

Olympic Hills Golf Club

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 6, 2013

Jackson Park Restaurant

Minutes

Call to Order

President Trevor Cameron called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers/Trustees

Present: President Trevor Cameron, Secretary Mark Ohrenschall, Treasurer Jeff Schoening, Team Captain John Clements, Trustees Doug Nevins and Lee Jones (thanks to Lee for taking notes last part of the meeting).

Excused: Vice President Kyle Johnson, Trustee Ryan Kianna.

Absent: Trustees Jason Hart, Dan Guzzo

Minutes of the March 2, 2013 OHGC board meeting were unanimously approved.

President's Report

Trevor Cameron reported a total of 116 OHGC members had signed up as of the meeting date, and he had fielded many inquiries about membership. This sparked discussion about ways to increase membership.

Jeff Schoening suggested more prize money as an incentive. John Clements noted that, on average, 35 percent of the field in OHGC events gets some winnings.

Cameron suggested adding more KP's, now that Jackson Park has five par-3 holes. It was moved and adopted that Spring Field Day would feature five KP's, as a trial.

Lee Jones said the new driving range would present a "great opportunity" to expand OHGC membership, and the club should prepare a campaign to take advantage of it. In the meantime, Jones and Clements will talk with Jackson Park Director of Golf Pete Guzzo about additional OHGC signage in the pro shop and restaurant.

On another topic, Cameron said the fiscal year's end would be an appropriate time to change the club's name to Jackson Park men's club. He noted a website

domain reflecting that name is available, and he will pursue it with webmaster Dick Rovig.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Schoening reported a club balance of \$8,020 as of April 5, with income of \$4,880 (all in dues) since March 1 and expenses of \$150 for the Almost Spring Tourney, added to the March 1 balance of \$3,290.88.

Schoening also presented research on OHGC's status (the club has Washington state non-profit status, but not federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service). The club lacks tax-deductibility for donations, which effectively closes that avenue for enhancing prize funds.

Schoening researched two options, neither of which would work for that purpose, he concluded. One would be to become a 501 (c)(3), with a charitable mission; but "we would no longer be the Golf Club we currently are." Another would be to establish a charitable fund eligible to receive tax-deductible donations, which would require 501c(3) status. West Seattle's men's club has set up such a charitable fund, but donations are not tax-deductible.

Jones said it may be possible to establish a separate foundation to receive tax-deductible donations, for example to get sponsorships to support the junior tournament. Accounting and paperwork would have to be kept separately from the club, he noted.

It was informally decided that incorporation would be a good first step for the club, using the planned name of Jackson Park Men's Golf Club. Schoening will get that process started.

Team Captain's Report

Clements reported Spring Field Day upcoming on April 20. He said he inquired about greens fees discounts for OHGC events, but the powers-that-be turned that down. The \$65 registration fee will be apportioned as \$39 greens fees, \$20 for the prize fund, and \$6 for food.

Weekly competitions will commence in May, Clements told the board. Members pay \$2 per round, and the format will vary throughout the season.

He also reiterated slow-play rules for OHGC events, which read: "Each foursome must finish in 4-1/2 hours or no more than 15 minutes behind the preceding foursome. If neither condition is met, a 1-stroke penalty will be imposed on each player in the foursome. If a foursome fails to finish within 4-3/4 hours or within 25 minutes of the preceding foursome, a 2-stroke penalty will be imposed. Any foursome that takes more than 5 hours to play AND finishes more than 35 minutes behind the preceding group may incur additional penalties, including disqualification, at the discretion of the tournament chairman."

Other Business

Cameron said he would look into matches with other men's clubs--informal, fun and involving eight to 12 OHGC golfers and a like number from other clubs.

Cameron said he would talk with Greg Heim to gauge Greg's interest in becoming a trustee.

Cameron also plans to distribute a newsletter two weeks prior to each monthly event, and would appreciate input from board members on content.

Future board meetings will be scheduled for the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Schoening will have an exhibition of Jackson Park photos displayed on the restaurant walls, with framed and unframed photos for sale.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.