

*THE CLUB AT SONTERRA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES*

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2008

Grant Morris, Chairman

Susan Crouch, STA

Marian Dyer, SWGA

Mickey Gayler, Chairman Emeritus

Milt King, Vice-Chairperson

Rosalie Hallenberger, Historian

Cathy Lay, SWA

Richard Tisdale, MGA & Ambassador Council

MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Arthur Abelman

Julius Germano

Jordan Hanna

Gary Nedwed

Becky Spears

Absent: Arthur Abelman & Marian Dyer

Club Representatives: Ross Thornbrugh, Jeff Hunter, Barry Carter, Michelle Dodier and George Rojas.

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order. He welcomed the returning Board Members, as well as our new Board Members. He reminded the Board that the December minutes have already been approved and posted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE/AMBASSADOR COUNCIL: Richard Tisdale (see report for details). Mr. Tisdale reported that by the end of January we will have 20 openings in the golf roster. The Membership Department needs everyone's help to fill these openings before the end of the month. Please let them know if you have any nominations for membership.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: (Sub-Committee reports below.)

FOOD & BEVERAGE: Cathy Lay (see report for details). Mrs. Lay informed the Board that the Early Bird Dinner has been discontinued due to lack of member participation. The New Year's Eve Party was well attended. We did have a situation with 40 people who came in very late and still wanted to be served the courses they missed, which caused a delay in service. They have some ideas for how this can be prevented in the future. Mrs. Lay stated that there were some violations that will need to be turned into the Policy Committee. Mr. Hanna asked about the process for violations? Chairman Morris explained that there are violation forms which should be filled out by the Club and then submitted to the Policy Committee, sans member names, for their review and direction. He emphasized the need to ensure that all rules are followed consistently to allow continuity among the members.

Mrs. Lay stated that we have a wine dinner scheduled for the 1st quarter and Mr. Rojas is working on the details. New price quotes are being obtained for the deli cases for the tennis grill and once a decision is made on the specific cases and budget approval is obtained, changes in the floor space will be examined in order to accommodate the cases.

CLUB MAINTENANCE: Mrs. Spears asked that the Club ensure that all items that were rearranged by the decorating volunteers remain in the same places and not be rearranged again. There were some items that the volunteers had rearranged and purchased for the Club during December and they are no longer in their spots. Mr. Thornbrugh stated that he would inform the staff.

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GOLF & GREENS COMMITTEE: Co-Chairs Marian Dyer and Richard Tisdale (see report for details). Chairman Morris explained that Ms. Dyer was out sick for tonight's meeting and he asked Mr. Carter to give the Board an update on the courses. Barry Carter reported that new equipment has arrived and they are definitely ready for the growing season. He is working on training and golf course etiquette with his staff. Due to temperatures being above average and very little rainfall, overseeding is not as optimal as we would have liked. They will be overseeding with the remaining ryegrass in February on the North and South Course fairways and on the North tees. Mr. Carter also pointed out that you will notice some mutated Bermuda grass in a few spots on the courses; he will be combating these areas by verticutting more frequently to even them out, as well as with herbicide and fertilizing techniques. Mr. Carter explained that we drained the lake by #10 North to find a leak that we suspected might be in liner. After a great deal of investigation, we discovered that the leak is in the transfer line. This appears, at this time, to be an easy fix and he has a company scheduled to come out to fix the problem. Mr. Nedwed remarked that the bunker training program that Mr. Carter put in place does seem to be working, but asked that he speak with his staff about the tire tracks they leave on the courses. Mr. Carter stated that he is working on it being resolved.

Mr. Hunter reported that December was incredible month and overseeding has been successful with the membership. He will be having some staffing changes in the months to come. Currently, Mr. Hunter is looking for an additional golf pro and two golf shop staff. He has been working on the pace of play issues and this past Saturday the pace was 3 hours 15 minutes on the South Course and 4 hours 11 minutes on the North Course.

Mrs. Spears commented that the SWGA has completed their handicapping and the new SWGA Board is in place for 2008.

