

# Whitewater Country Club Board of Directors

## August 18, 2010 Board Meeting

**Present:** Crystal Singer, Jeff Winn, Dan Hornickel, Mike Frawley Paul Jones

**Staff:** Joe Carollo, Keith Conroy, Regina Ellingson, Sparky Lockhart

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15.
2. The minutes from the July 19, 2010 meeting were approved with no changes.
3. Member comments and suggestions
  - a. Bob Stevenson requested clarification on three issues in the July 19 minutes.
  - b. Joe was concerned over a problem that arose in hosting the lunch for the Women's Round Robin. He wanted it clarified in the minutes that part of Keith's contract responsibility is to maintain a certain food-cost. To do so he must price things exactly based on his actual purchase cost. He cannot arbitrarily give things for free, discounts, etc without permission from the Board. In cases where "member" events need to be subsidized to try to increase participation and presentation, the Board has the ability to waive Keith's strict pricing expectations and contribute funds (albeit still an expense to the Club) towards food for the event. Those interested in that should contact the Board well in advance of their event. He also noted that when determining costs, event planners should understand that 20.5% of the money budgeted goes to gratuity and sales tax.
4. Chef/Kitchen report. Keith announced that the attendance numbers for Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts have been variable this past month. He also indicated that the hood motor needed repair and has been fixed. A regular maintenance schedule has been adopted.
5. Course Superintendant report.
  - a. The pump house is fully operational.
  - b. One satellite box on the irrigation system has been damaged, probably due to a golf cart collision on August 13. Repairs will be undertaken.
  - c. Work on the irrigation of the practice green continues.
  - d. One hourly worker has quit; he has been replaced with a new person.
  - e. Tree/stump removal has been progressing and is nearly complete. Final stump grinding should occur on August 19. The Greens Committee will be asked for its recommendations on tree replacement, location of cart paths, etc.
  - f. Sparky has ordered chemicals to kill the crabgrass that has been infesting the course. This has been a problem at other golf courses due to the wet, hot weather. The chemicals will be sprayed primarily on the fairways and other vital areas. Cost is a factor that will limit how much spraying will be possible.
  - g. The greens have become quite thick in some areas. This problem will be fixed in late fall by thinning and top dressing.
6. Financial report. Joe announced that four new or renewed punch pass memberships were received this past month. The financial statements for August were discussed. Members wishing to see these documents may request them at any time.
7. Other Committee and Board Function Reports

- a. Greens Committee.
    - i. Crab grass infestation was discussed and will be dealt with.
    - ii. Discussion of sand traps on #2 (left of green), 8 (front left) and 9 (front).  
Members' opinions are requested concerning removal of these traps.
  - b. Clubhouse report. Regina will be working with Dan Hornickel for future events.
  - c. Activities report. Approximately 70 persons have signed up for the steak fry this Friday night, August 20.
  - d. Personnel. Three new part time employees have been hired, bringing us back to full strength.
  - e. Membership.
    - i. Paul will run an ad in the Royal Purple encouraging students to participate in the coupon membership program. Cost will be approximately \$150.
    - ii. Jeff asked about the possibility of child care at the club to encourage young parents to join and play. Licensure and insurance requirements will make this very difficult but perhaps some form of babysitting service might be established. Jeff will investigate this further.
8. Old Business. None.
9. New Business.
- a. Joe reported that Club response to the aluminum water bottles has been mediocre. In an effort to be more eco-friendly, biodegradable Styrofoam cups and lids should be used, but the expense for these is higher than what we currently pay. Motion (Hornickel); second (Singer) to absorb the higher cost of biodegradable cups and caps into the club budget: passed.
  - b. Joe indicated that the ad hoc policy adopted at the July meeting concerning the pancake banquet for members of the Men's Late League is inconsistent with arrangements for two other events: the chili cook off and the round robin. In each of these events, members are allowed to bring food to the club, which is in violation of club policy. Motion (Hornickel), second Winn) to allow these three groups to continue their events as in the past, with no food preparation charges from the club: passed. The Board emphasizes that no further exceptions to this policy will be made.
10. The next Board of Directors meeting will be September 20, 2010, 5:15 pm.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jones  
Secretary