

Clearview Seniors Golf Club Board of Governors
Minutes of the Meeting held October 25, 2022.

- **Attendance:**

Joe Bass, Harvey Bienstock, Larry Feilich, Tom Giudice, Herb Mandell, Steve Mendelsohn
Pete Modifica, Rudy Popolizio, Mike Pirone, Tony Rivera, Lido Tenaglia, Sal Tobacco,
Paul Vassallo, Leroy Wade, Stu Wolf

Former Presidents: George Diamond, Irwin Katz, John Yacovone

Excused: Joe Chu, Tom Cowhey, Ed Gaulrapp, Jay Priven, Joe Valenza

- **Call to order:**

Herb Mandell, newly elected president, called the meeting to order at 9:59 AM at Clearview Park Golf Course. The meeting began with the Board members reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance"; and observing a moment of silence to honor Jim Aiken, all past deceased members and those members that are ill.

- **Opening Remarks:**

President Mandell, as the new president, explained that he will be a working president, and will be soliciting all the Board Members to work with him to make necessary decisions as a group. President Mandell will continue the practice of having the Minutes of each Board Meeting posted on the Club's website to provide full transparency for the Club's members. He further explained that in conformance with the articles of the Club's constitution President Mandell will appoint the Chair of each committee and then the Chairman will choose from among the Club's members those who will work on that particular committee. They will report back to the Board on issues or recommendations for final approval by the Board. The approach President Mandell looks to foster is that no decision will be made unilaterally. President Mandell ended his opening remarks by urging the Board to work with him to, "make 2023 a great and enjoyable golf and social experience".

President Mandell asked each of the new board members to introduce themselves and explain what contribution they can offer the Club.

- **Minutes:**

Tom Giudice reported that Tom Doherty, prior Secretary of the Club, had provided copies of the September 27, 2022, Board of Governors' minutes via e-mail and no changes or objections had been noted and therefore The Minutes was accepted. The Minutes was posted on the Club's website.

Financial Report

Mr. Bienstock provided a printed financial statement that indicated as of October 25, 2022 a balance in the bank of \$7,394,40. The report listed 2 debits, "End of Year Luncheon for \$4, 156" and "Prize Monies for \$1,300". Mr Diamond moved to accept the financial report, it was seconded by Mr. Katz and accepted.

- **Old Business:**

Mr. Tobacco raised several outstanding issues that were never resolved.

1. At the May 31 meeting there was a discussion to invite new members to an orientation. President Mandell stated that will happen and will be scheduled for the second or third week of April.
2. Since Jim Aiken has passed, there is a need to appoint a new Sargent at Arms. Mr. Diamond volunteered and President Mandell accepted.
3. At the July 26 Board Meeting there was a discussion of recognizing longstanding members. A discussion took place with no agreed action, however in passing, a suggestion was made to provide a free round of golf, but no vote was taken.
4. At Sept. 27 meeting rules governing the Club Championship needed clarification. President Mandell Stated that he is initiating a "Golf Management Committee" who will be responsible for drawing up the rules and presenting it to the Board.

- **Clearview GM Remarks:**

Mr. Choi thanked the Club for its play this season. He went on to give an account of the problems and future solutions for improving the conditions for the Clearview Course. He mentioned the complete

abandonment of Course maintenance by American Golf during the Covid period in 2020 which resulted in the poor condition of the Course in 2021. Adding to that problem the Course Superintendent this year neglected to provide proper maintenance at the start of the year which caused unplayable conditions this summer and early fall. Mr. Choi went on to explain that starting next Spring the plan is to seed with a pre-emergent that will mitigate the crabgrass condition that occurs in the hot weather. He also stated that they will provide grub control on the main parts of the course to lesson turf displacement. Mr. Choi stated that they will be increasing their maintenance budget next year from \$40K to \$70K to \$80K. Mr. Modifica stated that certainly would not be enough to correct the problems at the Course. Mr. Modifica stated that a major capital expenditure is needed to truly improve the Course. Mr. Choi went on to explain that American Golf will be looking to renew its lease with NYC and they may have additional programs proposed for Clearview as they go forward with the process. For example, a new irrigation system is desperately needed utilizing new technology which will be very costly to install. Mr. Wolf raised the question as to why the Club wasn't notified in advance when they were going to aerate the greens. Mr. Choi apologized and stated that was his fault and it would not occur in the future. Mr. Rivera asked who the executive is to contact to assist in obtaining the right level of funds to improve course conditions. Mr. Choi stated that Jeff Ginther is the Executive in charge of all the NYC courses for American Golf and Mr. Choi stated that Mr. Ginther was a supporter in fighting for additional funds for Clearview.

President Mandell ended the discussion of Clearview by thanking Mr. Choi for his time and information.

- **New Business**

The Club meeting resumed after Mr. Choi's talk, and several items were raised. Among them were:

1. Mr. Popolizio suggested a budget be established at the outset using as a guide the income and expenses from the past 2 to 3 years which would also address some of the concerns raised by the membership. Treasurer Bienstock followed that comment by suggesting that each Committee Chairprepare a budget for the coming year. All the committees still need to be established, and therefore, it is premature to consider the suggestion at this time.
 - 2. President Mandell and Mr. Feilich will work on a program to recruit new members.
 - 3. As mentioned earlier, President Mandell will be appointing the Chairman for each committee. President Mandell mentioned that he would not be limited with only selecting Chairpersons from the Board but could include non-board members. Several board members objected stating that the Chairpersons should be chosen from only the Board Members. A vote was taken and the selection of Chairpersons will rest solely with Board Members. However, committee members can be chosen from all members of Club.
 4. Mr. John Yacovone asked that the Board review the decision of only awarding prize monies to the 1st and 2nd place finishers. President Mandell stated that would be taken up by the Golf Management Committee.
 5. President Mandell listed some of the Committees that he is establishing and named a few of the Chairpersons: Golf Management Committee, Chairman not named; Outing Committee, Larry Feilich, Chairman; Check-in, Mike Pirone and Tom Giudice, Co-Chairmen; Golf Course Liaison, Herb Mandell; Membership & Uniforms, Peter Modifica; Rain-Out, Larry Feilich & Tom Giudice, Co-Chairman; Web-Site, Larry Feilich & Herb Mandell, Co-Chairman; Skills Event, Leroy Wade, Chairman; Closest to Pin, Joe Bass, Chairman; Grievance Committee, John Yacovone, Irwin Katz, Lido Tenaglia, Co-Chairman.
- **Future Meeting:**
President Mandell established another meeting on November 22nd at 10:00 AM. Since several important items need to be established prior to the beginning of the 2023 season, it was necessary to schedule a meeting at this time.
 - **Motion to Adjourn.** Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Yacovone and accepted.