

MINUTES OF MEETING  
FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION

February 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by President Al Davis.

**PRESENT:** Directors: Al Davis, Art Fort, John Louden, Margaret McMillen, and Lovee Curtis. Committee chairs: Joe Conboy (Golf), Gale McCune (House/Social), and Rick Jackson (Green). Association presidents: Marie McMorrow (LGA18) and Carolyn Trehy (LGA9).

**NOT PRESENT:** Director Fran Dunleavy and MGA President Tony Annoni .

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Margaret McMillen submitted the report for February 2008. Checking account balance is \$1,610.83, and the savings CD account has \$4,105.12, for a total asset balance of \$5,715.95.

**TRACKING LIST:** Art Fort reviewed the tracking list, updated to reflect latest reports from the committee chairs. Item 0206-32 will be deleted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GREEN COMMITTEE:** Rick Jackson reviewed the report of the Green Committee. Of utmost concern is the increased amount of vandalism being experienced on the golf courses. A list of recent examples of vandalism was provided for discussion. Residents who live on the golf course should be particularly alert to this situation and report unusual occurrences to Security. This issue will be referred to the JAB. Other issues discussed:

- Staff is adamant that there should be no chipping at the practice putting greens due to potential damage.
- When practice mats are in place at the Members' Range, golfers should not be hitting from the ground areas.
- Fiberglass handles on some bunker rakes have developed splinters, which can injure players. Fiberglass is industry standard; rakes in disrepair are being replaced. About 400 rakes are replaced annually.
- Bumpiness of greens, particularly on Blackheath and Blue Heron, is due to presence of poa ana in the turf and freeze/thaw cycles. Greens are mowed less often in winter.
- Staff expects appearance around lake at Blue Heron #11 and #12 to improve when growing season arrives and vegetation begins to replenish.
- Discussion of whether MGA/LGA members could be helpful by adding sand to divots on fairways and repairing ball marks, at least until the H2B workers arrive in April. In the meantime, golfers should repair their own divots and ball marks as they play.

**GOLF COMMITTEE:** Joe Conboy went over the monthly report of the Golf/HRT Committee. Of significance:

- The handicap list has been reduced to 775. Bills for handicap maintenance are on the January statements; this should precipitate a further decrease in the number of handicaps.
- Pace of play and other golf course issues should improve when rangers return on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HOUSE/SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Gale McCune reviewed the HSC report. Items are summarized as follows:

- Super Bowl party very successful. Club will utilize Harry's for other similar events such as The Masters, Kentucky Derby, World Series, etc.
- The Fireside Chat was well attended.
- The repairs to the carpet on the front stairs remain not done. Samples for replacement carpeting are due. Newly discovered remnants will be used for interim repairs.
- The telephone outside the Pro Shop is yet to be replaced. Club is purchasing a new phone; waiting for Cox to install, as part of an overhaul of the phone system. An automated system is contemplated.
- The 2008 members' *Yearbook* went to the printer on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Menus for Harry's and the Grille were provided to the HSC for review. The committee is asking for Heart Healthy menu choices and wants the Club to provide a variety of dishes ranging in taste and cost, to fit the needs of a diverse membership.
- There is concern for the lack of dates for some organized social functions as well as the feeling that the membership may be "second-fiddle" to outside groups who are seeking use of Club facilities.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

President Al Davis cited several policy issues which CCMA asked to be included in the 2008 *Yearbook*. These are: delete exclusion in Club tournaments for resident children/grandchildren of resident full golf members; add language for timely notification to CCMA for all-course outside events; encourage members to attend CCMA meetings; and add section pertaining to handling of member misconduct.

The discussion then shifted to purpose and priorities of CCMA. Mr. Davis summarized CCMA's purpose as representing all dues-paying members of FCCC; serving an advisory role to Club management to reflect members' viewpoint; and attaining mutually beneficial goals for members and management. The role of the CCMA Board of Directors has always been, and will continue to be, to "protect and defend members' benefits". However, the current environment dictates that the Board should also become more proactive in dealing with policy issues that are, or could be, of concern to the membership. Discussion followed, affirming a proactive objective.

Effective and two-way communication as an integral part of being proactive was discussed. Within this context the discussion focused on the development of a web site for the CCMA to provide an independent voice with which to communicate with the membership. John Loudon (Director of Communications) reviewed status of the development of a website for the CCMA. Initial testing is underway, and committee chairs and golf associations will be given an opportunity to comment. The goal is to be on-line by mid March.

Al Davis closed by asking all directors to provide him with specific recommendations for issues to be addressed by the CCMA in 2008.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** There was no representation from the general membership at the meeting.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- The annual meeting of the FCCC will be held on Saturday, February 16th at the Pavilion.
- There will be no JAB in February.
- The next meeting of the CCMA Board will be on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in the FCCC meeting room.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

Art Fort  
Secretary