



WEST SEATTLE'S PUBLIC GOLF CLUB

SINCE 1940

Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2010

Officer Attendees: Bob Chamberlain, President; Michael J. Prittie, Vice President; Patrick DiStefano, Secretary; Butch Lewis, Treasurer; RJ Spangenberg, Tournament Director; Larry Helton, HDCP Chairman

Director Attendees: Steven Man; Ted Irwin; Mike Hilsenkopf; Kurt Neidermier; Tyson Peters (late arrival)

Guest Speakers: Paul Wilkinson, Seattle Parks Director of Golf Services; Emily Fuller, Seattle Parks Planning and Development; Nathan Torgelson, Seattle Parks Real Property Manager; Grace Bennett, Camp Long

Visitors: Colin Gants, West Seattle Golf Course Head Professional; John Price, West Seattle Golf Course Superintendent; Scott McCullum, WSGC and Seattle Golf Steering Committee member; Michael R. Joyce, WSGC member (2009)

Absent (total YTD): Steve Crosier (3); Carle Trotter (2); Brian Wade (2); Nick Hengtgen (1); Bob Kleckner (1)

Meeting called to order with guest speaker introductions at 6:30PM (QUORUM achieved - 11/15 present)

Guest Speakers **WS Driving Range** - Guest Speakers Paul Wilkinson, Director of Golf Services, and Emily Fuller, Planning and Development Specialist for Seattle Parks, reported on the start of planning for the West Seattle Driving Range. Paul noted that this is a *definite* project, in fact, it's the first funded project of the Seattle Golf Master Plan. Approximately \$860,000 has been allocated for planning and design for the \$3.2 million project. The WS driving range will be located between the maintenance road along 9 fairway, and 35th Avenue. It will be two-levels of hitting stalls, include 120 foot high poles and nets. The RFP (Request for Proposals) for architecture and engineering should be out in late April of 2010, with the project start date sometime in late 2011 and a completion goal of Spring 2012. Planning challenges may include a change in zoning from single family, environmental studies, as well as likely variances for the poles, nets and lights.

Other WS Projects for 2010 - Paul continued with listing other projects planned for West Seattle Golf Course in 2010/2011, including safety nets at the NE practice green, a new walking surface for the bridge at #7, the sign at the 35th Street entrance will be changed to read "West Seattle Golf Course" as opposed to just "West Seattle".



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Greens Fees - Paul informed the Club that a letter will be sent shortly to the golf course detailing a slight rise in greens fees starting April 1, 2010 (\$1-2 depending on time of play). Some breaks have also been added, including the Senior age for discount being reduced 60, and a "Super Senior" category being created to allow those 75 years or older to pay only \$15 after 10 am Monday to Friday, March to October. Costs for cart rental, Early Bird Specials, the Super Twilight rate, and Junior Afternoon Unlimited will remain at the same. Premier Club discounts will still apply. Additional details to follow upon receipt of the letter.

State of Seattle Golf Master Plan - Paul explained that the current edition of the Master Plan, known to many as "4B Lite", eliminates West Seattle's proposed new clubhouse and maintenance facility previously approved as part of option 4B. This was due to an inability to prove future revenue which could pay back the bonds. As they had been the furthest out in terms of time, they were the first removed. As such, they would be first to be reinstated if revenue proves better than expected in the next few years. The question is expected to be answered for real by 2015, possibly sooner if revenue looks good.

Guest Speakers

Nathan Torgelson, Seattle Parks Real Property Manager and Grace Bennett a director at Camp Long, were in attendance to discuss ongoing upgrades to Camp Long, a neighbor of West Seattle Golf Course. Current projects include structural and systems upgrades to the main building, as well as the addition of a basement level kitchen to assist with it's rentability for functions. Grace discussed current partnerships Camp Long has with various groups, including 4H (with a "low ropes" challenge course), and asked the Board for its thoughts and ideas for future partnerships. Groups that use the facilities include environmental learning, at-risk kids, senior citizens, corporate groups, etc. Anyone having additional ideas or comments should contact either Nathan (nathan.torgelson@seattle.gov) or Grace (gregis@speakeasy.net) directly.

Club Business

Handicap Chairman

Larry Helton reported that the handicap computer is back online, up and running. It was also discussed that an email blast should be sent to last year's members who have not yet paid 2010 dues, warning of pending deactivation of their GHIN accounts as of the end of March. The blast should go out no later than March 24th.

Treasurer's Report

Butch Lewis provided the February Financial Report for review and approval (attached to these minutes) including a list of new 2010 members. Butch pointed out contributions to the scholarship fund from the Fun-D-Raiser and the cost for two full scholarships from South Sound Community College for 2010. Finances look stronger than in 2009.

Vote Approved

Thirty eight (38) new members were approved unanimously.

Vote Approved

February Financial Report approved unanimously.



