

Sandy Burr Inner Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Location: Sons of Italy, Waltham, Massachusetts

Members Present: Bruce Cavella, Darlene Rogers, Chris Boyer, Matthew Ginty, David Aucoin, John Carrington, Bill Gardiner, Sean Quinlan.

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

The President welcomed new member Matthew Ginty to the Board as Secretary.

The President has requested a pre-season meeting with Sandy Burr but has not had heard back yet from them. He will follow up with Sandy Burr and has asked David Aucoin to join him at that meeting. The President is anticipating the meeting should be business as usual.

The President was asked if the FY 2019 membership dues would remain the same as FY 2018. The President felt that the FY 2019 dues should remain the same for both senior (\$150) and regular (\$185) membership. The Board agreed, dues will remain the same for FY2019.

Discussion was opened up as to whether to send out membership mailers, as historically done at an estimated cost of \$475, or to have Darlene send out emails with the membership application attached to an email instead. The Board is hoping to utilize electronic correspondence (email) for notices/announcements versus sending out physical mail. That said, there were some concerns expressed by board members that some members who don't have email would miss the application. The Board decided that prior to committing to mailing membership applications, Darlene would send out an email to all members on file and ask the members to confirm they are using email. Once it is determined how many members use email and don't require a mailed membership application, the Board will decide whether or not a mailed membership application is warranted. Should the Board receive a large response via email, the board would likely only send out mailed membership applications to those members who not respond by email. Hopefully, there would be a large email response and only a very limited application mailing will be needed. Chris Boyer has volunteered to call those members that do not respond at all.

The President opened discussion with reference to the new golf rules adopted by both the USGA and the R&A. It was decided that the new rules would be posted very prominently on the home page with a link to the USGA and also a posted condensed version in the signup room. The Board will send an email in mid-March that reminds everyone that each individual is responsible for reading, understanding, and applying the new updated 2019 rules. Over the next couple of months, the Board will continue to evaluate and discuss the new rules and how they relate to the Inner Club in case of a need to modify, via local rule, any of the new rules.

Chris Boyer noted that the Board received a very nice note from Ms. Emma Doherty for the 2018 scholarship award.

The President requested that the Treasurer report on the year end FY 2018 financials. The Treasurer stated that the FY 2018 actual budget had a slight deficit from FY 2018 planned. The membership (145-150) has remained the same for the last several years and subsequently the dues have been steady, too. Total Operating Income was slightly under planned by (\$890). Total Operating Expense exceeded plan by (\$1,617), which resulted in a net budget deficit of (\$2,500). The Treasurer noted that some key budget variances, e.g. membership/guest banquets, raffle prizes, and tournament lunches exceeded budgeted costs, which contributed to the budget deficit. Some ideas were discussed about how to address the deficit, but will be further discussed when the FY 2019 plan is presented to the Board.

Member at Large John Carrington made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. The Treasurer will prepare and submit the FY 2019 budget at the next meeting.

The President has received some requests from members regarding whether or not the Board could make some modifications to the Year End Players Cup. The President opened the discussion to the Board which created a lot of excellent ideas on how to increase the number of members who could qualify for the Players Cup. Tournament Chairman, David Aucoin, agreed that some changes are needed since it didn't fulfill all of the original intentions, which were to garner more membership participation. David Aucoin presented a draft of what he hopes will be called Player Cup 2.0, and asked the board to consider his proposal. David Aucoin wanted to thank all those members that helped design the original Players Cup format and noted that the tournament was well received. David Aucoin will be preparing the 2019 tournament schedule and hopes to present a primary schedule to the next board meeting.

The President asked all the board members to review the Tournament Chairman's proposal and asked for any other suggestions from the board or membership that would make the Players Cup 2.0 more inclusive. The Board will review the proposal and suggestions at the next meeting.

The President asks the Executive Board to reappoint David Aucoin as Tournament Chairman and Bill Gardiner as Handicap Chairman. Chris Boyer made a motion to reappoint David Aucoin as Tournament Chairman and Bill Gardiner as Handicap Chairman. The motion was seconded by Darlene Rogers, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned. Submitted by Matthew Ginty, Secretary