



Calabogie Highlands Member's Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday April 23, 2024  
Highlands Club House

## **DRAFT**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

- 52 Calabogie Highlands Golf Club Members in attendance. (Includes Executive members.)

#### **Membership Association (MA) Executive**

- Joyce Hatt – Member's Association President/Women's League President
- Jeff Levesque – Men's League President
- Bob Lomas/Larry Beaton – Men's League Captain
- Lucie Berthiaume – Women's League Captain, Chris Kennedy and Sue Beaton Women's League Co-Captains
- Eric Ducharme and Barb Emami – Mixed League President
- Bev Brodmann – Recording Secretary

#### **Agenda**

##### **1. Call to Order**

- Joyce Hatt called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Barb Provost approved the call to order seconded by Jeff Agnew. Joyce welcomed all club members new and old.

##### **2. Approval of the Agenda:**

- Motion to approve the agenda by Susan Veale. Seconded by Jane Benoit. Carried.

##### **3. Approval of the minutes from April 25, 2023**

- Two changes to the minutes. Year on minutes changed to 2023 and section 7c, first paragraph adjusted to read current green instead of current tee. Moved by Jeff Agnew seconded by John Watts. Minutes approved by all.

- Joyce thanked Susan Lomas for her many years of volunteering with the club, in particular her years spent as secretary.

#### **4. Introduction Calabogie Highlands Members Association Executive**

- The executive was introduced by Joyce Hatt
  - a) Joyce Hatt – Member’s Association President, Women’s League President
  - b) Jeff Levesque – Men’s League President
  - c) Bob Lomas/Larry Beaton – Men’s League Captain
  - d) Lucie Berthiaume – Women’s League Captain, Chrissy Kennedy & Sue Beaton Women’s League Co-Captains
  - e) Eric Ducharme/Barb Emami – Mixed League President
  - f) Bev Brodmann – Recording Secretary

#### **5. Additional Introductions**

- Joyce also introduced the following individuals.
  - a) Chris Potvin – Men’s League Vice President
  - b) Lori Oxley – Women’s League Vice President
  - c) Terry Dort – Men’s League Treasurer

**Regrets:**

Ann Anderson – Women’s League Treasurer

#### **6. Executive Reports**

- a) Joyce Hatt – Member’s Association President/Women’s League President
  - Joyce reported that Dave Luce is looking for social event volunteers.
  - Joyce reported that the men’s league has a bench that commemorates all men’s league members that have passed on. Joyce would like to have a similar bench to commemorate all women’s league members that have gone before us. She put out a request to the Member’s Association for some financial help to make this happen as the Women’ League does not have extra funds for this purchase. Expected cost is approximately \$1,500.00. Chris Fleming has agreed to install the cement pad. Shawn Mosiondz donated \$100 towards the purchase of the bench.
- b) Jeff Levesque – Men’s League Report
  - Jeff thanked last year’s President Peter Provost for a job well done and stated that he is excited to be taking over the role of President.
  - Jeff said that the 9 am shotgun start will continue this year as before.
  - He is looking forward to the camaraderie and the making of new friendships.
  - He thanked Terry Dort for his role as Men’s Treasurer
  - Jeff also extended a thank you to Dave Abram’s for his work providing communications within the club.

- Jeff acknowledged all the work that has been done at the golf club over the past few months.
  - He commented on how the Pro Shop was fully stocked and looks great.
  - Jeff thanked Tracy Fredericks and her staff.
  - In conclusion, Jeff stated that Calabogie Highlands is a great club and a fun place to play golf.
- c) Bob Lomas – Men’s League Captain
- Bob introduced Larry Beaton who will be helping Bob in the role of Captain this year.
  - Larry reported that opening day will be May 1<sup>st</sup> with a 9 am shotgun start. They expect to have about 90 members. A schedule can be found on the website.
- d) Lucie Berthiaume – Women’s League Captain
- This year Lucie reported that she has two people to help with the job of Captain: Chrissy Kennedy and Sue Beaton. This is a new endeavour and is one that will likely continue going forward.
  - Last year the Women’s league had 57 members this season it’s looking like it will be 63 members.
  - 50 ladies so far have registered for the opening luncheon on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - As with past years the Women’s League will have the Solheim Cup, pin rounds, Buzz McConnell as well as several new fun games and the Cross-Country event.
  - Leslie Coates and her committee will once again organize the Member Guest on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Susan Veale will organize the Alumni event. It has become a popular day for the membership with the return of members from years past.
  - Lucie is looking forward to a great season.
- e) Eric Ducharme, Barb Emami – Mixed League Co-Presidents
- Sue Lanthier gave a brief synopsis of the mixed league events from last year. She reported that a great time was had by all, there were no rainouts, and the men won the Battle of the Sexes. She also reported that the trophies have been engraved.
  - Eric reported that there will be four mixed events this year, one in May, June, July and the Battle of the Sexes will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm with a dinner following.