Mr. Tisdale reported that the MGA will be taking over the association accounting procedures. To assist with obtaining as many members as possible for the MGA, they have asked the Club to bill all full golf members the MGA dues so that a complete roster can be compiled. In addition, Mr. Tisdale is trying to obtain as many email addresses as possible for all the MGA members, so that they can be communicated with effectively. The first MGA event for 2008 is scheduled on January 12, and they have 132 players signed up.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION: Susan Crouch (see report for details). Mrs. Crouch stated that new officers have been elected. There has been a lot of excitement about the new tennis lights, but there will be even more excitement once they break ground and members start to see things go up. Michelle Dodier stated that regular tennis leagues have been put on hold while the lighting project is occurring, but USTA leagues will still occur. They will be doing a variety of mixers and tennis events to promote the lighting project. Their hope is to meet the tennis "Full with a Wait List" goal by May 1.

SONTERRA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Cathy Lay informed the Board that Dr. Donna Becker will be speaking at the first SWA event for the year about anti-aging techniques. The Women's Association is doing well and their numbers are up to 115 members.

HISTORIAN/CLUBS WITHIN A CLUB: Rosalie Hallenberger is working on establishing some new clubs – Investment Club, Photography Club and a Shopping Club. If anyone is interested in participating, please give Mrs. Hallenberger a call.

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POLICY COMMITTEE: Co-Chairs Becky Spears and Jordan Hanna (no report at this time). Mr. King reviewed the changes that were made to the Board By-Laws at the December Meeting (see December minutes for details).

BUDGET/CAPITAL FUND COMMITTEE: Chairs Gary Nedwed (no report at this time). Mr. Thornbrugh explained that we are in the midst of finalizing budgets for 2008 and he will have a better idea of the 3% improvement fund dollars available once the plan is approved. He is planning on some improvements to the ladies 19th Hole Garden Room and to the restrooms on the North Course, as well as some new furniture for the Main Clubhouse Lounge. More details will follow once budgets have been approved.

SOUTH COURSE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE: Mr. Thornbrugh and Chairman Morris stated that continued improvement work is proceeding as planned on the course. We have had irrigation technicians out to review the system to see exactly what needs to be done and we are expecting further information in the weeks to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

COCKTAILS WITH THE COUNCILS: Chairman Morris explained that the decision to change the date from Friday to Thursday was actually made last month. Mr. Thornbrugh further explained we have had many discussions with our sister properties about this event and they all successfully hold them on Thursdays and tie in a golf event, to encourage their members to bring out candidates for membership. With this mind, we developed our Thursday “Be My Guest” golf events that will now tie in to Cocktails with the Councils. It also helps the Club because currently we have to shut down Friday member dining, which is very popular, during the Friday Cocktails with Councils and we gain the ability to book the Ballroom on Friday night for private events. In addition, it gives our Powerball players the ability to come in afterwards to enjoy Cocktails with the Councils on Thursday evening. Chairman Morris, as well as several other Board Members, felt that we should still have some type of Friday Super Happy Hour available once per month. Mr. Rojas commented that we do have our regular Happy Hour in the Main Lounge every Friday. Mrs. Lay remarked that the regular Happy Hour just isn’t the same as our big event, plus there just isn’t enough room in the lounge only. Mr. Hanna commented that many members would be very happy if we brought back the monthly Super Happy Hour event, even if we went back to the half priced drinks concept with limited hors d’oeuvres. He explained that many members look forward to this activity each month and plan to attend with their fellow members and friends. Mr. Thornbrugh stated that he would have further discussions with Mr. Rojas and they would see what could be created to make our members happy for a special Friday event, while still having Cocktails with the Councils and the “Be My Guest” event once a month on a Thursday.

COMMITTEE MINUTES: Chairman Morris asked that each committee schedule their meetings as close as possible after the Board Meeting, and then submit their committee reports to Jeannette for her to disseminate to the Board as soon as possible. He would like each Board Member to have plenty of time to review the committee reports and asked questions before the Board Meetings to help expedite the Board Meetings.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Chairman Morris reviewed the committee chairs for 2008:

- Policy Committee – Becky Spears and Jordan Hanna
- Budget/Cap Fund Committee – Marian Dyer and Gary Nedwed

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- House Committee – Cathy Lay (Food & Beverage) and Arthur Abelman (Club Maintenance)

He encouraged all Board Members to take an active role in the committees.

OLD BUSINESS:

DUES INCREASE: Mr. Thornbrugh reminded the Board that there will be an approximate 4% dues increase as of March 1, 2008. Mr. Hanna wanted it on record that he feels that the Club should not increase dues until we have 36 holes actively in play.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Grant Morris
Chairman, Board of Governors

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