
Grand Haven Croquet Club Minutes

Call to order at 01:00pm on November 08, 2022.

A Meeting of the Grand Haven Croquet Club (GHCC) Board of Directors was held on November 08, 2022. The meeting attendees included Nancy Crouch, Edmund Giancola, Patti Paukovich, David Paukovich, Marsha Cargill, Cheryl Adamonis, Patricia Blinn, and Bill Todd. Rich Iuliucci attended as Co-Chair of the Grounds and Equipment Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Nancy Crouch noted a correction for the minutes, on October 11, 2022, to amend the date for our next First Coast Croquet League (FCCL) Golf Croquet Social from October as listed to November. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all Board Members present to accept the corrected minutes of the GHCC Board of Directors Meeting dated October 11, 2022.

The Board also reviewed the minutes from the GHCC Open Meeting held on October 27, 2022, at the Creekside Amenity Center. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all Board Members present to accept the minutes of the Grand Haven Open Meeting, dated October 27, 2022.

Reports

President – Nancy Crouch

- Nancy suggested that the croquet club may want to consider having quarterly social meetings to allow the membership an opportunity to hear and express comments about current matters. Our club open meeting held on October 27th was a good example of how we may better disseminate information to club members without relying on the membership to review minutes posted to the website.

- Nancy acknowledged the five Grand Haven players, Edmund Giancola, Gary Gamble, Kathie Gamble, Dorothy Silliman, and David Paukovich who participated in the Ponte Vedra Croquet Club (PVCC), Golf Croquet Tournament held November 3rd through 6th.

Vice President – Edmund Giancola

- Edmund discussed observations that were made watching the level of play exhibited during the matches at the PVCC Golf Croquet Tournament. A large number of the competitors were extremely accurate with placement of shots, wicket scoring and roquets. After discussing these aspects with many of the players it was learned that their respective clubs emphasize these areas in their teaching. We spend this same amount of time teaching these points during our 6-Wicket classes, but many of our members have only been attending the time slots associated with Golf Croquet missing these finer points of competitive play. It was noted that we are covering these points of play during the Golf Croquet Clinics held Thursday mornings, but once the coached games are started, players are grouped as doubles and rely on their partner to either suggest or explain what the shooters next shot should be. Edmund suggested the following:
 - o A time slot be established to allow for singles Golf Croquet play. This would allow players to be more focused on their play and learn and understand the rules of the game.
 - o Allow players the ability to gain confidence in their level of play.
- Edmund suggested that a time slot be established to allow for singles Golf Croquet play. After discussion, the Board could not agree on an assigned slot nor if there was enough interest in the membership to schedule singles play.
 - o After reviewing the current play schedule, it was recommended to expand the Golf Croquet Open Play time slot on Tuesdays from 11:30am till 3:00pm. A motion was made, seconded, and agreed to by seven of the eight Board Members present to accept.

Treasurer – Patti Paukovich

- Patti reported balance of account as of October 31, 2022, \$9,366.75.
 - o \$9908.32, Last reported balance
 - \$150.00, Deposits made since last reported.
 - \$150.00 Jimmy John's lunch box purchases.
 - \$691.57, Expenditures made since last reported.
 - \$289.99, Purchase of food and beverages for October 27th Halloween Wine N' Wickets and GHCC Open Meeting.
 - 115.12, Purchase of two coolers for Courts 2 and 3.
 - \$194.99, Purchase of beverages and snacks for GHCC Tournaments and Socials.
 - \$60.00, Payment of guest's fees for FCCL Golf Croquet match with PVCC.
 - \$31.47, Purchase of supplies for Wine N' Wicket Halloween Social and GHCC October 27th Open Meeting.
- Patti noted that any excess funds between the cost and purchase of lunch boxes during our tournaments is returned to the Social Committee budget for snacks and beverages.
- Patti presented a review of the GHCC Budget for May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, looking at projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Patti updated the Board Members on the progress of our planned "Mallet Madness, Croquet for a Cause" charity event benefitting the Grand Haven Woman's Club (GHWC) scheduled for February 25th and 26th, 2023. The Amenity Center will not be advertising the event to the community until 30 days prior, but we will continue to announce the event within the croquet club to fill the available play slots as soon as possible. The next GHWC meeting to discuss planning is scheduled for November 15, 2022.
- Membership is currently at 113 members.

Tournament Director – Bill Todd

- Bill acknowledged how pleased he was with the participants that entered the GHCC High Handicap Adjustment Tournament and the level of play. The handicap of each player is currently being lowered.
- The next event planned is the GHCC Club Champion Play-in Tournament scheduled for November 11th through 13th, 2022. Currently there are 6 club members participating in this event. A fee of \$10 per person will be charged to cover the sanctioning fee with the USCA.
- Edmund inquired with Bill about the possibility of having a triathlon typed tournament again next year. Bill will look at the possibility of having something in January or April 2023. Currently two tournaments are being planned for both February and March 2023.

