

**Jackson Park Men's Golf Club  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
Jan. 7, 2016  
Amante Pizza and Pasta, 12319 Roosevelt Way, Seattle**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

President Jeff Schoening called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm..

**Roll Call of Officers/Trustees**

**Present:** President Jeff Schoening, Secretary Mark Ohrenschall, Tournament Director Jason Hart, Trustees Doug Nevins, John Clements, Lee Jones, Travis Jones, Dan Puetz Sr., Reed Johnson and Jimmy Bucher.

**Absent:** Vice President Kyle Johnson, Treasurer Bob LeMaster, Trustee Greg Heim.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the Nov. 12, 2015 board meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jeff Schoening, filling in for Bob LeMaster, reported the club has \$480 in the bank, after expenses for the upcoming annual meeting

**Tournament Report**

Jason Hart noted Clyde Carlson Day is set for Jan. 23, including nine holes of golf at Jackson Park starting in the early afternoon.

The club's tournament committee in December created a tentative schedule of events for 2016, similar to the lineup in 2015, he reported. Seattle Cup will be held the weekends of Aug. 20-21 and Aug. 27-28.

The board discussed whether to increase the JPMGC tournament fee from its current \$60, to accommodate a possible but still undetermined greens-fee increase at Jackson Park. It was decided to keep the \$60 tournament fee, and reassess if/when greens fees rise.

Jeff Schoening brought up the idea of additional tournaments for the club, such as the eclectic events held in 2015, and possible new nine-hole weekday evening events in the summer. The latter would be managed by pro-shop personnel, not club members. Schoening said he would pursue this with golf shop manager Kathy Wake.

Schoening also told the board about upcoming pro-am events around the region with Jon Larson, Jackson Park instruction director. He planned to develop a list of about 24 members--board members and frequent tournament participants--who will be offered opportunities to play in these events with Larson.

Dan Puetz Sr., who organizes the annual Jackson Juniors tournament, told the board this year's event will be held once again in mid-August. He earlier considered moving the tournament to Fathers Day in June, but noted that was a busy time for the club, and also coincides with the U.S. Open. This will be the eighth year for this very popular event, which Puetz said regularly draws 65-80 young golfers and parents.

**New Business**

The board discussed at length and ultimately approved a proposal to raise annual JPMGC dues from \$70 to \$75, and with that to offer free entry into the handicap division of the club match-play championship.

The rationale behind this proposal is to encourage more participation in the handicap match-play event, and by extension, to raise interest in the club's other tournaments and the club itself. The additional money raised from higher dues would earmarked for tournament payouts. This plan also includes getting the word

out to members (and prospective members), and monitoring/enforcement to make sure matches get played on a reasonable schedule, especially if the match-play field substantially increases.

Some board members raised issues, including whether free entry would materially increase the handicap match-play field; other members subsidizing handicap match-play participants; questions about whether such a giveaway would have long-lasting effect; and the fact this wouldn't apply to participants in the scratch and two-man match-play championships.

The board consensus, though, was to try this plan for 2016 and see how it goes. The proposal passed 7-2, with one abstention.

Mark Ohrenschall advised board members of a new USGA policy forbidding posting of solo-round scores for handicap purposes. Ohrenschall distributed an email he sent to the USGA strongly opposing this decision, largely because it falsely and discriminatorily presumes solo-round players are cheaters who can't be trusted to post honest scores. Board members generally agreed with his view--"unenforceable," "absurd" and "gratuitous insult" were some reactions to the policy--but no board action was taken, as the policy had already gone into effect Jan. 1.

### **Annual Meeting**

Plans were discussed for the annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 23. It will include nine holes of golf at Jackson Park, with tee times in the early afternoon, followed by a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. at Elliott Bay Public House and Brewery in Lake City. Dinner fee is tentatively \$30, plus tax and gratuity. Golf fee is \$15, payable on the day.

Raffle and auction items are being collected, with Lee Jones volunteering to call the auction.

A business meeting is also part of the festivities, including talks by JPMGC and Jackson Park officials, and election of officers and trustees.

### **Other Business**

Doug Nevins told the board he is resigning from the board and as club webmaster, for personal reasons, although he will continue for a little while longer. Board members thanked Nevins for his extensive and excellent work, including setting up the revamped JPMGC website. Board members wished him well, and hope to see him back in the future.

### **Next Meeting**

March 10, 2016 (excluding the annual meeting)

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.