

Cape Breton Highlands Golf Club Society Annual General Meeting 2004

Date: January 30, 2005
Time: 2:00pm
Location: St Johns Hall

1. Update from National Park

Cliff Robinson and Pam Doherty of the management team gave an update on the course. Deep tyning and fungicide application was completed in the fall. Covers were placed on 11 greens in total. No solid covers were used this year. The project work for the drainage improvements on Hole 6 did not get started as planned. The club has made a significant contribution toward this project. Piping has been purchased and the hope is to get this project underway in the Spring.

The Park and club will work together to get the stairs for Hole 13 tee. The Park is hoping to increase the season weeks to 0.6 from 0.4 for it's term workers. This may mean a decrease in client service hours. Hope to purchase two new fairway mowers and a sand trap rake.

There is 2400' of curbing that they want to start in the spring and may be able to begin work on the restoration of the tees. A significant amount of herbicide application will also be done to try and eliminate the clover problem.

A lengthy discussion on mower height, rough mowing, and the overhanging trees on the buffer zone was conducted with all being considered by the park. The park encourages all members to fill out comment cards available at the pro shop. These help when concerns are brought to the management level.

Park believes pro shop operations will be the same as last year although there may be less client services staff present on some occasions.

The park has requested the club to go to 8 minute interval tee times in the morning. This would free up two additional times that they would like to have. The club will consider this and report back to the park.

The final question for the management team was about the Parks decision on hiring a consultant to determine the best method of operation. To date there has been no consultant hired. Pam and Cliff were thanked for their time and information provided prior to them leaving.

2. Review of the Minutes

Time was provided for review of the minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Question was asked on the status of corporate tournaments. The members were advised that corporate tournaments will continue. We may have to have a shotgun start on a certain Saturday so that a corporate event can be ran. Most agreed that shouldn't upset our members.

A discussion was held on junior golf. Membership has agreed that we should hire a junior coordinator for 2004. Everyone was pleased with the way the program ran last season. There is an abundance of junior members being expected this year. The executive feels we are about at the limit as to how many we can handle. There is also the concern that when these junior members reach senior age we would go

over our 160 limit. We may have to amend our bylaws to deal with this situation. The executive will keep this item on their agenda.

3. Report of Directors

Lloyd gave the report of directors. The main initiative from last year was the Lorne Rubenstein visit. Most members suggested that this was not a good place to commit funding as most of the comments were negative.

4. Financial Report

Kevin reviewed the financial report for the membership. Kurt Hussey was nominated for the position of auditor which was accepted.

5. Election of Officers

Kevin Donovan has stepped down from the executive after many years of faithful service. Derrick Hawley was nominated from the floor and has agreed to sit on the executive. All other members have agreed to stay on for another year.

6. New Business

The executive has approached the NSGA for suggestions on how we could speed up play in the Labor Day tournament. At their suggestion we will be reducing the field to 144 and will be playing threesomes as opposed to foursomes. We may try this for our club championship as a trial run.

We are looking for a volunteer to run the Labor Day tournament. A member will be asked.

The masters tournament is losing its popularity. There are requests for us to have a Fall scramble. Membership has agreed that the executive should decide on how this tournament will proceed.

A question was asked if there has been any contact to the club with respect to the Canadian Amateur which is being held in Bell Bay next year. To date we have not been contacted for requests of tee times or for assistance.

Question from the floor on why the course closed early last year. Members feel it could have stayed open for at least another week or as a minimum the pins could have been left in. The executive agreed that this would be brought up in the next management meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm

Cape Breton Highlands Golf Club Society Executive Meeting

Date: February 23, 2005

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Ingonish School

Attendees:

Lloyd Donovan, Joe MacNeil, Tommy Symes, Ken Doucette, Derrick Hawley, Keith Hawley

Regrets:

Russell MacLellan, Jackie Doucette, Mary Ann MacCormick, Gerard Whitty

1. Tournaments

Prize structure for club tournaments will be:

Opening \$1000.00

Junior/Senior \$1000.00

Club Championship \$3000.00

Closing \$1000.00

Labor Day

Still looking for someone to run tournament. Agreed to run tournament with a field of 144, with 3 man groups at 8 minute intervals. It is hoped that this will improve the pace of play.

Club Championship

We will change times to 8 minute intervals to try and improve pace. Marshall's will be advised to move things along.

Closing

Lloyd to check on the possibility of running a shotgun start for this tournament. A deal for cart rentals will be requested.

Masters

Interest seems to be waning for this tournament. Has not filled for several years and is not producing much profit for the work that is required. Suggestion made that we change to a scramble. We feel we could run a 2 person scramble with 3 teams on a tee. This would allow us to get extra people out within our present allotment. Lloyd to check with the Park on this possibility

2. Locker Rentals

Control over lockers has to be tightened. Invoices will now be issued on Jun 01. Payment must be received by Jun 15 or locker will be re-sold.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Cape Breton Highlands Golf Club Society Executive Meeting

Date: March 15, 2005
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Ingonish School

Attendees:

Lloyd Donovan, Joe MacNeil, Tommy Symes, Russell MacLellan, Derrick Hawley, Keith Hawley

Regrets:

Gerard Whitty, Jackie Doucette, Ken Doucette, Mary Ann MacCormick

1. Membership Selection

There were 5 members who opted not to renew their membership for 2005. Three junior members will be moving into the senior ranks. Five spots remained to bring us to the 160 limit.

A review of our juniors revealed that there will be just a few that could move into the senior ranks over the next few years. It was decided that we could bring our membership up to the 160 level by selecting 5 new members.

