

Cape Breton Highland's Golf Club Society 2006 Annual General Meeting

Date: January 29th, 2007
Location: St John's Hall, North Ingonish

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Tim Reynolds from Parks Canada. Tim reviewed the 2006 operating season & the implications for future years. Tim stated that the percentage of rounds played by clients purchasing a daily pass has dropped from 64% in 2001 to 55% in 2006. The future health of the golf course is dependant upon reversing this trend.

The Park, union, local business and the golf club met several times during 2006 in an attempt to come up with different options for more effective operation of the golf course. The committee discussed five different management options. The option selected was to improve on the existing management system. The improvements would include the hiring of a manager, this manager would have strong business and marketing skills. Also a "not for profit" organization would run the concessions and pro shop. Tim stated that this organization should be in place by November 2007. Parks Canada would also commit to investing \$970 000 for paving cart paths, upgrading tees, greens and sand traps.

Tim will meet with club representatives John Ashton, Keith Hawley and Joe MacNeil. They will negotiate a new arrangement between club and park , one which will address future operating realities. Tim concluded his presentation and then answered questions from the floor. The executive thanked Tim for his time and effort.

1 Review of Minutes

Minutes of the 2005 AGM were issued to all present for review prior to the start of the meeting. No questions arose from the minutes. Motion to approve: Keith Hawley Seconded: Gord Rideout

2 Annual Report of Directors

Club president, Tom Symes gave a summary of important events that occurred in 2006.

Items discussed were the donation of a rebuild rough mower. The park also requested aid in purchasing a four wheeler with a hoe attachment & funding to send a cart tech for training.

3 Financial Report

The club treasurer, Ervin Robertson presented the financial report. No questions arose from the report. Motion to approve: Jackie Doucette Seconded: Les Chaisson

4 Appointment of Auditor

Eric Schibler was agreed to stay on as auditor for the club.

5 Junior Report

An outline of the junior program of 2006 distributed to all members present. Michael Scott reviewed the junior program for the 2006 year. The club will once again hire a junior coordinator for the 2007 season.

6 Election of Officers

There were eight members of the existing executive who agreed to serve another term: Jackie Doucette, Mary A. McCormick , Michael Scott , John Ashton , Carson Duncan , Jason Stockley . Ervin

Robertson and Terry Grant.

The following were the new members nominated to serve: Gord Rideout , AG Sams , Mark Macdougall and Barry MacDonald.

The club thanked departing members Gary Stockley & long serving executive member Tom Symes.

Motion to approve: Dennis MacDonald Seconded: Joe MacNeil

7. Open Forum

Question raised from the floor :

The clubs role in the new management system. This role is to be defined during future discussions.

Discussed the possibility of filling club membership vacancies that occur after the March 15th. club deadline & prior to the Park deadline of June 1st. In the past , current members have purchased their club membership by March 15th. , but for various reasons did not purchase the park pass by June 1st. For the 2006 season we were 4 members short of the allowable 160 members. It was decided that we would not change the existing membership policies.

Meeting adjourned @ 15:30hrs

Cape Breton Highlands Golf Club Society Executive Meeting

Date: February 14, 2007

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Ingonish Fire Hall

Attendees: John Ashton, Mark MacDougall, Michael Scott, Ervin Robertson,
Terry Grant, Barry MacDonald, Carson Duncan, Gord Rideout, AG Sams

Regrets: Jackie Doucette, Mary Ann MacCormick, Jason Stockley

1. Review of minutes from previous meeting

2. John briefed executive on the latest meetings with park management.

Park management plan to have a manager hired by May 1/07. It was suggested that the club might like to participate in the interview process. John Ashton was selected to represent the club.

3. Old business:

The club agreed to donate \$1200 to assist in the training of the cart technician. This money would be used to send a person to PEI for training on the maintenance of the electric golf carts.

The park also requested the club's financial support in the purchasing of a small tractor. This matter is to be discussed at the next club executive meeting.

4. New Business

John Ashton agreed to move from the vice president position to the position of club president. AG Sams was nominated for the position of vice president. Ervin Robertson will stay on as treasurer & Terry Grant will stay on as club secretary. Jason Stockley will assume the role of tournament director. The club remains committed to the continuing development of the junior golf program. Once again a junior golf coordinator will be hired to manage the junior golf program & a job posting will be issued for this position.

Ervin requested that future tournament entries stipulate no cash, cheques only. This would simplify the running of the major tournaments, particularly Labor day & the Masters. All entries to be received by mail & must include a cheque or a money order.

Next meeting scheduled March 11 @ 1:30 Ingonish Fire Hall

Meeting adjourned by John Ashton

Seconded by Barry MacDonald