
Grand Haven Croquet Club Minutes

Call to order at 012:00pm on June 14, 2022.

A Meeting of the Grand Haven Croquet Club (GHCC) Board of Directors was held on June 14, 2022. The meeting attendees included Nancy Crouch, Edmund Giancola, Patti Paukovich, David Paukovich, Marsha Cargill, Bill Todd, and Cheryl Adamonis. Patricia Blinn was absent. Rich Iuliucci and Dana Silliman joined the meeting as Co-Chairs of the Grounds and Maintenance Committee.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all Board Members present to accept the minutes of the Grand Haven Croquet Club Board of Directors Meeting dated May 16, 2022.

Reports

President – Nancy Crouch

- Nancy presented to the Board Members a grant application she drafted that would be submitted to the United States Croquet Association (USCA) to support our plan to create a youth program to teach croquet in Grand Haven. The funds would be used to purchase additional croquet mallets, and any additional equipment that may be needed above what we currently have. Edmund inquired whether we need to create a business plan to submit to the USCA to support our grant request, it was agreed that Edmund, Marsha, and Nancy would coordinate and develop a plan to submit if needed.
- Nancy will contact John Lucansky (Manager of the Amenity Center) and discuss running and advertising the program through the Grand Haven Amenity Center and the croquet club will coordinate any needed instructors for the youth program.

- Plans would be to start the program as soon as July 2022 once John Lucansky agrees and the Grand Haven CDD Board of Supervisors (GH CDD) are advised. Nancy will also check with the availability of additional funds that the GH CDD may have as a match grant, and with Barry Kloptosky (Grand Haven Amenities Manager).
- Nancy congratulated Cheryl and Patricia for a successful National Croquet Day Event at Grand Haven.

Vice President – Edmund Giancola

- Edmund presented and discussed his proposal to submit a By-laws change to the By-laws Committee reference Article VI, Elections, Section 3 of the Grand Haven Croquet Club (GHCC) Constitution and Bylaws, Amendments Effective April 16, 2014, Revised April 20, 2022.
- After discussion, Edmund was presented with several suggestions that may need to be considered in his proposal and once he presents it to the By-laws Committee, they may either approve, reject, or amend his submission.
- Edmund requested that the Board review the croquet schedule and look for the possibility of introducing a dedicated time for a Golf Croquet Clinic and the current plan of using a portion of Thursdays Golf Croquet Open Play as a clinic would be eliminated. Both Edmund and Dave will discuss possible time periods for a dedicated clinic and present to the Board at a later meeting.

Treasurer – Patti Paukovich

- Patti reported balance of account as of May 31, 2022, \$10, 222.62.
 - o \$6,552.62, Last reported balance
 - \$9,940.00, Deposits made since last reported.
 - \$100.00, Donation from (Jim Boyd) to the club.
 - \$9,840.00, USCA/GHCC Membership Fees.
 - \$6,270.00, Expenditures made since last reported.
 - \$6,270.00, USCA Membership dues payment.
- Patti suggested that the \$100 donation from Jim Boyd be allotted to FCCL CDD Guest Fees in the budget. A motion was made and approved by all present.

- Our current Directors Liability Insurance policy was renewed on June 09, 2022. The annual payment was \$262.50.
- Several members reported that they were still receiving dues payment notices from the USCA. Patti contacted Ursula Peck (USCA Membership) about these notices and confirmed that one of our checks had been misplaced by the USCA, recently found, and deposited. All GHCC members payments have now been credited.
- Membership is currently at 109 members.

Tournament Director – Bill Todd

- Bill is still planning the next tournament to be a high handicap event but will delay anything until at least September because of the heat.

Social Director – Cheryl Adamonis (Present), Patricia Blinn (Absent)

- Cheryl reviewed plans for the next club event planned on June 30th. After Wine N' Wickets those members interested will go to the Grand Haven Golf Club for a BBQ dinner priced at \$25.00 per person.
- The Social Committee is working on organizing additional events, but feel they are currently limited to those activities that present a safe environment due to many members concerns about Covid.

Membership Director – Marsha Cargill

- Marsha presented discussions by the Education Committee and comments made by different members to her concerning both GHCC members and non-members attending the different clinics offered by the club. The Education Committee suggested a 6-Wicket handicap range for each clinic that is currently offered, and after Board discussion there was still no consensus as to what handicaps should be assigned to the different clinics, specifically the Beginners and Shot Clinics. Nancy will discuss the issue with each clinics instructors and the Board will address the issue in a later meeting.
- Reference attendance by non GHCC members, it was agreed that we will continue to offer those individuals instruction but may have to limit the number of attendees based on class size.

Secretary – David Paukovich

- Dave recently received an email from Lynn McCann (President FCCL) about plans to start league social and competitive matches up again. Current plans are to have an organizational meeting in September 2022 to work out a schedule for club matches. In the interim, Dave hopes to arrange a social golf croquet match between GHCC and Hammock Dunes, so our new members get a chance to experience travel to other clubs.
- Dave reviewed the responses from Bill Simmons related to the questions we sent regarding Grand Haven being part of a SE Florida Regional Tournament. We are still waiting for more information whether Hammock Dunes will participate in hosting the tournament as well.
- Several episodes have been reported, where a club member has decided to practice on the courts while other members are currently playing a game, without asking the members playing for their approval. After discussion it was decided that the Board will email the membership about court courtesies and if you are waiting for your scheduled reserved time period, use the wickets on the sidelines so as not to interfere with games already in play.

Old Business:

- We still need to schedule a time on the courts if members would like to have new pictures taken for the GHCC Members Photo Page on the website.

New Business:

- Nancy asked the Board Members for goals they would like to see the club concentrate on this fiscal year. The following goals were suggested:
 - o Creating a Summer Youth Program for ages 13 and older to encourage a younger audience into the sport of croquet. It was mentioned that by encouraging younger players we may also be able to encourage their parents into playing as this would be an activity they could share together.

- To actively encourage our current club members to participate in both club tournament events and travel events. There is a reluctance for our members to play in a tournament due to lack of confidence or familiarity with the events.
- Increasing club membership with the hope of increasing our exposure in the community. Community croquet days.
- Increase club referees and actively encourage members too become certified instructors. Explore the possibility of acquiring both tournament balls and wickets.
- Nancy asked both Rich and Dana about any issues or suggestions they may have with the courts. They recommended the following:
 - Dana suggested we need to ask Barry Kloptosky if funds are available to sand and roll courts 2 and 3.
 - We continue to have issues with mowing and weeds on the courts, along with the possibility the courts are being watered to much based on the major growth of mushrooms on the courts.
 - On Friday, June 17th, the Grounds Committee will reset the wickets on courts 2 and 3. If time permits, the wickets on court 1 will also be reset.
 - Possibly using orange string for boundaries vs white.
 - Court 1 needs a complete set of croquet balls.
 - The large tables under the pavilion on court 1 could use replacement, along with the possibility of releveling the pavers.
- Nancy will schedule a meeting with Barry to address the possibility of getting another set of balls and tables for court 1, and the status of getting the maintenance equipment ordered for the courts.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the general meeting at 3:02pm

Secretary

Date of Approval