

Sandy Burr Inner Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018
Sons of Italy, Waltham, MA

Members Present: Bruce Cavella, Bill Gardiner, Darlene Rogers, John Carrington Jr., Sean Quinlan, Chris Boyer

Members Absent: Dave Aucoin, Tom Rooney, Mike Leflar

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

Board meeting minutes from December 6, 2017 are reviewed and Member-At-Large, John Carrington, makes a motion to accept the minutes. The motion is seconded by Vice President, Darlene Rogers, and accepted unanimously.

The President circulated the Draft version of the 2018 Tournament schedule to the Board members present for review. John Carrington confirmed the dates for the Home/Away Franklin Park matches. One date was discussed for further review: Player's Cup (PC) Weekend. There was discussion at the end of the 2017 season to ensure that there was one week of non-PC matches between the end of the PC season and the PC itself to give the Tournament Chairman, Dave Aucoin, time to finalize all results and coordinate the Top 25. The President will confirm with the Tournament Chairman. Also discussed was whether the course superintendent will be re-rating the course prior to the start of the season. Both issues will need resolution prior to printing scorecards.

The Treasurer, Chris Boyer, provided the 2017 Annual report and the status of funds to date for 2018. There were no questions regarding the report or the status of funds. John Carrington made a motion to consider the report read and accepted. Seconded by Darlene Rogers and accepted unanimously.

The Draft 2018 Budget was circulated by the Treasurer for review. For the 2018 season, the intent is to budget by each major event and stay as close to the budget as planned. The attendees discussed the Member Guest and how it is our main fundraiser. Early discussions with the management of the course have provided per player costs for the event in 2018, and the costs have increased compared to prior years. Without adjusting our prices, we will only break even (or slightly lose money). With another meeting planned in the upcoming weeks with the management of the course, the discussion will resume at the next Board Meeting to determine if we will raise prices for the event or look for other options to generate funds to support the club.

The attendees once again expressed a desire to donate \$500 to the First Tee of MA. John Carrington made a motion to make the donation, and the motion was seconded by Chris Boyer. The motion was accepted unanimously, and the President instructed the Treasurer to complete the donation and hang the letter from the First Tee on the Porch upon receipt. There was discussion on the necessity of trophies and other expenses, and it was presented that a number of members had expressed a desire to continue the practice of providing trophies at the annual banquet.

The President provided a brief overview of the meeting held with the management of the course (Ken, Ben, and Debbie) and the Inner Club (Bruce/Dave). The course intends to keep the fee for reserved tee times at \$25 per member of the inner club. The two parties discussed ways that the two organization

can work better together. The Event Manager apologized for scheduling an event that coincided with the normal date for the scholarship tourney. The remainder of the conversation was centered on “what the inner club was doing to increase membership in our organization.” The Inner Club discussed the pace of play and ways that the two parties could decrease the length of a round for all players, club and public.

The discussion led to a dialogue on “who we, as an organization, want to be and what our membership values.” There was a lengthy discussion which resulted in the group discussing the content of a member survey. The general discussion revolved around the key themes of “fellowship” and “competitive golf”. The President will be finalizing the survey in the coming weeks, and the goal will be to determine what the membership of the Inner Club values as an organization to ensure that our efforts are focused on those areas of emphasis.

The Vice President discussed the need to finalize the schedule so it can be sent to the printers. The commitment was to finalize the week following the meeting.

The attendees weighed in on a question from a member regarding the treatment of scores posted during the off-season and if they should be counted in the same manner as in-season rounds. Following a brief discussion, the group agreed that any score posted, regardless of the season, should be treated in the same manner.

John Carrington made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Sean Quinlan. The motion was accepted unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Chris Boyer, Treasurer