Membership applicants for 2005 totaled 34. Selection criteria was used to narrow this number. A random draw out of a hat was then made with the following people being selected:

Jason Stockley
John Organ
Grant Hawley
Leo Gene Donovan
Bobby Nolan
Valerie Pilling (alternate)

These people will be contacted and must submit their entry by Friday March 18, 2005

Congratulations to our new members

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm

Highlands Golf Club Society Executive Meeting

Date: May 09, 2005

Time: 6:00pm

Attendees:

Lloyd Donovan, Joe MacNeil, Tommy Symes, Ken Doucette, Derrick Hawley, Keith Hawley

Regrets:

Russell MacLellan, Gerard Whitty, Mary Ann MacCormick, Jackie Doucette

Guests: Cliff Robinson, Pam Doherty, Amanda Donovan, Lee Buchanan

1. Food and Beverage Concession

Lee Buchanan gave an update on what he plans on doing now that he has been awarded the food and beverage concession. Food will be purchased from Mainstreet, Castle Rock or the Ski Cape Smokey. Willing to work with the club to support our needs but needs to generate some profit. We can work a deal for Labor Day tournament. Hopes to have more variety at the canteen on Hole 10. Canteen will open 1.5 hours after course opens

2. Golf Course Report

Cliff, Pam and Amanda provided an update on course issues:

- Various degrees of snow mold on greens. Hole 10 is not in good condition. It has been seeded twice and aeration is next.
- Irrigation system is up and running
- Hole 6 drainage project that was funded by the club has begun
- Some work done on tee at Hole 5
- Would like another meeting on the proposed stairs for Hole 13
- Staffing is light with 2 off on disability and no students in place as yet
- Will be down one employee for the season
- An employee has been arranged for the cart shed
- New fairway mowers have not arrived so may have some problem on opening.
- Opening date will still be the long weekend and not earlier

All these issues were discussed in detail and club concerns were raised.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm

Highlands Golf Club Society Executive Meeting

Date: July 18, 2005

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees:

Lloyd Donovan, Joe MacNeil, Tommy Symes, Ken Doucette, Derrick Hawley, Jackie Doucette, Keith Hawley

Regrets:

Russell MacLellan, Gerard Whitty, Mary Ann MacCormack

1. Food Service

The club will now takeover the use of the BBQ for our tournaments. This was at the request of the concession operator. The club will arrange someone to clean the BBQ for a fee. Must be cleaned after the club championship in order to be ready for Labor Day.

2. Tee Time Booking

The park have issues that the 48 hour special booking is being abused by a few members. There are cases where members have become very demanding when this special is not available for their guests. The executive to draft a letter to all members to address the park's concern

3. Ladies Field Day

We have not received an invoice for the food service at this tournament. Mary Ann to be contacted for information

4. Tournaments for 2006

The Park has supplied the club with a list of dates for our 2006 tournaments. We are to review the dates as per the following:

- Opening June 04
- Seniors June 13
- Father's Day June 17 & 18
- Ladies Field Day June 28
- Club Championship July 29 & 30
- Junior Championship July 30
- Junior/Senior July 16
- Labor Day Sept 02 & 03
- Closing Sept 24
- Fall Scramble Sept 30 & Oct 01

5. 2005 Masters

Due to poor turnout we are changing the masters from a stroke play to a scramble format. We will

increase the field from 80 to 120 with three teams per tee. Our tee time allocation will remain the same. Tentative fee is \$150.00 per team (2 people). A BBQ will be provided, hamburgers, hot dogs etc...

6. Other Issues

We will meet with the Park on the possibility of the club sponsoring the construction of a new ladies tee for # 18. Keith to arrange a meeting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00pm

Highlands Golf Club Society Executive Meeting

Date: August 24, 2005

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees:

Lloyd Donovan, Joe MacNeil, Tommy Symes, Ken Doucette, Derrick Hawley, Keith Hawley

Regrets:

Russell MacLellan, Gerard Whitty, Mary Ann MacCormick, Jackie Doucette

1. Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes of the August advisory board meeting were reviewed. Copies will be issued to executive members for further review.

2. Labor Day Tournament

All is progressing well. 121 entries received to date; 8 entries are reserved for sponsors. Some members submitted a cheque for the wrong amount. This will have to be collected.

BBQ is looked after. Steve Roach will do the cooking. Tommy has arranged for cleaning prior to the tournament. Lloyd to meet with Dennis this week to discuss any outstanding issues. Dennis to be notified that we now have software available to assist in running tournaments should he wish to use it.

3. Fall Scramble

Poster for the tournament should be ready to go out this week. Lloyd to arrange for the printing. All entries to come in through the mail to avoid confusion. Limited to the first 60 teams. Joe and Lloyd to look after the prizes; Ken to check on possible sponsors. Tom to look after the food, Keith will work with Cliff to set up the course. Tournament workers will be taken from our volunteer list.

4. Locker Rentals

There are still four people who did not pay their locker rental. Derrick to contact these people.

5. Father's Day Scramble

The charity for this year is the Cape Smokey Ski Club. A cheque will be issued this week in the amount of \$2000.00 as our donation.

6. Capital Projects

Met with Cliff this week and he advises everything has been cleared to install the stairs. Will start once time allows. Cliff to provide cost details for the addition of a new ladies tee on Hole 18. It is hoped that we can complete by this fall.

7. Other Issues

The club has agreed to support the golf news publication in the amount of \$200.00. We are presently trying to start up a Thursday afternoon club get together. We will be looking to exchange some morning times for additional times in the afternoon. Joe to investigate the possibility of a sponsor.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm