

Cape Breton Highland's Golf Club Society 2005 Annual General Meeting

Date: January 30th, 2006
Location: St John's Hall, North Ingonish

1. Review of Minutes

Minutes of the 2004 AGM were issued to all present for review prior to the start of the meeting. There was just one question arising from the minutes which was the item on the course management trying to increase the man weeks of employment for the 2005 season. Members were briefed as to the intent of this measure but due to the economic situation no additional man weeks were realized for the 2005 season. Motion to approve the minutes was made by John Ashton and seconded by Ken Doucette. Minutes approved.

2. Annual Report of Directors

The club president gave a summary of important events that occurred in 2005. Items discussed were the improvements in the drainage system on Hole 6 fairway which funding was provided through the club. The stairs on Hole 13 was completed in late fall again with funding through the club. Significant amount of work went into the junior program throughout the year. A new coordinator was hired in 2005 and the program was well received.

Questions arising from this report included some clarification to be provided on the 8 minute time interval for the morning tee times which was explained to the membership. A discussion was also held with respect to our relationship with respect to club concessions.

3. Financial Report

The club treasurer presented the financial report. After the review a question was asked about the \$2150.00 donation. It was explained that this donation was to the Cape Smokey Ski Club for their work with the running of the Father's Day Scramble. Another question arose over why there was such a difference in profits between the Seniors and Ladies tournaments. It was explained that most prizes for the seniors were donated and that the food service was done by the tournament committee as opposed to the ladies having their food service going through the food concession.

4. Appointment of Auditor

Eric Schibler was nominated and accepted the position of auditor for the club.

5. Junior Report

An outline of the junior program of 2005 distributed to all members present. The participation in our program has far exceeded our expectations. A special thank was extended to our club professional, Joe Robinson, for his time and energy donated to the junior and future links program. The executive is greatly concerned with the number of new junior members that are coming forward. We are at our limit as to numbers we can handle as part of our instructional program. It was recommended that the incoming executive review the junior membership requirements.

6. Election of Officers

There were three members of the existing executive who agreed to serve another term: Jackie Doucette, Mary A. McCormick and Tommy Symes. The following were the new members elected to serve: John Ashton, Ervin Robertson, Carson Duncan, Gary Stockley, Bobby Nolan, Michael Scott, Terry Grant

7. Open Forum

Question raised from the floor on whether the club should be providing alcohol as part of their tournaments. All agreed that any alcohol that was donated and was going through the bar would be acceptable. It was felt the club should not provide liquor directly to tournament participants as there may be a liability issue.

8. Presentation by Tim Reynolds of Parks Canada

Tim provided an update as to the financial health of the course at present and what changes are necessary going forward. These are some of the highlights:

- The strike of 2004 caused the course to run a deficit.
- In 2005 due to a downturn in tourism the course was again in a deficit situation.
- The Park hired a consultant to do a study as to how they could run the course under the existing framework and be sustainable. The consultants report indicated that the park could not run the facility without being in a deficit situation.
- The Park at present cannot manage it's own business mainly due to the rules and regulations passed down from the federal level (some as a result of the Gomery commission).
- Park would like to create a new operating framework to have in place for the 2007 season. A steering committee is already in place to begin the process.
- The possibility of the club in conjunction with the local community taking a role in the operation of the course is a possibility. Course maintenance and client services could be contracted back to the park as part of a fee for services arrangement.
- A review of the past revenue stream revealed that the average cost per round for a season pass holder was \$18.00 and that has to change. The club questioned the validity of that number and felt the way it was derived was flawed. There was a question as to how many non-member season pass holders were included and although the number was not known, it is significant.

Cape Breton Highlands Golf Club Society Executive Meeting

Date: February 19, 2006

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Ingonish Fire Hall

Attendees:

Tom Symes, John Ashton, Bobby Nolan, Michael Scott, Ervin Robertson, Terry Grant

Regrets:

Gary Stockley, Carson Duncan, Mary Ann MacCormick, Jackie Doucette

Guests:

Lloyd Donovan, Keith Hawley, Derrick Hawley, Joe MacNeil

1. Review of state of affairs from exiting Executive Members

Lloyd reviewed meeting with park management about the future direction of the golf course. The former Executive transferred files, documents, cheques and keys to new executive. The former Executive members were thanked for their years of service.

2. Election of Executive Officers

Chairperson Tom Symes

Vice Chairperson John Ashton

Treasurer Ervin Robertson

Secretary Terry Grant

3. Roles & Responsibilities

Tom Symes will continue as the tournament director. Michael Scott & Bobby Nolan will work as liaisons with the junior golf program. John Ashton will develop a newsletter for posting on the club bulletin board.

4. New Business

Ervin will look into the purchase of locks for the club locker rooms. This will assist the locker rental procedure. Next meeting scheduled March 12 @ 1:30 Ingonish Fire Hall

Meeting adjourned by John Ashton. Seconded by Michael Scott.