

MINUTES OF THE GRAND HAVEN CROQUET CLUB BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2011

Location: The Creekside Athletic Club

Time: 12: 32 pm

Attendees

Present: President: Rich Burns; Vice-President: Tom Lawrence; Secretary: Hal Herber; Treasurer: Joe Zilligen; Social Director: Yvonne Croizer; Tournament Director: Jim Pagano; Membership Director: Anne Marie Zilligen. **Guest: Webmaster, Bonnie Umphreys.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 8, 2011 meeting were accepted without amendment. Motion to approve was made by Tom Lawrence and seconded by Joe Zilligen.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance @ 8/1/2011		\$ 6,557.87
Receipts: Member Dues		52.00
Expenditures:		
Administration	57.73	
USCA dues	<u>30.00</u>	<u>87.73</u>
Balance @ 8/31/2011		<u>\$ 6,522.14</u>

Joe Zilligen, Treasurer

Social Committee Report

We have confirmed the date for the October Social. It will take place on Saturday, October 22, at Cathy & Frank Richter's. Betty & David Yurk will co-host.

A "reserve-the-date" email will be sent to the members this week.

The Social Committee continues to work with the Tournament Committee in preparation for the Invitational Tournament in November. All arrangements are moving smoothly for meal and party functions. Plans are being made to have pictures taken at the opening reception, the dinner, and the awards luncheon.

Yvonne Croizer, Social Director

Tournament Committee

With 57 days to Invitational 2011, our email campaign has netted 12 entrants: from seven non-members (1-2-3 flights 1-1-5) and from five members (1-2-3 flights 2-3-0). Of course this may change depending on the final mix of entrants. In a week or so I will be sending out another email to both groups. Hopefully we can fill those remaining 12 slots. Most preparations are in their final stages of completion. We just need to tweet some areas.

Last year's first flight winner, Geoffrey Mattison will more than likely not defend his championship. He just recently was released from the hospital after a five week bout with viral pneumonia. Betty Crisler is taking good care of him so she too will not return.

Jim Pagano, Tournament Director

Additional information was shared and plans made during the Board meeting in reference to the Invitational Tournament

1. Trophies will be silver plates, as they were last year. They will be awarded to the winners of first, second, and third places in each of the three flights.
2. The content of "Goodie Bags" for the players was discussed. Each will contain the featured item (a Bucket hat), printed materials related to the Club and the Tournament, and miscellaneous items yet to be determined.
3. The Book for raising revenue was discussed: organization; content; and charge for advertisements (\$200 per quarter page)

Membership

The dates and times have been set for the fall croquet lessons. They will be on October 3, 5, 10 and 12 from 1:30 to 3pm at Creekside Courts. Pat Williams has coordinated the instructors for the training.

At this time we have 15 people registered. At the end of September I will send a reminder by email to all those who registered.

Anne Marie Zilligen, Membership Director

Additional information was shared and plans made during the Board meeting in reference to the New Member Classes:

1. Because the classes are being held at Creekside, we will use two courts and will have double the number of trainers compared to previous years. Pat Williams and Anne Marie Zilligen are conferring on finalizing the training schedule.
2. Two additional classes will be held on October 17 and 19 for those participants who decide to join the Club.
3. A New-Member Packet will be prepared for distribution on the 19th, containing the following:

- a. Application form for GHCC membership (including choice of whether or not to be included in the two membership directories (website and email))
- b. Application form for USCA membership
- c. Welcome letter from GHCC President
- d. A copy of the current calendar
- e. Reference to the Club's website and important links it contains

Old Business

New Courts

.The 2012 CDD budget is now available. We need to make our presentation to the CDD Board at the earliest possible date, revisiting the issue of constructing the new croquet court. Our main objective is to convince the CDD Board to move money from the general fund into a specific item designated for construction of the new court and to move expeditiously toward the completion of that construction..

To support this objective we need to request time on the CDD Board's agenda, at the earliest possible date, to read into the record both the rationale for our request as well as corrections to misinformation that has been circulated in the community concerning our proposal. We will need a strong presence of Croquet Club members at the CDD meeting when we make this presentation.

Finalizing the Club's official logo

The Board unanimously approved the following design as the official logo for the Grand Haven Croquet Club. Whenever a social or business activity related to the Club calls for the use of our logo, this official logo should be used



The Board recognizes that there are two exceptions to this motion: the "embroidery" version of the logo will continue to be used on croquet apparel sold through the Club; the Club pin will have a green border which incorporates the Club's name and address (each member now has his/her own pin).

(Motion by Tom Lawrence; second by Jim Pagano.)

New Business

Name tags

Given our ever-expanding membership (and the need for help in remembering all our names), the Board approved the expenditure of \$160 to produce printed name tags – with the official logo – and to purchase plastic name-tag holders. These name tags will be held by the Social Committee and brought to each of our social events for distribution and collection (for the next social). Bonnie Umphreys will produce these name tags for the Club.

(Motion by Joe Zilligen; second by Jim Pagano.)

Adjournment

Rich Burns adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm. (Motion by Tom Lawrence; second by Jim Pagano.)

The Board will hold its next meeting October 10, 2011 at **11:30 pm** at The Creekside Athletic Club.

Hal Herber, Secretary