

MINUTES – BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
September 2010

Present: Becky Spears, Julius Germano, Milt King, Karen Murphy, Mona Koonce, Sue Colburn, Margaret Millsap, Rosalie Hallenberger, Peter Wojcik, Mickey Gayler, Rhett Morrow, Shen Te Smith, Director of Member Services; Michelle Dodier, Director of Tennis, Barry Carter, Director of Golf Course Maintenance, Guy Fanelli, Director of Operations

The meeting was called to order by Chair Julius Germano at 6:11 pm. Julius motioned to approve last month's minutes, Blake approved, Milt seconded the motion. Julius then turned the meeting over to Sergio for the Management report.

Sergio reviewed the membership numbers and total dues and mentioned there are several improvements he would like to do around the Club and the only way to do so is if membership grows. Sergio reported the netting and poles will be repaired within the next couple of weeks which will be a \$12,500 project. The ceiling in the Ballroom will be repainted, which will be a \$11,000 project and the carpeting in the Tennis shop will be replaced, which will cost about \$5,000. Starting in January the Cocktails with the Council will be more restricted in nature. We will limit the same guest to a maximum of a one time per year. If someone would like to bring a prospect they will need to contact the Membership Office ahead of time. For guests we will require an ID. Sergio reported the format of the newsletter has changed and we will probably go back to a monthly newsletter in the new year. Sergio also mentioned he would like to have a "Member to Member" section where members can advertise but will be charged to place a business card in the ad. This will hopefully subsidize the cost of the newsletter.

Julius then turned the meeting over to Guy for the Operations report.

Operations Report – Guy Fanelli

Guy reported tonight is the kickoff of the fall season of Grillin & Chillin. Guy explained the new cigar service we are able to offer members with a cigar that comes in its own humidor which allows them to last longer. Yesterday the Club hosted the Don Harris tournament, it was their largest and Eddie should be able to secure them in the future.

Membership & Ambassador Report – Mona Koonce:

Mona reported Justin was out on the course during the Don Harris tournament. She also reported we have 37 new members for the month. Invitations have also gone out to the new move ins in the neighborhood.

Golf & Greens & Golf Report – Barry Carter and Rhett Morrow:

Barry will provide notes.

Rhett reported the MGA Brute tournament had over 50 teams. The Last Chance tournament will be in October and the Sonterra Cup will be in November. The Ladies Club Championship is this weekend and they still looking for players. Rhett reported that the usage on the carts by members has been really rough. Julius then suggested a note be put in the newsletter and on the carts that if anything is broken the person responsible for the damage will be charged. Becky reported last week was the Ladies USGA tournament and wanted to compliment the Club on the service and course conditions.

Tennis Report – Milt King:

Tennis currently has 700 members playing in 43 USTA leagues and about 800 members that play in our Club leagues. The ladies' 2.5 played in the sectionals in Corpus Christi and won the City Championships. The men's 3.5 played in Tyler, TX. About 70-80 people turned out for the Labor Day mixer and there is currently a wait list for the Monday and Tuesday leagues.

SWA Report – Karen Murphy:

Tonight the SWA is having an event at Skin Rejuvenation Clinic and the Style Show will be this Friday. SWA is planning a Cosmos and Conversations event from 5-7 on October 21. The annual Bazaar will be November 12 and next month's speaker will Karen Murphy's oncologist.

Entertainment Committee Report - Peter Wojcik

Peter is sad to report Prom Night was cancelled, unfortunately only 18 people made reservations. The next event will be Dancing Under the Stars and other upcoming events is Spooktacular, the Champagne Tasting and New Years Eve.

Clubs within a Club – Rosalie Hallenberger:

Rosalie is still working with a group of ladies to form the Friendship Club. 22 people are on the list to attend the Military Club meeting on Thursday, September 16.

House Committee

Blake reported the House Committee toured the property with Sergio, Guy and Kevin. If anyone has an issue, email Blake and copy Sergio and they will take a look at it and add it to the ongoing list. The goal of the committee is to note things that are noticeable and aggravating to current and prospective members. A lot of the issues were corrected quickly and Blake believes the service issues are improving as well. Guy mentioned a new Supervisor, Shawn has been hired for the 19<sup>th</sup> hole.

Old Business –

Cap fund: Julius reported we still have quite a ways to go but we are working on it.

Employee Assistance Program:

Barry has 3 employees that are filling out the paper work and they will submit it before the next Board meeting.

Recycling Program:

Rachel will give a report at the next Board meeting.

Social/golf rate:

Sergio feels there is no way to incorporate a discounted rate without it jeopardizing the integrity of the full privileged, golf membership.

Dress code:

An email was sent to the Board from a member in regards to the Club dress code but the member did not feel as if the Board addressed the issue. Sergio believes the hardest part of the dress code is making the decision to either make a member or a member's guest leave versus making a current member mad. Becky explained how the policy was addressed in the past and believes that now it is more of an issue of consistently enforcing that policy. Becky urges members to go to the Rules and Regulations on the website for specific rules of the dress code.

Auto tag:

Julius asked if there was a decision made on the auto tags. Sergio reported that a decision has not been made but he will look into it in the new year.

Elections:

Julius reported the Board will be putting a call out for nominations. Julius would like Milt, Margaret, Becky and himself to sit down and look at the information.

New Business-

Becky was approached by reps from the Nimitz World War II Museum to see if Sonterra could provide a meeting place for World War II veterans to come and conduct interviews for the museum video. Sergio doesn't have a problem with them using Sonterra as a meeting place as long as they are flexible with dates and space.

Julius asked if there was any other business. Becky moved to adjourn the meeting, Milt seconded. Julius thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.