

Kaskaskia Country Club  
Board of Directors Meeting July 8, 2008

Board members present: Dave Gilbert, Kevin Hohlbauch, Tom Jones, Al Froman, Dick Hein, Gerald Taylor, Butch Mast and Debbie Chenoweth. Kevin Bishop, Greens keeper was also present.

Vice President Dave Gilbert called the meeting to order. The minute of the June meeting was reviewed. Al Froman made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Gerald Taylor second. Motion carried.

All bills were reviewed. The board decided to pay the property taxes in two installments. All bills approved for payment with a motion from Gerald Taylor and second by Tim Jones. Motion carried.

**Greens Keeper:** Kevin Bishop

- Water system is working better than it has in years.
- Kevin has purchased a spray hawk for \$800.00. The one he had is no longer usable.
- Kevin would like to purchase two small sprinkler heads at \$150.00 each and two 1 x 50 hoses for 126.63 each. Gunner Taylor made a motion to purchase these items. Kevin Hohlbauch. Motion carried.
- Dick Hein is going to get Kevin 10-12 ton of CA6 Road pack.
- Kevin Hohlbauch will not have price of electric wench until July 15, 2008.
- Loftus Tree Service has given an estimate of \$1,200.00 to cut down two Chinese Elms, Oak by cart shed and trim tree on nine green. All stumps will be ground except for the Oak. This work will be done July 16<sup>th</sup>. Gerald Taylor made a motion to accept estimate and Kevin second. Motion carried.
- Reseeding of flooded area was discussed at much length. Kevin would like to shut down number Six and eight greens and seven tee block Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. It is going to have to be reseeded in the fall to have greens next spring. Once any seeding is done ropes will be put up. Kevin Hohlbauch will let the high school golf coach know about the plans. Dave Gilbert is going to get with Phil Kitchen to see what can be planted now in front of the greens and on number four.
- Kevin is going to need grub control to put on course at \$29.75 a 40 LB bag. It will take about 65 bags.
- Dave told us that any fertilizer bought this year will be double what it was last year.
- Kevin asked about keeping his help. He has two part time helpers and two full times. He can keep all busy right now and can keep them at his own discretion.

**New Rule: Effective July 8, 2008 there will be no driving of carts on any of the par three holes. Cart paths only. There will be**

**Treasure Report - Debbie Chenoweth**

- The club CD was discussed. The general consciences were to keep the money in a local bank. Al is going to check and changes will be with \$50,000.00 of the money.
- Al Froman made a motion to accept the treasure report and Dick Hein second. Motion carried.

**Club House – Dave Gilbert**

- Susan still has not sent anyone to look at the floor and Dave has been calling.
- Would like to get the disconnects in the pump so house and club house does not have to be shut down when the pump is

**Grounds and Greens – Gerald Taylor**

- Dick Hein as patched the pot holes in the road.
- Grounds crew has cleaned up flowers and all flooding
- Cart shed gutters have been cleaned.
- All stumps that were ground out have been filled in.
- The painted lines and signs around greens are working.
- Bridge on seven and six needs to be filled back in.
- Gunner asked for a \$1.00 raise for Jeff Clapp. This was approved.
- It was asked if Kevin would be reminded to change pin placements every other day.

**Social Membership – Dick Hein**

- Magic Show was so so. Not a big turn out.
- The drape committee has got the pricing and fabrics ready to present to the board. They will be at the next meeting.
- Membership committee will work on a membership drive for September.

**Finance - Al Froman**

Done with treasure report.

## **Golf – Kevin**

- The handicap tournament only had ten men and three ladies. Jill has their pictures on the web site.
- 52 people played in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July scramble
- July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> will be the club championship tournament. Saturday will be the only open day for playing. Everyone will be paired after that and then flighted for the last round
- There is concern with the shape of the Villa Grove course for the Douglas County. Kevin is going to offer KCC for both days. We would spilt green fees with Tri County.

## **New Manager Committee – Tim Jones**

- Tim presented the brochures that are going to be given to the applicants. He also had CDs and the added that will appear in the news papers.
- There is a couple coming to look at the club July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- All e-mails are directed to the web page and mail will be coming to the post office box.

## **Manager – Dennis and Cindy**

- Dennis started by saying he wanted to clear the air: They will not walk out and leave the club until we have some one else in place. He will do what ever he can to keep the doors open and serve the members.
- This has been a “Tuff Tuff Year” and it started last Sept. Oct. Nov. and Dec. Sept. Oct. and Nov. always slow months. Last Dec. was the slowest in the six years they have been with the club. People did not book the Christmas parties like usual. They did not go else where. They did not have them or had them in their homes. This is due to the economy. We had a terrible Spring with cold and rain. There for there was not traffic at the club. Dennis stated that it cost him about \$800.00 a day to operate the club and his sales are down about \$6,400.00 for the year. The last two weeks in June things have picked up. There have been a lot of people out on course and in the dinning room.
- He says there are only a few things to make money off of at the club. Food volume, bar, machines, parties and green fees. When there is no traffic there is no cash flow. He felt it was better to tell us to start looking for someone rather than keep his mouth shut and us have a big surprise. He is glad that he said what he did and we can try to find someone or come up with other incentives for him to stay.

- Dennis talked about the cost of food coming in the back door is going up all the time. The average guest check last year was between \$13.00 & 15.00. This year it is \$9.00 to \$12.00. His biggest profit is off a burger but there again it cuts his cash flow because there is not enough volume. He needs to sell the \$22.00 steak to have the cash flow. He does not know how he is going to make it through Sept. Oct and Nov. of this year. He does not want to leave but some changes have to be made. He has no more of his own money to put into the club.
- He feels we should continue with the search for a new manager. Dennis brought up the fact that the club was as low as it could get six years ago and feels he has brought it up a lot. Dennis talked to other clubs and gave us quotes on what their food coupon sales was. We are the lowest around. He would have to see the food coupons go to \$25.00 a month and then he could stay and want to stay.
- Dennis said when he came out here he had plans on staying longer than the Partridges and that is still what he would like to do but can't if he can not make any money doing it.
- He was asked about leaving the bar open on Monday and Dennis said that Bruce opened it up for the Gang Bangers. They have it open until 2:00 for the JR. Golfers.
- The only change the club has to make for Dennis and Cindy to stay is raise the food coupons to \$25.00 a month and then he would like to stay. If that does not happen he can not make enough money to stay.

After Dennis left the meeting it was decided to continue with the search and see what some of the people looking at us thought.

Kevin Hohlbauch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Jones second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Chenoweth  
Secretary Kaskaskia Country Club