbursement would be changed if it appeared to violate USGA rules pertaining to amateur status (see attached changes).

New Business

Match Play – Directors McMorran & Terrill told the Board that all was well as Match Play moved into Round Two.

Picnic Assignments – After much discussion, picnic assignments were determined. It was agreed that Director Keefe would provide tournament information to the course on Thursday night, but also bring copies to the course as a backup.

Catering – The Board thanked Empire Ranch for providing finger food for the meeting!

Adjournment

Motion was made by Director Terrill and seconded by Director Keefe to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Approved Bylaws Changes:

Added text

~~Deleted text~~

Original text retained

ARTICLE 4 - TOURNAMENTS AND HANDICAPS

Section 1: Tournament Eligibility

Sub-Section 1: Eligibility to participate (all events)

All members in good standing are eligible to participate in Empire Ranch Men's Golf Club Home or Away Tournaments. When the Tournament Chairman has determined the field for an event is unlikely to be full, he may permit guests to participate with limitations (see sub-sections below).

Sub-Section 2: Eligibility to receive prizes (all events)

Only members in good standing are eligible to receive prizes in Empire Ranch Men's Golf Club Home or Away Tournaments. Exceptions: 1) Guests are eligible to receive prizes in designated Member/Guest tournaments. 2) Guests are eligible to win prizes in Gross Skins Games and other side bets within tournaments in which winnings are not paid from the Club Treasury.

Sub-Section 3: Eligibility to win first prize (regular tournaments)

In order to be eligible to win first prize in any category in any Home, Away, or ERMGC sponsored event, a member's name and permanent course index must be listed on the NCGA Master Report for the month in which the event is held.

Sub-Section 4: Eligibility to win ~~or qualify~~ first-prize (NCGA qualifiers and "Major" tournaments)

In addition to the above requirements, a player must have participated in ~~five~~ ERMGC tournaments (any combination of home or away tournaments) within the twelve months ~~preceding~~ the event to be eligible to win first place in any category of the Putting Championships, ~~Match Play Championships~~, Club Championship, Director's Cup, President's Cup or ~~to qualify in~~ any NCGA qualifying event.

Sub-Section 5: Regularly Scheduled Tournaments

Only official ERMGC tournaments (the monthly home and away tournaments and mid-week events) shall count toward required total of ~~five (5)~~. The Match Play Championships count as one (1) tournament, regardless of the number of rounds a player completes. The Club Championships count as one (1) tournament, so long as the player completes both rounds. The Putting Championships count as one (1) tournament, so long as a player completes both rounds. Each round completed ~~at the Graeagle/Plumas Pines~~ ~~at any away~~ tournament counts as one (1) tournament, ~~for a total of two (2)~~.

Sub-Section 6: Counting Tournaments

The counting of tournaments to determine first place eligibility for a particular event shall include the previous year's edition of that event, so long as it was held in the same month. For example: if you played in the Club Championship last September and **four** other tournaments since then, you are eligible for the Club Championship this September, even though there may be twelve months and several days between events. Should this year's Club Championship be held in October, your participation last year would not count. **The count does not include the event for which you are registering. If you are a no-show or if you are registered for an event in which you have not yet played, that event would not count.**

Section 2: Temporary Handicaps

New members who do not have a current established NCGA handicap will be assigned a temporary handicap by the Home or Away Tournament Chairman based on 75% of the estimated handicap or the existing Trend. Based on the results of that first tournament, the Handicap Chairman may, at his discretion, adjust their course handicap for the next tournament. If a player with a temporary handicap wins a first prize, he will be placed in the next lowest category other than a first prize.

Section 2a: Home Tournament Handicap System

Members will play to the lower of either their standard GHIN index or the average of their two lowest home tournament scores recorded over the preceding 6-12 months, based on their quantity of play. **The Handicap Chairman will issue tournament handicaps based on the 2 low scores of the 6 most recent home tournaments played. The Chairman may go back up to 12 months to ascertain a player's 2 low scores if they have not completed 6 tournaments. Otherwise players are adjusted to 90% of their GHIN handicap index if they have been an active member but have not played in any tournaments in the past 12 months.** The Handicap Chairman reserves the right to further adjust any member's handicap to a level he deems equitable.

Section 3: Cash Prizes

In order to avoid violating NCGA amateur status rules, cash prizes will only be awarded in categories in which players pool their own money (such as Gross & Net Skins Games).

Section 4: Stipends and Special Prizes

Sub-Section 1: NCGA "Spyglass" Qualifiers

Winners of NCGA "Spyglass" Qualifiers will receive a stipend to help defray travel costs associated with their participation in the resulting NCGA tournament(s), **should they be required to play outside of the Sacramento region.** This stipend shall be \$200 per person, or a higher amount if approved by the Board of Directors. This is in addition to NCGA tournament entry fees, which will be paid from the club treasury **for all NCGA tournament qualifiers.**

Sub-Section 2: Club Championship

~~The winner of the Club Championship will have \$300 set aside for paying his registration fees at tournaments for which he becomes eligible as a direct result of his championship, and at which he will represent ERMGC. Any funds unused by the next Club Championship will revert to the club treasury.~~ **The Board of Directors has the discretion to pay either a portion or the full amount of tournament fees for the winner of the Club Championship to represent Empire Ranch Men's Golf Club in the annual TaylorMade tournament for club champions, or its equivalent. The Board will take the club's overall fiscal health into consideration when making their decision.**

Sub-Section 3: Hole-In-One Assistance

The club will give any player who records a hole-in-one during a home or away tournament up to \$250 to help with their expenses. *The Board will take the club's overall fiscal health into consideration when making their decision.*