Social Directors – Cheryl Adamonis, and Patricia Blinn

- Patricia acknowledged the help that Margaret Matuszak, Patti Paukovich, and Fran Giancola provided during the GHCC High Handicap Adjustment Tournament.
- Positive comments were received from the membership about the pizza that was served during our October 27th Halloween Wine N' Wickets/Open Meeting and it is being discussed by the Social Committee Coordinators to possibly plan on having a pizza/salad buffet for next year's annual meeting.
- There have been a few incidents where members are playing croquet prior to 3:00pm and the start of Wine N' Wickets. Once the Wine N' Wickets Social starts these early players are disrupting the start of play stating they were there first. The situation was discussed and was decided that since Wine N' Wickets is a GHCC Social Event and has been blocked on the current court schedule, these early players will be informed that they are to stop their game and are more than welcome to join in the selection of teams being organized during the social.
- The November 10th Wine N' Wickets Veterans Day Social will be rescheduled to a later date based on the projected weather.
- Social Committee volunteers will handle lunch box orders during the GHCC Club Champion Play-in Tournament scheduled for Friday, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th, 2022. Based on the

projected weather it was decided to only provide lunches on Saturday and Sunday.

- Three volunteers will be asked to make a basket to be raffled off at the GHCC Holiday Party. The volunteers will be given \$50.00 towards the cost of the basket. Each GHCC Member will receive a raffle ticket at the party and a chance to purchase more at a nominal cost.
- Cheryl presented information on the GHCC holiday Party scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th, at the Grand Haven Golf Club (GHGC) from 5:00pm till 9:30pm.
 - o Cost is set, and we are anticipating 60-70 members and guests.
 - o There will be a cash bar and appetizers starting 5:30pm.
 - o A seated dinner will start at 6:30pm with salad, bread, entrée, and dessert. Non-alcoholic beverages are included.
 - o A specialty cocktail will be offered for purchase.
 - o Pricing for each meal includes a 7% sales tax and a 22% service charge.
 - \$59.34, Filet.
 - \$43.86, Chicken.
 - \$46.44, Salmon.
 - \$38.70, Pasta.
 - o GHCC members with a golf club membership will be able to charge their meal to their club account. Non-golf club members and guests will need to send a check to the croquet club prior to the party to cover their meals.
 - o The Board debated on what amount the croquet club would contribute towards members meals. An amount between \$10 to \$20 was suggested.
 - After discussion, a motion was made, and seconded to contribute \$15 towards each GHCC Members meal. The motion was accepted by six of the eight Board Members present. Patti and Marsha voted "no".
 - o Cheryl will send David information to email out to the membership and Patti will forward both Cheryl and Louise Dycke a master membership roster to keep track of attendees.

Membership Director – Marsha Cargill

- We haven't received any new membership applications from the last Beginners Class recently completed. Marsha is planning on following up with several of the participants who expressed an interest in joining and inquire if they are still considering. Bill mentioned some comments received did point to the costs of the USCA portion of the membership fee.
- Marsha received an offer from Zazzle, where we purchase club name tags, for a \$9.95 unlimited free shipping for one year. The Board agreed to accepting the offer as each order we submit typically costs \$5 to \$7 each time.

Secretary – David Paukovich

- Dave presented to the Board an email and survey to send out to the club members concerning the GHCC By-laws change that was presented to the club members at our October 27th GHCC Open Meeting as proposed by the GHCC By-laws Committee. The idea of using a Google survey is to allow tracking of the membership vote virtually as allowed by the current by-laws, based on the current membership we would need at least 75 "yes" votes to adopt the proposed by-laws change. After discussion it was decided to:
 - o Send out an email to the membership prior to the Holiday Party informing the membership of the proposed by-laws change.
 - o For those members attending the Holiday Party, they will be given a ballot to vote either "yes" or "no" for the proposed change.
 - o In the email, a Google Survey link will be provided for those members that are not planning to attend the Holiday Party or even for those who are attending but prefer to vote prior.
 - o The votes will be totaled by December 17th, 2022, and the results sent out to the membership.
- Our next FCCL Golf Croquet Social is with PVCC on Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00am in Ponte Vedra Beach. We currently have 17 club members signed up to attend and plans are being made to have lunch together afterwards.

Old Business:

- Again, it was noticed by two Board Members, that members are not using Sign-up Genius to reserve courts. Eight members were playing on Monday, November 7th, and when asked if they had bothered to sign up so as the Amenity Center can verify the facilities are being used, no one had. It was recently noted in an open meeting with the membership, to use your phone and sign in if you stop by the courts and decide to play in the moment. The GHCC Board is concerned that if the membership doesn't take the time to help in verifying to the Grand Haven CDD Board of Supervisors that these facilities are actively being used with number counts on Sign-up Genius we will be unable to present a unified argument for upgraded or expanded amenities. The Board is looking for suggestions as to how we can get the membership to help with this matter and not just ignore our messages and constantly ask what the Board is doing for them.

New Business:

- Patti suggested since we have budgeted funds to cover the certification fees for referees within our club, we actively solicit members to pursue either their American 6-Wicket or Golf Croquet referee certification.
- Nancy suggested that we have a sign made to place out during Wine N' Wickets that this is a GHCC Social Event for club members only. Patti and Dave will follow up getting signs made.
- Rich Iuliucci inquired whether we can get the courts rolled and the purchasing of more sand to make repairs on the courts. The frequency of "rabbit runs" occurring on the courts right after moving the wickets is of concern as well. Nancy will follow up with Barry Kloptosky on this matter.
- David suggested we check into ordering two trophies for the upcoming GHCC Club Champion Tournament. He will check into what's available and send suggestions to the Board Members.

Our next meeting of the GHCC Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 1:00pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the general meeting at 3:24pm.

Secretary

Date of Approval