

## LFCCI BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

Present: Don Brewer, Jon Peters, Janette Schroeder, John Meng, JD Franck, Gary Armistead, Jim Noel, Eric Morgan, Renee Edwards, Linda Issitt, Ron Horensky, Cheryl Washburn

The meeting was called to order at 2:57PM.

Previous Business: The LFCCI Annual Meeting was held on April 19, 2018 in the River Room. All Board members were present. The following were questions asked from the members attending:

- Did anyone get feedback from the Holden Beach Realtors concerning summer rentals?
- What is our mortgage rate for the \$250,000.00 loan? 3.49%
- A request was made to make the print on the slides for the presentation larger so it can be read from the seating areas.
- The POA owns the Cart Barn, not the LFCCI so who is responsible? Answer-the House Committee of the LFCCI. Repairs will be made when the weather allows over the next month or so.

On April 27, an email vote was conducted to offer Ollie a \$2.00 per hour raise since he said he would stay after Allen left. The motion passed by unanimous vote. However, he never showed up after that vote was held.

### **I. Administrative Reports:**

Don Brewer: Janette Schroeder, Allen and Ollie submitted two weeks' notice to leave us.

Holden gave his two week notice.

**FINANCIAL:** J. Schroeder-Our finances are worse than budgeted due to lack of income but the budget is better in the expenses area. Big concern is CASH FLOW. We'll have to pay some late fees for upcoming bills but we made the April payroll. We have 9 days to meet the May payroll. John Meng stated "No more spending." Cheryl reminded us of the policy requiring full Board approval to spend anything that would dip into the \$50,000.00 reserve.

JD has the most spending needs to keep the course in good shape. He has fertilizer and will approval from the Board before spending any more money.

We made money at the Oak & Anchor for the month of April.

Eric stated that he did indeed communicate with the vendors from whom he previously ordered items to cancel last month, but said he needed to make a follow-up call. John Meng stated that Eric will be given a specific amount of money he can spend going forward.

John Meng-Regarding Janette's possible replacement, Anita Dougherty has applied and has had a meeting. There will be a background check on her completed. She has experience and is a payroll specialist. John Meng is leaving for a vacation and does not want any action taken on her hiring until he returns. The question remains whether, if she is hired, she will work for both the POA and the LFCCI as Janette has done or whether the POA is going to take advantage of Janette's offer to work for them on a contract basis. Her offer still stands for the LFCCI if she is needed for the transition. John will check with the POA about their plans.

**GOLF:** JD-This winter has been one for the record books! He was told the new grass could handle the cold weather we get, but we have learned that they need to be covered in a harsh winter to survive. Other courses are having worse problems than we are having. He sees new growth everyday now that it is warmer, but some areas are still struggling. Shade is a main culprit on #1 and #13. He has noted trees that need to be removed to provide more sun. He will identify other areas that need to be corrected to help with this problem. He was told that there is plenty of Sunday sod and sprigs available right now but many other courses are converting to this grass so there could be a great demand soon. #4 need to be re-sodded on the collar as well as 6 other greens. The sod is \$425.00 per pallet. It would cost \$4500.00 to grow the sprigs to be transplanted and take 4-6 weeks to grow enough to take plugs. It would be a summer-long process. Much discussion was held.

Don reported that he is getting many member complaints about the condition of the course and they are concerned that others won't return to play due to the conditions. Don suggested that JD send out another email blast to explain what we just discussed so members know what is being done to improve the course.

After much discussion about all kinds of cures, the Board voted to give approval for JD to order 2 pallets at \$425.00 each to get the grass started. JD will use a sprig nursery for later use in July-August. He also suggested that we consider pre-ordering the greens covers before too long so they will be available in January. He will research the companies that sell the covers and let us know the costs. He will also talk to the staff about sinking the greens cups so there is no crown around them. Jim agreed that the cups aren't being placed deep enough.

Some areas have already been punched and aerofing will be done May 20-21. He has hired another crew member after losing 2 crew members last month, and will make one part timer a full timer soon.