## 7. Updates

- a) As Janice Barbour Moss was absent Joyce reported on her behalf that Janice looks after the “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun” league on Monday afternoons.
- b) Susan Veale – Director, Intersectionals OVGA
  - Susan reported that there are a few changes this year regarding handicaps. In the event of a rain or weather interruption players only need to play 9 holes and then enter those 9-hole scores. The system will calculate your most likely score based on your history. Susan emphasized the importance of entering your scores hole by hole after each game and the importance of entering the scores on the day you play your game. Adjustments for rain or weather etc. are done 2 or 3 times per day by the World Handicap System.
  - Susan reported that the OVGA covers a wide area from Deep River to Cornwall, Brockville and to Quebec. Over 80 clubs are included in this catchment area.
  - Susan reported that the OVGA supports junior development. Eight out of eighteen juniors on our national team come from the Valley.
  - OVGA is a big supporter of amateur golf. There are many tournaments open to both men and women amateur golfers and she encourages the membership to compete.
  - Calabogie will be hosting the Senior Men’s Intersectionals this year on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Senior Games for Women will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> in Eganville. The Callaway scoring system is used at this event. Interested golfers should contact Linda Clothier. This event goes rain or shine. Over 20 women from the Calabogie Golf Course participated in this event last year.
  - Calabogie will be hosting the Valley Cup on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August. Six teams participate and it is a 2-person event.
- c) Shawn Mosiondz – Golf Operations Manager
  - Shawn welcomed everyone back and reported that this is his 4<sup>th</sup> year at Calabogie Highlands, and he is very happy to be back.
  - He has hired new staff who come with a lot of experience in the golf world.
  - The pro shop is very full of lots of items to purchase. Shawn is offering a 25% discount on items bought over the next 2 weeks.
  - Shawn is asking that the membership please inform the pro shop 24 hours ahead of time if they need to cancel tee times. No shows or late cancellations cost the club money that could be used to improve the course. This is especially important on weekends.

- Shawn detailed the rule changes to hole #3 as per Dave Rochon. There will be 2 drop areas depending on where your ball went. These changes are to facilitate pace of play.
- d) Chris Fleming – General Manager
- On behalf of the Fleming family Chris welcomed everyone back and stated that they will continue to invest in the course.
  - Chris thanked the Executive for all the time and effort they put in to running the various leagues.
  - He detailed some of the ongoing improvements happening on the course, examples are new seeding, new tents, layout changes, expanded patio, interlocking, old groundskeeper building to be fixed up, Club House to be freshened up to name a few.
  - Chris encouraged the membership to go to Pakenham for a game of golf and for a change of scenery. Cost is \$10. He reported that there have been dramatic changes at the Pakenham course.
  - Chris thanked Shawn Mosiondz for being a strong advocate in helping to move the various initiatives forward.

## 8. New Business

- No new business.

## 9. Questions and Answers

- a) Sharon Pearce inquired as to whether yardage markers would be put up this year. Shawn responded and said that markers will be ordered shortly and put up as soon as they arrive.
- b) There was a query regarding why the Club Championship is being held on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Bob Lomas responded that it is an attempt to get more people to play in the CC. The hope is that by holding it later more individuals can participate. If this is found to not be the case the CC will be moved to an earlier date.
- c) Shawn Mosiondz encouraged the men to come forward to play in the intersectional.
- d) Chris Fleming was asked about the rocks in the sand traps. Chris explained that this is on the list of things to improve. The club is looking at special screeners to repurpose the sand and remove the rocks and debris.

## 10. Adjourn

- Joyce Hatt adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm. Motion to adjourn by John Watts and seconded by Terry Dort.