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- Tournament Director** RJ Spangenberg reported on a successful Fun-D-Raiser and a full field for the President's Cup. It was also discussed that the Tournament Committee will need to be adjusted for the Blind Draw Scramble, as several members will be absent for the event.
- Vice President** Mike Prittie explained how he and HDCP chair Larry Helton will be using the board near the HDCP computer to post tournament rules and other board business. As the former Secretary, he also suggests purchasing a fire-proof file cabinet to keep all the past Club documentation in one secure, safe place. All agreed. Mike will follow up with the Board on his progress with this project at the April meeting.
- Secretary's Report** Patrick DiStefano reported on the recent webinar by Golf Fusion presented March 4th. Ten (10) Board members were present. It was discussed that the board should take the next month to test the product (tournament and handicap functions, etc.) and speak with membership about the benefits and their thoughts about making this sort of change to the online Club experience. All agreed to table a vote for the April Board meeting. Patrick also asked that Board members let him know if there is anything they would like done differently, as some of the Secretary's duties have a bit of a steep learning curve. He also noted that for the time being he will be acting webmaster for the WSGC web site. Please direct all questions/comments accordingly.
- Vote Approved** February Minutes were approved unanimously.
- Old Business**
- Branding** - Tabled for future consideration due to time allotted for guest speakers.
 - Book Money** - Tabled for future consideration due to time allotted to guest speakers.
 - Seattle Golf Master Plan** - Update given by Paul Wilkinson (see notes on guest speakers at the beginning of these minutes).
 - Seattle Golf Steering Committee Report** - No report.
- New Business**
- Rule 3-3** - It was brought to the Secretary's attention by WSGC member Doug Johnson that this "Doubt as to Procedure" rule (the playing of a second ball) applies only to Stroke Play competition. Colin Gants described the proper method for Match Play, which includes clearly stating your specific claim to your opponent prior to teeing off from the next teeing ground. That claim must then be filed with the Tournament Committee immediately proceeding the match for resolution. Colin will work with RJ and the Tournament Committee to help define this more clearly for competitors in future WSGC Match Play events. In the meantime, reference to Rule 3-3 should be removed from Match Play notices.
 - Posting of Cash Payouts** - It was unanimously agreed that WSGC will not be posting cash payouts on the web site.



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Nomination of 2010 PNGA / WSGA Representatives - New representatives will be nominated and voted on at the April Board meeting. Currently Mike Joyce is receiving correspondence at his personal address. Larry Helton, HDCP Chairman, and RJ Spangenberg, Tournament Director, will contact the PNGA/WSGA with new contacts and ask that all future correspondence be directed to the Club's address.

OUT OF ORDER

On several occasions throughout the meeting, President and Chairperson Bob Chamberlain informed Michael R. Joyce, a member of the Club and guest of the board meeting, that he was out of order with his unsolicited questions and comments directed at Board members individually and personally. He was asked on several occasions by various Board members to refrain from further outbursts without first being recognized by the Chair but continued with argumentative and abusive behavior. Mr. Joyce's disruptions ultimately resulted in a motion to adjourn in lieu of continuing arguments. The motion was quickly seconded and unanimously approved.

Rules of conduct for guests at all future WSGC board meetings will be followed or result in removal from the meeting. Rules will be clearly described at the beginning of future Board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Patrick DiStefano, Secretary, WSGC.

West Seattle Golf Club
February 2009 Financial Report

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NEW MEMBERS

Raymond Oliver
Burke Shethar
Lauren MacLeod
Joyce Cassidy
John Hernandez
Jeffrey Tosh
Steve Matson
Gary McNeil
Rick Parrish
David Hobbs
Shafer A Shafer
Brian Walsh
Sung Park
Justin Boyd
David Wheeler
Danny Castro
Bob Whiteside
John Shepherd
Tim Baer
Linda Gorton
Larry Ramirez Jr.
Todd Monahan
Mike Finklein
Paul Liao
Bubba Pressley
Gene Pavola
John Fado
Tom Gordon
Don Bereiter
Marty Balcos
Tom Nevell
Scott Ulman
Paul Larsen
Eric Klapperich
Eoghan O'Leary
Mark Murray
Brian Richmond
Greg Walker

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE FORWARD		\$4,528.88
DEPOSITS		\$14,536.40
INTEREST		\$1.56
TOTAL		\$19,066.84
CHECK #	Check # 2255 (\$69.00) outstanding.	
2277 x	Washington State Golf Association	
	Dues for 350 members@25	\$8,750.00
2278 x	AAA Mailing Service, Inc.	
	2010 Newsletter	\$651.26
2279	West Seattle Golf Course	
	Fun-D-Raiser add	\$100.00
2280	Bayview Memorial Fund	
	Player entry donations in Fund-D-Raiser	\$400.00

	Total Expense	\$9,901.26
BALANCE		\$9,165.58
(DONATIONS TO MEMORIAL FUND)		\$600.00
(TOURNAMENT INCOME)		
(Other income)		

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Money Market Account	
Brought Forward	\$3,999.92
Deposits	\$0.00
Interest	\$3.05
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Balance	\$4,002.97
Certificate of Deposit	
Brought Forward	\$30,077.73
Deposits	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00
Withdrawals	
Balance	\$30,077.73
GRAND TOTAL	\$34,080.70

MEMBERSHIP

REGULAR	198
BUDDY	88
SENIOR	50
JUNIOR	2
<u>HONORARY</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	350

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