

MINUTES OF THE GRAND HAVEN CROQUET CLUB BOARD MEETING

December 13, 2010

Location: The Creekside Athletic Club

Time: 12:35 pm

Attendees

Present: President: Rich Burns; Vice-President: Gabriella Tuscano; Treasurer: Joe Zilligen; Secretary: Hal Herber; Social Director: Yvonne Croizer; Tournament Director: Jim Pagano.

Absent: Membership Director: Tom Lawrence.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting were accepted without amendment.

Social Committee Report

In November, breakfasts and lunches went smoothly for the Club Championship. Thanks to Anne Marie Zilligen, Marilyn Gingles and Barbara Knight for their help.

Our December, our social was held Saturday night (the 11th). More than 60 guests came to celebrate the Holidays. Again we had great hosts and co-hosts, Thank you to Barbara and Jim Knight; Marilyn & Don Gingles. The club members provided good food. Again, thank you all.

On National Croquet Day, January 15, 2011, our celebratory dinner will be at the River Club. We have a negotiated menu and will be sending it to the membership soon. ***[The Board agreed to subsidize the cost of this meal as follows: by 50% for each member and by 25% for one non-member guest of a member. (Motion by Joe Zilligen; second by Gabriella Tuscano)]***

Now we need a home for holding the February social.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Croizer, Social Director

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance @ 11/1/2010		\$ 8,257.99
Receipts: Club Championship fees	1,010.00	
GH Invitational fees	<u>46.00</u>	1,056.00

Expenditures:

Club Championship expenses	833.68	
GH INV expenses	1,387.62	
Other expenses	<u>16.05</u>	<u>2,237.35</u>

Balance @ 11/30/2010 \$ 7,076.64

Final accounting for 2010 GH Invitational Tournament:

Revenues:

Net fees from players	\$5,250.00	
Guest receipts for food/beverage	2,401.00	
Advertising receipts	<u>600.00</u>	<u>\$8,251.00</u>

Expenses:

Food and beverage	4,147.54	
Trophies and favors	581.95	
Tournament Director	800.00	
CDD and USCA	310.00	
Supplies, postage, etc.	<u>163.16</u>	<u>6002.65</u>

Net proceeds \$2,248.35

Final accounting for 2010 Club Championship:

Revenues:

Net fees from players	\$1,300.00	
Guest receipts for food/beverage	<u>225.00</u>	<u>\$1,525.00</u>

Expenses:

Trophies	294.00	
USCA sanction fees	200.00	
Lunches	741.51	
Breakfasts	<u>92.17</u>	<u>1,327.68</u>

Net proceeds \$ 197.32

Joe Zilligen, Treasurer

Tournament Committee

[On behalf of the Board and the Membership in general, Rich Burns expressed thanks and appreciation to Jim Pagano and Yvonne Croizer for their work organizing and conducting both the Invitational and the Club Championship tournaments. They made us all proud!]

The two tournaments are over. By all measures, they were successful: really good croquet play; financially sound; excellent food and service; wonderful weather. Special thanks to Yvonne Croizer and her helpers for the food, pleasant and helpful service, and social activities.

At our January Board meeting, we should be able to set the 2011 dates for our two tournaments. We hope to have the Club Championship tournament in the Spring (before our "snowbirds" head north) and the Invitational tournament in the Fall (avoiding major tournaments being held in the area).

Plans are under way for the daytime croquet activity during National Croquet Day.

Jim Pagano, Tournament Director

Membership Committee

Response from potential members wishing to participate in the introductory training classes has been so positive that we may have logistical problems in accommodating the number. Rich Burns, Pat Williams, and Tom Lawrence will be meeting to structure our response to this need.

Membership for those who complete the classes and pay their annual dues in February will run through April 30, 2011.

Tom Lawrence, Membership Director

Old Business

National Croquet Day January 15, 2011

National Croquet Day croquet events will be held at Creekside from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Their purpose is to acquaint the Grand Haven community with the game of croquet and to raise interest in joining our club.

Lapel pins.

Gabriella Tuscano reported the results of her investigation of label pins for the club. The three popular types are similarly priced. After examining the three, the Board selected the *Cloisonné Lapel* pin. Gabriella will obtain a proof copy of the pin with our logo. Upon approval, we will order 300 pins for distribution to our members as well as to have as mementos for tournament participants.

New Business

Christmas gifts

The Board discussed and approved giving Christmas cash gifts to three Grand Haven employees who have been particularly supportive of the operation of the Croquet Club during this year. The individuals (and amounts to be given) are: Barry Kloptosky (\$50.00); John ????? (\$25.00); Nancy ?????? (\$20.00). *[Motion by Gabriella Tuscano; Seconded by Jim Pagano.]*

Website

The site is expanding in its content and presentations.

Croquet Cool by Stephanie Salkin has been posted on our website. It's a delightful picture book about croquet. Consideration is being given to making copies to give to guests who come to play in our tournaments.

The Board has proposed adding a member section to our web site to facilitate members knowing and recognizing each other. The site would contain only the name and a picture (head shot) of each member. It would **NOT** include any other private personal information such as emails or phone numbers. Any members not wanting to be listed would be excluded. Members would indicate their desire to be included in this section by emailing Bonnie Umphreys exactly how they would like their names listed.

Adjournment

Rich Burns adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm. (Motion by Yvonne Croizer; second by Gabriella Tuscano)

The Board will hold its next meeting January 10, 2011 at 12:30 pm at The Creekside Athletic Club.

Respectfully submitted
Hal Herber, Secretary