**GOLF OPERATIONS:** Eric-Rates are going up in Mid-May through June. It was suggested to him **not** to lower rates to get more players, but to offer other incentives instead. This might include offering a free lunch or free range balls or possibly a sleeve of balls at check-in. Gary is meeting with Eric frequently. We've had several good tournaments: the Coastal Seniors brought 127

players for a \$4500.00 day. When he checked with the players as they left, there were no negative comments and everyone was complimentary, contrary to a member's complaints that he was afraid this group wouldn't return due to the condition of the course.

Up-coming events: This week, Mem's Member/Member, LGA Championship tournament May 15 and 17. We may move to a CLUB Championship instead of separate Men's/Women's championships next year. After that tournament, there will be the Carolinas Golf Association which brings about 60-80 players. Then the Memorial Day Mixer on the 29<sup>th</sup> and the LGA Member/Guest on June 2.

Since Holden left, Eric has advertised this job. He is not in a hurry to replace Holden because he wants to make a good choice. He is receiving resumes.

Package and web rounds were up \$20,000.00 from last year, just about doubled.

## II. Committee Reports:

**MARKETING:**Linda Issitt-She is looking for the #1 Golf Course Banner we received to be hung by the front gate. Eric has it and she asked for him to hang it. She needs to know if we lease the billboard at Stone Chimney and Sabbath Home Rd. Janette has that information. Linda will contact Sweyre about sharing the costs again.

**HOUSE:**Ron Horensky-He wants new entrance flags to be put out for tournaments. The current ones are looking bad. We own them rather than the POA. Marketing will need to get them.

**GOLF:**Gary Armistead-We will have a "local root rule": we may move our ball from roots inside the cart path to the tree line across the fairway within a reasonable length, no more than one club length, not including improving the lie due to trees in the way. He and Eric will refine the language and publish it.

A motion was made by Gary to approve the Community (non-member neighborhood golfers) pay the local rate. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Gary to approve the charge of \$5.00 per bucket of balls for the Community rate. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Green tee on #16 is difficult to find and is place on a downhill lie. The ladies drives can't clear the tall grasses along the front edge of the pond at that position. The crew will spend up to \$600.00 to bring in dirt and sod to raise that tee area. The Board approved this expenditure unanimously. JD will also be making markers like the 100, 200 and 300 yard ones for the Green Tee placement to make them easier to find.

Men's Travel league run by John Meng has had difficulty finding enough MGA players to field the requirement for lower rates at other courses so he is allowing "guests" to sign up to go. But those "guests" will be bumped if another member signs up later.

The Greens and Golf committees are in discussions about making sure the course is in beautiful shape for next year's Southern Women's Golf Tournament here in June, 2019. They will erect a time-line chart in Eric's office soon to be sure they stay on top of the improvements needed to be completed by that tournament.

The "Divot Party" will be May 24 at 4:30PM with Al Saunders providing dinner for the participants again.

Ron stated that Dick Pearson is moving the "out-of-bounds" marker near his house, again. Sam Haney is doing the same thing on #15. Don will look up the surveyors map to see where the markers are supposed to be and the committee will find a more permanent way to set the markers so he can't move them at his whim.

**Oak & Anchor:** Jon Peters-We have 2 people interested in becoming our new operators of the O&A. Pete Pallas of the Mermaids is putting in a bid with very involved regulations for us to consider. Anthony Perry is the other interested party who recently sold Grace on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and On a Roll deli, both in Wilmington. He had a 4.5 out of 5/0 ratings most of his career. He will be making a power point presentation to the Board on May 14.

Jon read a statement of his understanding of the debacle May 5 when the golfers were not able to get food or beverages after play because the O&A closed before the listed time due to shortage of staff for the wedding event catered by an outside group in the River Room. A person who could not get hold of Jon made a decision to close the O&A, was advised that she did not have the authority to make that decision, apologized and both parties agreed that that won't happen again.

Jon and Ron both request that after we hear a complaint from anyone concerning the O&A, to please advise them to contact either Jon or Ron to air the complaint so they know exactly who is making the complaint so they can answer the concern.

Adjournment: 5:13PM

The next Board meeting will be June 12 at 3:00PM.