

**Clearview Seniors Golf Club Board of Governors
Minutes of the Meeting held November 22, 2022.**

- **Attendance:**

Joe Bass, Joe Chu, Harvey Bienstock, Larry Feilich, Tom Giudice, Herb Mandell, Steve Mendelsohn, Rudy Popolizio, Sal Tobacco, Paul Vassallo, Leroy Wade, Stu Wolf

Former Presidents: Irwin Katz, John Yacovone

Excused: Tom Cowhey, George Diamond, Ed Gaulrapp, Peter Modifica, Mike Pirone, Tony Rivera, Lido Tenaglia, Joe Valenza,

Guests: Matt Dowd, Tony Scaldaferrri

- **Call to order:**

Herb Mandell, president, called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 all past deceased members and those members that are ill.

- **Opening Remarks:**

- President Mandell introduced Joe Chu as a new Board Member and asked Joe to give a brief background and mention what contributions he may make to the Club. Mr. Chu stated that he has been a member of The Club for 5 years and his past professional experience includes serving on several company boards. That knowledge should prove helpful to his position as a Board Member. As a board member Mr. Chu would be interested in helping new members transition into the Club, with the goal of guiding the incoming members to be familiar with the play and comfortable with interacting with the regular members of the Club.

- In his opening remarks President Mandell pointed out the need for the new Executive Officers and Board Members to collaborate and communicate with each other to improve the operations of the Club. He pointed out that all actions undertaken and decisions that are made should be to further the best interests of The Club. It will be important that the Committee Chairmen and members work diligently to enhance member experience. He stated that common sense and good judgement should prevail and be part of the equation.

- **Minutes:**

Tom Giudice reported that the October 25th Minutes were sent by email to all Board Members and a few corrections were made and published. The Minutes are on the website.

Financial Report

Mr. Bienstock provided a printed financial statement as of November 22, 2022, showing bank balance of \$15,681. The report also showed that there were 60 members that had paid their 2023 dues.

Larry Feilich stated that he collected dues from 4 additional members bringing the total dues paying membership to 64. That leaves a balance of eleven members with dues outstanding.

Old Business:

- President Mandell appointed Tony Rivera chairman of the Golf Management Committee.
- John Yacovone and Matt Dowd will serve on that committee. Mr. Mandell will also participate in that committee. Due to the absence of Mr. Rivera, President Mandell reported on work that the committee has conducted. The Club will continue with the 5 Flights for play and there are approximately 14 members in each flight. President Mandell has calculated each member's 8 best rounds for 2022 and created the flights for 2023 based on that algorithm. The flights will be permanent for the season with a review after 8 rounds of play to adjust for any discrepancies.

- The Committee proposed that certain members who won their Championship Round be promoted to the next higher flight. After a discussion of the pros and cons of that idea a vote was taken and the Board rejected that action, stating that one should earn the right to compete in a higher flight.
- There was a discussion related to new members and how to place them in flights.
- It was decided that when a new member begins, the Club will give them a temporary handicap or if they have a USGA handicap they will be assigned that handicap. President Mandel stated that a new member will play with a regular member and be further evaluated for flight position. Then, after 3 rounds the new member will be reevaluated and assigned a permanent flight. The Committee formalized the flight Tees and rules concerning closest to the pin, maximum score for each hole and established regulations for lost balls. Attached are documents outlining The Flight Tees and rules for play,

Outings:

Larry Feilich explained that The Club has reserved the 1st Monday in June, 2023 at North Shore Towers for The Club Outing. Mr. Feilich stated that he would like to have more of the membership become involved and be supportive of participating in the outings and help to raise funds through soliciting sponsors for the events. This would allow The Club to sponsor more activities, like the events of the past, and build better comradery within the membership.

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Rudy Popolizio has done extensive research to locate other golf venues to hold Club Outings. The courses he has contacted were all in Westchester and Putnam counties and involved travel and payment of bridge fees. The Board felt that would be a negative with the membership and urged Mr. Popolizio to confine his search for courses on Long Island. Mr. Popolizio will continue his work to locate a golf course for consideration for a second Outing in 2023.

Mr. Joe Chu raised the question as to the purpose of the Outings. Is it to raise funds? Or, strictly be a fun gathering for the members. Mr. Chu mentioned that his experience with various company boards when holding a golf tournament mandated that the Board Members bring, say 2, individuals in support of an outing. If an individual did not bring guests, they were responsible to pay the fee for 2 additional guests. A lengthy discussion took place, and it was decided that for the Club's outings members would be urged to bring 2 guests but not be mandated to do so.

Handicap System:

President Mandel stated that he and Mr. Feilich will be investigating a new Handicap System and they will report back to the Board of their findings at the next Board Meeting.

New Membership:

President Mandell will appoint a Chairman for this Committee by the next meeting.

New Business:

Larry Feilich mentioned that he has a ton of documents and files which he will scan and digitize and will store them on a flash drive for backup.

President Mandell proposed having a general membership meeting April 19, 2023. Mr. Katz suggested that the date was too early in the season, and it was changed to May 10, 2023. The next Board meeting will be at the end of March, 2023.

Motion to Adjourn:

John Yacovone moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Katz seconded and was accepted.