

**Clearview Seniors Golf Club Board of Governors
Minutes of the Meeting held September 26, 2023.**

• **Attendance:**

Joe Bass, Joe Chu, Paul Coburn, Larry Feilich, Tom Giudice, Mike Pirone, Peter Modifica, Wayne Pokstis, Anthony Rivera, Alan Schultheiss, Sal Tobacco, Paul Vassallo, Leroy Wade Stu Wolf

Former Presidents: George Diamond, Irwin Katz, John Yacovone, Joe Valenza

Excused: Steve Mendelsohn, Rudy Popolizio, Lido Tenaglia,

Guest: Dominick Urso

Call to order:

George Diamond called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM at Clearview Park Golf Course. The meeting began with the Board members reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance"; and Mr. Feilich requested a moment of silence to honor all past deceased members and those members that are ill.

Opening Remarks: President Larry Feilich

Mr. Feilich opened the meeting by announcing that the Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary In 2025. He stated that this is a special event, and he wants to make it deserving of this milestone. President further outlined for this meeting the reports from the Committee Chairpersons, proposals for new Club Rules and adoption of the 2024 dues.

Minutes:

Mr. Giudice reported the highlights of the minutes from the August 29th Board Meeting. Mr. Diamond moved to accept the Minutes, Mr Katz seconded the motion, and the Minutes was approved.

Financial Report:

Mr. Coburn stated that the current bank balance is \$10,443.42. Mr. Coburn mentioned that the Club expensed \$1900 to date for "Closest to the Pin" and "Birdie Fest". Mr. Wolf moved to reduce the "Birdie Fest" to two times a month to save on expenses, while still continue the current "closest to the pin" competition. Mr Tobacco seconded the motion, but the motion was rejected. Discussions continued as to appeal of the "Birdie Fest" and Mr. Rivera moved to modify Mr. Wolf's recommendation and hold the "Birdie Fest" once a month along with the current "closest to the pin". Mr. Katz seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the motion. The "Birdie Fest" will take place on the last Wednesday of the month.

Rules Committee:

Mr. Rivera mentioned that the Rules Committee met and are proposing the following changes for consideration for next year's play.

- a. There will be 4 Flights with all groups hitting from the white tees except Red Tees for the Seniors.
- b. No player can move the ball in the rough except for Senior play. These items are suggestions and will be considered for acceptance at another meeting.

Tournaments:

Mr. Wolf reported on the cancellation of the two-man tournament. Mr. Wolf stated that due to the rain cancellation of the original date and the disruption to the pairings because of members cancelling for the following week, it was decided to cancel the tournament. Mr. Wolf went on to suggest consideration of a four-man scramble for October 18th.

Grievance Committee:

Mr. John Yacovone received a written grievance that stated a lack of qualification for two of the winners in the Club Tournaments. President Feilich stated that the error was corrected, and the two players were disqualified. Mr. Yacovone also mentioned that he had received complaints, without a written grievance, that players should be mandated to ride together during championship play. The complaint was referred to the Rules Committee for consideration.

By-Laws:

Mr. Joe Chu opened his remarks by reviewing the current rules for changes to the By-Laws. He mentioned that the By-Laws state that any proposed changes to the Constitution must be approved by the Board of Governors and mailed to each member fourteen (14) days prior to the next general membership meeting and acted upon by the full membership. Since this is not an election year and the proposed changes are related to elections these proposed changes can be considered this year or acted upon before next year's elections. Mr. Modifica stated that one proposed change related to the Club Presidency, 4-year membership in the Club and 2 years as a Board member, was passed at the last meeting. Mr. Giudice objected to that passed legislation and requested reconsideration of the proposal. Mr. Giudice argued that the Club has had difficulty filling positions both on the Board and Club Officers and the amendment would further restrict the Club in choosing capable leaders to the various positions. A lengthy discussion ensued and Mr. Giudice made a motion to reconsider the proposed change and accept the current 2 year qualification for election to the Board and any of the officers of the Club. This was seconded by Mr. Rivera and the motion passed.

Mr. Valenza suggested that when proposals for changes to the By-Laws are presented to the membership the ballot should show both the current rule and along-side of it the new proposal. Mr. Chu raised the issue that a Board Member who runs for an office should not be eliminated from the Board if he loses. Mr. Katz refuted that proposal by stating that a person on the ballot cannot be listed for both positions. No further action was taken at this time.

New Business:

Mr. Diamond checked with Douglaston Golf Course and out Club can have its outside Outing on October 11. The price will be \$51.75 pp and start time is at 8:00 AM

The Board passed an increase of \$15 to the 2024 dues. The 2024 dues will be \$150.

Mr. Coburn requested that each Committee submit a budget for expenses in 2024.

Mr. Diamond explained the transition of Clearview to the new Management. He stated that the current employees will most likely stay under the new management.

Adjourn:

Mr. Katz move to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Rivera seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 11:51.