

## Golf Committee Minutes

August 8, 2017

Danny Thornton presiding

In attendance: Danny Thornton, John Comninaki, Steve Washburn, George Vaughan, Keith Austin, Gordon Cudd, Bert Allen, Chris Boswell, Glenn Gentry, Becky Hawkins, Jo Todd, Doug Bellaire, Barry Harlow, Bobby McCurley, Rob Pearson, Dave Leffke, and David Phillips.

Danny moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as submitted and minutes were approved.

Danny began by announcing that the search committee had hired the new Head Golf Professional to replace John Comninaki after he retires at the end of 2017. The Head Golf Professional will be Aaron Marks who is currently the Associate Professional at Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, Va. Aaron will begin his new position at Boonsboro on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Doug Bellaire reported on the Senior Men's Golf Association and introduced Barry Harlow as the incoming Senior President beginning in November. The Senior Member Member was one of the most well attended Senior days and they will have another Senior Member Member on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Senior Interclub matches have for the most part been well attending except for a few in the beginning of the year. There has been talk about dropping Waynesboro from the list because of course and food quality. The upcoming Senior Dinner will return to its Pick Pick'n roots and they will have a small pig and Country Blue Grass Band. The Leon tournament will be played on September 20<sup>th</sup> as their last official event of the season.

Colleen Wilson reported on the Women's Golf Association and their commitment to continue to grow the BWGA. Colleen will work with the main house to get contact information for the 15 new members of Boonsboro and introduce herself as the President of the BWGA and hope to have any new women come join them on the course.

Steve Washburn reported on his planning of The Donna Andrews Invitational and the committee had continued discussion on the matter. Steve has his first meeting with volunteers the previous night on August 7 and 11 volunteers were presents with 9 not available to make the meeting. He has commitments from at least 28 people to help coordinate the event. The date they are looking at for the invitational would be June 22-24, 2018 a Friday-Sunday. As of now they have one commitment for a sponsorship from Massage Envy with a \$5,000 commitment. Field size would have to be a minimum 64 players for it to be feasible to the club and Steve does not foresee over 100 as of now. Danny Thornton brought up the possible problems of hosting the invitational on a Friday-Sunday date and how it would be unaccommodating to the membership. With the field size of 100 the course would not open until midafternoon to allow for course prep from the greens staff. The Pro Staff will work to find a club nearby that would accommodate the membership to play the mornings of the event if approved. David Phillips brought up concerns that 2019 would be a more reasonable date to begin the tournament and not this coming season. The Pro Staff becomes an unofficial subcommittee of all committees when it comes to tournaments which means a large time commitment of planning and implementing the tournament. With a new Head Professional he thought it would be too much commitment to make for the Pro Staff to handle the Fox Puss and then The Donna Andrews the following month. While Aaron

Marks, the incoming Head Professional, has tournament experience he would be first learning how the Fox Puss operates during his first months and then have to handle a new first year event that has the expectations of being just as prestigious an event as the Fox Puss with not much prep time after the Fox Puss is completed. David had discussed with Keith Austin earlier in the day that any volunteers for the Donna Andrews should volunteer for the Fox Puss in 2018 to get an idea of what needs to be done to run an effective tournament. Steve replied that this would not be a Pro Staff run event and that he would have a full volunteer list and staff that would run the event. If that was the case then 2018 becomes a more reasonable timeline. Danny ended the discussion by stating Steve, Becky, and David speak with Aaron Marks and then Steve Vessells (Course Superintendent) before the committee votes during the next meeting in September.

George Vaughan reported on the 2017 Member Member and said it was a fun filled event with great participation. Danny Thornton made a motion to appoint George Vaughan chairman for the 2018 Member Member, the motion was seconded and all were in favor.

John Comninaki reported on the upcoming Club Championship weekend in which the Men, Seniors, and Women will all play August 25-27. The Men will play all 3 days while the Senior and Women will play only the final 2 days. Men will play the Blue tees except the top 9 and anyone within 10 shots of the lead will play the Black Tees on Sunday. Seniors 55 and older will play Blue/Green or hybrid tees. Super Seniors 65 and old will play white tees. Women will play the Silver Tees. Saturday there will be a large party with band and food stations open to the entire membership. Keith Austin noted that in order for this event to work we must have full participation from the Golf Committee. Entry fee will be \$95.

The Issue of Cart use by younger junior members or dependents was address by John Comninaki. Juniors have been taking carts out to the front practice area and leaving many golf balls out there and not cleaning up. They have also been damaging the carts, keeping them throughout the day, and sneaking out to play holes. While this is not strictly the juniors it has been a problem mainly with them. The committee decided to leave the main decision up to the golf shop but it was decided that juniors would need to provide their own shag bag and balls to go out to the short game area. The shop would also shuttle juniors out as we can rather than give them a golf cart each time.

New Business was brought forward by Colleen Wilson that the Eliza Tree was just short of reaching its goal of \$3700 to buy a tree to replace the dying one 100 yards out on hole #16. Any additional funds will be donated to the VSGA scholarship fund that Eliza was awarded during her Senior Year.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.