

Sandy Burr Inner Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2017  
Sons of Italy, Waltham, MA

Members Present: Dave Aucoin, Chris Boyer, Bruce Cavella, Bill Gardiner, Mike Leflar, Darlene Rogers, Sean Quinlan

Members Absent: None

The meeting is called to order by Executive Board President Bruce Cavella.

The Board reviews the end of season (3-club tournament) meeting minutes and Member At-Large, John Carrington, makes a motion to accept the minutes. The motion is seconded by Secretary, Mike Leflar, and accepted unanimously.

The President informs the Executive Board that Sandy Burr Country Club management requested a meeting with the Board. The President will be in touch with Sandy Burr management about a meeting date and request an agenda. The Executive Board will request rates for the annual Scholarship Tournament and 3-club tournament at the meeting, as those rates have been agreed upon at this time in previous years.

While the Executive Board is voted on by membership, the Handicap Chairman and Tournament Chairman are both appointed positions. The President moves to appoint Bill Gardiner Handicap Chairman for the 2018 season. The secretary makes a motion to accept. The motion is seconded by a Member At-Large and accepted unanimously. Additionally, the President moves to appoint Dave Aucoin Tournament Chairman for the 2018 season. Past President, Tom Rooney, makes a motion in favor. The motion is seconded by Vice-President, Darlene Rogers, and accepted unanimously. The President thanks the Executive Board and both Bill and Dave for the service and continued support in 2018.

The Executive Board has reviewed scholarship applications and will be awarding a \$1000 scholarship to the candidate(s) most deserving the award for 2017. We want to congratulate Sommer Jeanne Altier, granddaughter of Bill McEvoy, as the scholarship recipient. The Past President makes a motion for the scholarship award. The motion is seconded by Member At-Large, Sean Quinlan and accepted unanimously.

The Board is asking membership for their help to increase the number of scholarship applicants. The President will make an announcement regarding 2018 scholarship applications at the 2018 season opening meeting. Additionally, the Vice President will include information regarding the scholarship in the season opening letter to members.

Important 2018 season dates are discussed. The Season Opening Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 8. The Board along with the Tournament Chairman wants to solidify major championship dates and then build the schedule. The President leads discussions about pushing back the Players Cup one week so not to coincide with Columbus Weekend. As the schedule is being built over the next few meetings the Board will look into the following: adding new tournaments, including a potential quota tournament, 2 and 4-person blind draws, and the addition of another "bonus" day. The Tournament Chairman reports that during the 2017 season, the inner club had much more play on Sunday than Saturdays.

The Board and Tournament Chairman are debating releasing the entire schedule, or at least major championship dates, online before the opening meeting. The Board does not want an online release to effect attendance at the opening meeting. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer are also close to finalizing a paypal option on the SBIC website for membership dues. The schedule release and members paying their dues have been the two drivers for attendance at the season opening meeting in years past.

The Tournament Chairman does want to clarify for membership moving forward that in 2018 protocol will be strictly followed that members must have their dues received by the treasurer before being eligible for tournament participation. The Board has streamlined their communication process when payment is received. A "check is in the mail" response will not count towards actually receiving payment.

The President asks the board to consider paying out four places in each club championship flight. Currently champions are awarded \$200, and runners-up \$100. The Board is in unanimous agreement. Future club championship payouts will be as follows: champions \$200, runners-up \$100, third place \$75, fourth place \$50.

The President begins discussion regarding 2018 Inner Club dues. The only known increase to the Inner Club budget this year will be an increase in MGA handicap fees. The MGA is charging an additional \$150 per participating club for handicaps and an additional \$5 per member. Despite the added cost to the Inner Club, the President and Board recommend that 2018 Inner Club dues remain the same: \$185 for membership, \$150 for seniors (70 and older). As in the past, if a new member joins the SBIC and is referred by a current member then dues for that current member will be \$100 for the following golf season. A motion is made to accept the 2018 dues by a Member At-Large. The motion is seconded by the Past President and accepted unanimously.

The new Inner Club Treasurer, Chris Boyer, updates the Board on his transition. The Inner Club funds have been moved to Citizens Bank to minimize banking fees. Additionally, the President, Vice President and Treasurer have SBIC credit cards for expenses. Moving forward the President and the Board will be working with the Treasurer to be more proactive setting budgets for tournaments, especially the

majors, and working within those budgets. The Treasurer will bring an updated budget to the next Executive Board meeting to go over all line items.

The Past President asks the Treasurer to look into the Inner Club's \$500 donation to the MGA First Tee in 2017. The Board has donated to the First Tee annually, and this is something the Board will continue to do in 2018.

Sandy Burr is potentially re-rating the golf course heading into the 2018 season. The Board will extend our help to management with the process, and is looking into additional changes to course handicap rankings. This process will remain on going.

The Board is working on a survey regarding the Inner Club experience, which will be finalized and distributed in the next few months. Please be on the lookout.

A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by a Member At-Large and seconded by the Secretary.

Submitted by: Mike Leflar, Secretary