

Sandwich Croquet Club
May 16, 2024, via Zoom
Board Meeting Minutes
4:00-5:30 pm

In Attendance: Jean Dorcus, Kathy Green, Michael Sayler, Kit Sullivan, Ware Cady, Peter Ferrucci Absent: Eugenie Birch

Minutes

Kit presented the minutes of the April meeting noting that there were two minor changes. Motion to accept the minutes as amended was made and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Michael announced that the current checkbook balance is \$17, 426.42 and that the CD of \$10, 288.85 will mature on 8/8/2024.

Michael stated that there needed to be some changes to our current budget to reflect some new developments including the costs for supplies, credit card fees, and the new shed and gift coins. He suggested that the Social Event budget be increased to cover the estimated cost of the Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard Exchanges. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the costs for Social Events and Exchanges should appear separately in the budget.

The final decision was to make the following changes to the current budget:

Budget increases:

Supplies Budget — from \$300 to \$1000

Credit Card Fees — from \$250 to \$1000

Miscellaneous Expenses: — From \$500 to \$2000

Additional budget Item:

Outside Social (Club Exchanges) \$1000

A motion was to add expense budgets of approximately \$4000 (actual change is \$3, 905 increase).

UPDATES:

Beginners Lessons

Jean announced that the beginners' lessons are going well with three beginners participating. Two of the beginners have signed up for this season and one has been signed up for one month because of travel concerns.

Membership

Kathy announced that we now have 87 full-time members, including several new members, and 3 seasonal members.

There was some discussion regarding the liability waiver that is attached to the application. Since the application may be signed by one member and may include a spouse/partner in the sign up, the second member does not sign the waiver. It was agreed that we should investigate ways to remedy that situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws Committee

Michael announced that the Bylaws Committee will meet sometime in June to discuss proposed revisions to the current bylaws regarding the election and the term limits of SCC Board members. The proposal will be ready for discussion at the July Board meeting.

Golf Croquet League

Kathy announced that she and Peter, as members of the of the Tournament Committee, wanted to bring an idea to the board for a Golf Croquet League.

The premise for the League is to offer a new form of competition for the members and to prepare those who may be interested for the one-day sanctioned golf croquet tournament that is planned for September. Bob Kroeger has reviewed the documents, and he has said that he can and will run the sanctioned tournament using the same format, which is a bit different (and longer) than the Club's usual club play.

Kathy said that the League could easily be held during open play using courts 1 and 2, while leaving court 3 available to other members during that time. The League would run for seven weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays with a maximum of 75 minutes of play time. Peter and Kathy would act as the League managers. The cost for a member to join the League may be \$20.

The Board unanimously agreed that this was a good idea. It was suggested that a handicapping session might be useful to allow Kathy and Peter to properly pair up League participants.

National Croquet Day

Kit updated the Board on plans for National Croquet Day.

Jean will announce the event in the next newsletter with a suggestion that members may wear a celebratory hat.

Kathy will arrange for SUG signup, including a request that members comment about plans to join the Club for lunch. There will be a deadline to sign up for lunch that is one week prior to the event.

Kit advised that the Events Committee has agreed to a lunch order of three kinds of wraps. Cost: \$15 per wrap, including accompaniments. A beverage cart is scheduled to stop by sometime during the event.

Kathy and Courtney Green will organize games between croquet games.

Bob Kroger will do a demonstration sometime during the event.

Summer Social

Kit announced that the Social Events Committee is considering having a mid-summer social event. Laurie Loughlin has volunteered to provide a venue for the event at her Community Building in Carver, MA. Kit and Jean will arrange a meeting with Laurie to visit the facility so that we can make a recommendation to the Board at our next meeting.

Exchanges with Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard

Kathy noted that she and Jean Lynch will be overseeing the Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard Exchanges this year.

Martha's Vineyard Exchange– 6 Wicket

June 18 - Martha's Vineyard comes to Sandwich. John Clark has volunteered to host the social at his home. Details to be worked out.

July 2- Sandwich goes to Martha's Vineyard.

Nantucket Exchange – Golf Croquet

July 24 – Nantucket comes to Sandwich.

August 14 – Sandwich goes to Nantucket.

Merchandise Orders

Kathy advised the Board that she had ordered a few items from Land's End to use as prizes during the summer. She has a few tumblers left over from last year.

Kathy agreed to oversee mallet orders from club members and Michael will accept delivery.

Kathy plans to send out an email regarding a group purchase of mallets (20% discount with order of 4 or more) after Jean makes an announcement in the next newsletter.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2024, 4:00 – 6:00 pm via Zoom

Submitted by Kit Sullivan