

Grand Haven Croquet Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of May 24, 2013

Attending: Rich Burns, Gabriella Tuscano, Yvonne Croizer, Tony Dos Santos, Nancy Crouch, Anne Marie Zilligen

Absent: Charlie Greer – Rich Burns held his proxy

Also attending: Tom Shelko, Maggie Shelko, John Fitterman, Betty Fitterman, Jim Harter, Daniele Todd, Bill Todd, Vincent and Antonia Marmo

Rich Burns opened the meeting by asking for approval of the Board minutes of May 14, 2013. **Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept minutes.**

There was considerable discussion by the Board and Club members present as to the reason/s a quorum of Club members were not present to hold the annual election in April. A number of club members were encouraged not to attend the meeting to avoid the new business of elections. As a result, some members no longer trusted the Board.

It was decided that the Nominating Committee send out a communication to the Club today asking people who want to run to contact Charlie Greer, Chair of the Nominating Committee. In Charlie's absence, Frank Benham will be asked to send the communication. By Friday next week, a list of people who want to run for any of the four board positions would have an opportunity (president; vice president; treasurer; secretary) to nominate others or volunteer themselves.

**Committee Reports:**

Tony Dos Santos provided the following Treasurer's Report (beginning April 1, 2013):

Income:

Merchandise (key ring)	17.00
Membership dues	7,421.00

**Total Income: \$7,438.00**

Expenses:

USCA Sanction fees for Club	
Championship	170.00
Annual Insurance	980.86
Club Championship Plaque	

Engraving	10.70
Refreshments for 4/20 event	36.88
USCA Membership Dues	4,405.00
Pizza for maintenance crew	74.16
Refunded of membership overpayments:	194.50

**Total expenses: \$5,872.10**

**End Balance (as of 5/24/13) \$14,745.05**

Anne Marie inquired as to a prior board motion to move Club funds to a restricted account that could only have been used for court expansion. Rich replied that funds were not moved, as it was brought to his attention that it would have been a direct violation of the Club's current bylaws. Anne Marie then questioned how some Board members knew that the funds were in fact not transferred, as not all had been informed.

Tony reported that all funds are held in a checking account.

**Social Director:**

Yvonne Croizer stated there was no social report.

**Tournament Director:**

Gabriella Tuscano had nothing to report except she had received an inquiry from outside the Club asking about our Invitational date. She responded that no date has been set for a fall tournament.

An invitational needs to be held in October or November and Rich indicated that he was trying to get the schedule from Fred Jones of his tournament dates.

It was asked why we don't ask GHCC members who are tournament/referee qualified to be considered for the role of tournament director, saving the Club hundreds of dollars. Rich responded that the tournament director lends credibility to an invitational. It was also suggested that if our courts are not in tournament play condition, we consider postponing and reschedule for the spring.

**Membership Director: no report at this time.**

**Old Business:**

The date of the Hammock Dunes social/game is scheduled for July 10. GHCC can bring 12 people and they will have 12.

A discussion on how handicaps are adjusted was held and Rich replied that there are three members of the Handicap Committee, those that conduct the clinics (Charlie Greer, Rich Burns, and Pat Williams) and they review the players who attend the clinics. They meet quarterly to discuss the progress of the members (handicaps of 11-20). It was mentioned the Sarasota Club has a regular handicap day and we might consider that approach. Rich Burns and Gabriella Tuscano both indicated that the Club once did this.

Member, Vincent Marmo stated that until recently he has been representing the GHCC board in communicating with the Austin landscaping crew on court maintenance. CDD Board member Tom Lawrence called him in response to an email recently written to the CDD about the poor condition of the courts. Nancy Crouch distributed a copy of the email in question as she and her husband wrote it as homeowners, not in anyway representing the croquet club. Vincent agreed that the email was not at all inflammatory but merely stated the facts of everything that the Club has been saying and complaining of for months. It in fact got them out on the court to see first hand what the complaints were; he was appreciative of their attention to the matter.

