

Rockledge Mens Club Minutes – February 13, 2024

The meeting was held on Zoom and was called to order at 7:05.

Attending: Cunningham, Lopes, Burrill, Sack, Roberts, Schuster, Pasternack, Schoolnick, Miller, Caswell.

Annual Meeting Notes (Roberts). A motion was made and seconded for approval of January meeting minutes with corrections of a few minor typos.

Pro Report (TBD): Jeff reported Josh Moses is going to be appointed as Director of Operations soon. Andrew can't order new product any longer, but he will get his merchandise back soon. Andrew will alert Jeff of a couple days that members can go to a designated site to use their credit.

Treasurer (Norm): Members can pay electronically this year through VENMO. There is a 1.9% charge that will add \$2.50 to the \$115 membership charge. Steve Miller will check into being able to register online through the website.

Tournament (Kevin): Kevin spent a good amount of time talking to Josh about tournaments. Josh provided items the town is concerned with:

- They want fewer tournaments held on long weekends.
 - Sign-up at the tee for those weekends can be curtailed?
- They want fewer events on Saturdays.
- They want limited field sizes (72-80) to keep more times open for the public.

The schedule should be able to go through but a few concessions on the above issues are probably going to happen.

Josh met with Helen Turco and Tim Nadeau from the town to explain and review the proposed schedule in detail.

Other items highlighted by the tournament committee:

- The restaurant is not available for a post tourney meeting for the April opener. Therefore, we will have a pre-tournament breakfast meeting for the opener.
- Jeff Cunningham will contact Rockledge Grille and lock in the October 20th date for the fall closer. This will be a post tournament social as long as the restaurant is available.
- Josh is getting the town to pay for the premium version of Golf Genius that will be used for all RMC Tournament Sign ups in 2024. We will also use Golf Genius for live scoring during events.
- Tuesday/Friday group will need to change to Tuesday/Thursday or possibly every Tuesday and every other Thursday. Slow play will not be tolerated. This goes for Tuesday/Thursday and all other play at Rockledge in 2024 and beyond.
- Driving Range update. There are concerns by the neighbors. Assuming that the concerns by the neighbors can be satisfied, the construction on the new practice facility should begin in late April and be completed by the end of July. Josh may set up some portable nets for people to hit into before their rounds.
- George Connor will be the director of instruction, this is a huge win for Rockledge. The plan is for George to move to Rockledge once the new practice facility is completed.
- Mike Belanger will become a part time assistant golf professional. There may be one other assistant.

- The town is in the planning stages for a gala to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rockledge on Friday, September 13th. The Gala will be held at Rockledge Grille.
- Josh is planning on having a stronger arrangement between the mens club and pro shop on tracking the money the mens club provides the pro shop for pro shop credit. More to come on this in the future.

Membership (Joe): Form is up and running. 17 people signed up to date.

Sponsorship (Barry): Barry will get word out to the sponsors. Joe and Barry will meet to transfer responsibilities.

Handicap (Andrew): Andrew passed the handicap test so Rockledge is compliant.

Website (Steve): Perfect!!! Bill for \$280 was paid for maintenance of the site.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Rick Roberts

Next Board Meeting: March 12, 2024 at Butterfly at **6:30pm.**