

**Jackson Park Men's Golf Club
Board of Trustees Meeting
Aug. 28, 2014
Jackson Park Restaurant**

Minutes

Call to Order

President Trevor Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call of Officers/Trustees

Present: President Trevor Cameron, Vice President Kyle Johnson, Secretary Mark Ohrenschall, Treasurer Jeff Schoening, Team Captain John Clements, Trustees Jason Hart, Doug Nevins, Lee Jones and Travis Jones.

Excused: Trustees Greg Heim, Bob LeMaster

Minutes

Minutes of the June 26, 2014 JPMGC board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Schoening presented the treasurer's report as of Aug. 28. Year-to-date income is \$14,354, primarily from membership dues (\$13,030). Expenses to date total \$10,705.21, with major categories including Washington State Golf Associate dues (\$5,894), normal operating expenses (\$2,669.21) and prize-fund payouts (\$2,142). That leaves a balance of \$4,636.23, although Schoening noted \$900 of that is pledged to the junior program.

The club looks to be in good financial shape, Trevor Cameron noted..

JPMGC membership totals 200, up from 174 in 2012 and 179 in 2013.

Meanwhile, payouts for club events to date total \$9,067, including club championships, for which specific winners are still to be determined. Total entries in 2014 events are up nearly 14 percent from 2013.

Schoening reported that members in the lowest quartile of handicaps have won the least prize money. This prompted a discussion, but no decision, about revising the club championship handicap event to give lower-handicappers their own bracket.

Team Captain's Report

John Clements discussed the two-day JPMGC championship coming up Sept. 6 and 7. He plans to split the field into two divisions, with a 40-percent payout, and honors for low gross and low net of the field.

The annual Tip N' Tuck event is coming up Sept. 20.

President's Report

Trevor Cameron reported Jackson Park greens will not be punched this fall, but instead will get a series of four veri-cuts over the next two months, with sand top-dressing.

The new driving range is tentatively scheduled to open Oct. 8, according to Cameron.

Cameron raised the issue of whether the driving-range side fencing should be played as a traditional out-of-bounds fence for holes No. 9 and 10, with no relief, or whether a local rule should be instituted allowing relief from the fencing. A majority of board members favored playing it as a standard out-of-bounds fence.

As for the boundary fence left of No. 5 fairway, Cameron said Jackson Park course officials are considering installing a bumper at the base of the fence to prevent balls from rolling underneath the fence out of bounds. The men's club may help with this project.

Other Business

Schoening raised the issue of the men's locker room at the Jackson Park clubhouse, which compares unfavorably with the West Seattle men's locker room. Cameron said the latest plan for the Jackson clubhouse, as relayed by General Manager Josh Gaskell, is to take out the lockers and install storage shelves. The revamped space would include a meeting room and opportunities to display men's club news, trophies and the like.

The board discussed pace of play in men's club events. At the 6-6-6 tournament in August, an "accordion effect" occurred, in which a slow group was warned on the back nine and suddenly speeded up, leaving other groups behind them to hurry to meet the time limit of 4 hours, 30 minutes or 15 minutes behind the group directly in front. Some board members reported not enjoying the last few holes under those circumstances.

Among potential solutions are a marshal with a clock on the course, and levying penalty strokes. Clements said he had levied at least three penalties recently in men's club events.

Although no decisions were made, Cameron said he would remind members to keep up a reasonable pace of play.

Board members also reported a belief--based on recent playing experience and comments at the Seattle Cup from other city men's club members--that Jackson Park's course condition this year is not quite as good as at other Seattle courses. Part of the problem is a substantially lower water allotment for Jackson Park this year, and an unusually warm, dry summer. Concern was also expressed this could reflect a lack of adequate resources dedicated for course maintenance. Board members hope some revenue from the new driving range will be earmarked for improved Jackson Park maintenance.

Schoening presented club historical information for review, and said some bylaw changes are warranted to reflect new circumstances. He plans to work on this and bring proposed changes to the board.

Next Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.