Rich reported that the CDD has appropriated \$27,000 to replace or refurbish the courts.

Continuing the meeting, Rich wanted to review how the election process should continue and proposed the following new Standing Rule to the Bylaws.

*Standing Rule #14*

*ELECTIONS: In the event that elections cannot be held at the Annual Meeting, Elections will be held at the next general meeting of the membership.*

The Board voted 6:1 that the election change carries by adopting Standing Rule #14.

At this time, Rich Burns, Club President, announced his immediate resignation from the Grand Haven Croquet Club Board and left the meeting.

Gabriella Tuscano, Tournament Director and Yvonne Croizer, Social Director, their terms also having expired April 30, announced they would not continue their roles on the Board and also resigned.

Nancy Crouch as Board Secretary presided over the remainder of the meeting.

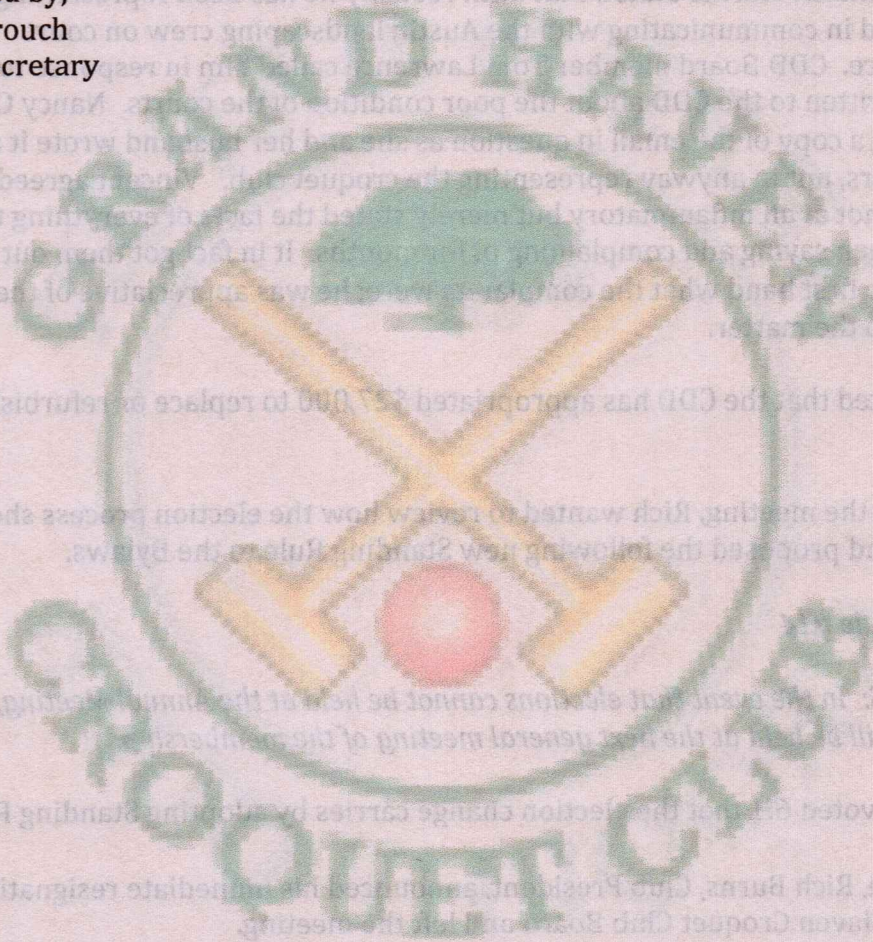
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July 30 will be the annual meeting to conduct said elections – 4:30 Creekside.

If there were to be multiple candidates, a ballot would be provided to all Club members for a proper and fair voting process.

There being no further business, **motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting – 1:35 pm.**

Submitted by,  
Nancy Crouch  
Board Secretary



Gabrielle Tackett, Tournament Director and Yvonne Givner, Social Director, their terms are expiring on July 30, 2010. They would not be running for re-election on the board and also resigned.

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