

Port Jefferson CCMAC Meeting
July 28, 2016
Minutes

Present:

- CCMAC Members – Ron Carlson, Angelo Castellano, Joe D’Agrosa, Dave Hershberg, Rob Kelly, Dave McGilvray, Lisa Perry, Ray Sommerstad, Donna Woodruff, Gary Zamek
- Village Employees –Stan Loucks, Bill Mackedon, Brian Macmillan
- Guests – none

Introduction

Joe called the meeting to order at 7:02PM, noting that a quorum was present.

Joe mentioned that the PJCC Web site has been updated to now include CCMAC minutes. A **motion** was made by Dave Hershberg and seconded by Rob Kelly to approve minutes of the June 30th meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Report – Stan Loucks

Stan reported on the following items:

- With a number of positions opening on the CCMAC in the next few months, Stan indicated that one of those opening could be filled by a female tennis member, who would provide more balance to the committee.
- The Village authorized \$10,000 for a card/meeting room in the main building. The room would be accessible to both men and women.
- The Village authorized another \$10,000 for a fitness room in the main building. This would allow the CCMAC to introduce a new category of membership for fitness.
- The overall finances of the PJCC look good, with only a minor shortfall of \$8,851 that was covered by the Village.
- Stan reported that with Cory now in place, we can expect more accurate reporting of PJCC membership information.
- Additional membership money was collected in June, and golf membership money has increased considerably compared to the previous year. However, some of that increase is offset by a lessening of cart fees and outing revenues.
- We are seeing increased competition for outings. Our offerings are competitive, but other clubs are discounting their rates and fewer players are participating. A discussion followed concerning the negative impact of Lombardi’s on outings.
- The agreement with Old Field Club is generating fewer rounds than expected. To date, there have been fewer than 20 rounds.

Golf Report – Bill Mackedon

- The primary golf discussion was the handicapping approach to take in the upcoming club tournament. Specifically, the question was whether to use handicapping in the Legends Tournament. After considerable discussion and an

investigation into the approach taken in previous years, the committee agreed to use the same approach that had been used in the past.

Superintendent Report – Brian MacMillan

Brian reported on the following:

- The Ladies Member/Guest tournament was very successful, and the guests were reported to be very pleased with the course.
- Junior tournaments (Met and LI Golf Association) went very smoothly.
- Considerable work was done in dealing with the extreme weather conditions. The watering schedule was adjusted to deal with the heat, but less watering was done when days were humid. In addition, the greens were vented using a slice aeration tool.
- The course is being prepared for the club championships.
- There was a general discussion of course conditions, including that of the green surrounds. Divot marks were noted, and Bill agreed to remind members to repair ball marks.

Tennis Report – Rob Kelly

Rob provided the following items in his report:

- There was a discussion concerning a request for a cliff barrier, which led to a general discussion of the process for requesting improvements. Rob reiterated the agreement to have Marge serve as the conduit for minor member requests. She would schedule any required work, and if the work was not possible, refer the item to the tennis board. The tennis board would review any such item, and submit a request to the CCMAC if approved by the tennis board.
- There were tennis board discussions concerning 2017 requests for tennis rates, but that item was deferred to the overall PJCC rates part of the meeting.

2017 Rates – Donna Woodruff

- Donna reported on the work of her 2017 Rates Committee, and reminded everyone that the work of the committee was confined to rates, not total budget.
- She began with the recommendations for golf rates, namely increases for Port Jefferson residents, Belle Terre residents, and non-residents. Lisa Perry introduced a **motion** to approve the recommendations of the committee, seconded by Dave Hershberg. The motion passed unanimously.
- At the start of the discussion of tennis rates, Rob commented that the 2017 rates issue was reviewed by the tennis board. He mentioned that there is concern over possible further loss of tennis members if there is a large dues increase. That loss of members might have the effect of reducing total tennis revenues. He further commented on the apparent high cost of running the tennis facility compared with similar neighboring clubs and the apparent allocation of tennis program fees to the Village and not the PJCC.
- Donna commented that the committee identified a large gap between the costs of the tennis program and the fees from tennis memberships. While the committee thought that the gap should be narrowed, they also thought that attempting to do this in one year might be disruptive, especially since there was no previous

identification of the gap. Donna then provided the recommendations of the committee, which were to recommend an increase in tennis membership fees, but a reduction in the capital allocation, resulting in a modest overall increase in the cost of tennis membership.

- A discussion followed concerning the tennis cost structure, rates at comparable clubs, and feasibility of cost reduction. Rob introduced a **motion** to approve the rate recommendations of the committee, and Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-2.

Other Business

Joe asked the CCMAC members to think about term limits, to be considered at a subsequent meeting.

Joe reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for August 18th.

Stan commented that business at the Grill appears to be improving. They put new card swipe equipment in place that should reduce the difficulties in manually recording member numbers.

Donna made a **motion** to adjourn at 9:14, and Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.