

GRAND HAVEN CROQUET CLUB
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.. In attendance were President Sharon Ragsdale; Vice President Frank Benham, Treasurer Dick Ferrara; Social Director Ginny Legge, Membership Director Nan Stillman, Tournament Director Rich Burns, and Secretary Pat Williams.

Frank Benham made a motion, seconded by Rich Burns, to approve the December minutes. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Flagler Cup netted \$32 over expenses. Mallet covers orders are due Jan 15, at which time the order will go in to Oakley Woods. A Carpediem bill is unpaid pending adjustment of shipping charges. The balance in the treasury before paying Carpediem is \$4,481.64.

A separate account has been set up for the Grand Haven Invitational Tournament. To date, we have received 24 entry deposits plus 2 full payments for a total of \$1,000. Tournament expenses of \$119.70 have been paid. Balance in the account is \$880.30.

Social Committee Report: Ginny will meet with Mark Boulis on Wednesday, Jan 16 to discuss our dissatisfaction with the Flagler Cup event. Because of new management, we will have to re-negotiate events for the Invitational Tournament. Ginny will be seeking a host for the February social. Pat Williams will host the May social. It was recommended and unanimously approved to increase the amount of money allowed to social hosts to a maximum of \$100 to cover expenses of set-ups, etc.

Tournament Committee Report. - The Tournament Committee has set March 6,7,8 for the Club Championship. The format will be two flights. Thursday and Friday will be preliminary rounds, and Saturday finals. Announcement will go out shortly. The Board discussed whether or not to sanction the tournament. A vote was taken and sanctioning was unanimously approved. A club plaque will be displayed with the names of first place in each flight. Individual trophies will be awarded to each of the first place winners.

- Invitational: All slots are filled, along with alternates if needed to fill a slot that becomes available. Four social events are set, a menu went out to players for events and will go out shortly to entire club for social planning purposes. A piano player will entertain for 4 hours for the welcome party and banquet at a cost of \$150. The funds from Schwab will be in next week.

- Flagler Cup publicity information was provided to the News Journal, however we received no responses. Rich Burns met with the local Flagler paper and provided a good layout. The paper indicated high interest, however the story was bumped at the last minute by a local soccer story.

- The Tournament Committee will be discussing the next inter-club event with Hammock Dunes.

Membership Committee Report: Nan Stillman has a list of 24 people interested in a beginner's class. We discussed limiting training to a spring and fall schedule but decided to hold a couple of classes this winter due to the large number of people interested. Depending on who of the 24 are ready to start, classes will be scheduled for January and February. Nan is lining up instructors, with Nan and Pat taking the first class, assisted by Sharon. Nan is re-vamping the roster for coached novice and clinics, to maximize the talents of our instructor/coach members.

Old Business: The annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2008.

The Board was asked to review the current by-laws/standing rules and provide any recommendations for changes to the By-laws committee (Gene Baldrate, Don Gregg, Earl Polite) The By-laws Committee is tasked to present revised By-laws/standing rules to the Board for its review at the February 11 meeting, and to the membership no later than February 25. The membership will have until March 10 to get comments back to the Committee. Those comments will be considered by the Committee and, if deemed appropriate, By-laws/standing rules revised accordingly. The final version of By-laws/standing rules will be provided to the membership no later than March 30. Membership will vote on the revised By-laws/standing rules at the annual meeting on April 14, 2008.

Dick Ferrara, representing the Nominating Committee (Ferrara, Mary Davidson, Rose Carpino), presented a list of nominees for the 2008/09 Executive Board. They are: President Frank Benham, Vice-President Pat Williams, Treasurer Gabriella Tuscano, Secretary Pam Gregg. All candidates have agreed to serve. Board changes are effective May 1, with the election in mid April. Written notification of candidates will be provided to the membership no later than mid-

February in accordance with existing By-laws.

New Business: - Sharon received a request from Sandy Rhodes, Hammock Dunes Croquet president, requesting a list of Grand Haven players (12 and lower) interested in receiving an invitation to the Dorthy Fosse Invitational tournament. Pat Williams will ask for input from members and provide a list to Sharon no later than Jan 22.

-The canopy at Creekside is in need of replacement, due to deterioration and inadequate protection. The estimate we have been given for replacement of the canopy is \$1650. This canopy would be similar to the new canopys installed at the Village Center. It had been suggested to the Board that the croquet club make an offer to the CDD to pay half of the cost out of the club treasury. The Board suggested that Frank Benham and Rich Burns look into alternative canopys that would 1) provide better protection in inclement weather and 2) be less costly. This was unanimously approved.

-It was also suggested that the croquet club offer to donate the club's equipment box (currently kept in the Williams' garage) to the CDD. By doing so, we could place the box at Creekside for the purpose of stowing personal belongs during play. A smaller container would then be purchased to store the club's equipment. Frank Benham will bring the donation of the box up at the next CDD meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be at 12:00 February 11, 2008 at the Village Center.