



SQUAMISH VALLEY
GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2023
2:00 PM
CURLING CLUB LOUNGE

ATTENDANCE

President:	Adrian Lasalle-Lowe
Vice President:	Mark McKenzie
Secretary:	Darryl Simmons
Directors:	Donna Lindsay Scott Sellers Jeff Cooke
Club Captain:	Keith Riel
Treasurer:	Herb Chambers
General Manager:	Scott Wengi

GUESTS

Course Superintendent:	Jason Vanzella
Golf Operations Manager:	Derek Beuk

AGENDA

1.0 AGENDA

1.1 Adoption of Agenda and Welcome

Adrian L-L welcomes everyone to the 2023 AGM. He asks the Secretary if we have met our quorum. The answer is yes. He starts the meeting at 2:02.

1.2 Additions

Adrian L-L calls for any additions to the Agenda.

Peter Blair asks if there has been any follow up to Charlie's junior caddy program?

Adrian L-L notes that there is a question and comments period at the end of the meeting but that this topic is likely answered within the Membership Chairperson Report.

1.3 Approval

Adrian L-L calls for a motion to approve the Agenda. So moved by Larrye Henry and seconded by Peter Blair.
All are in favour of adopting the Agenda.

2.0 2022 AGM MINUTES, OCT 2022

2.1 Errors & Omissions

Adrian L-L asks if there are any errors or omissions in the AGM minutes from last year, October 2022. None noted.

2.2 Adoption

Larrye Henry moves to adopt the Minutes and Janice Houston seconds.
All in favour of adopting the minutes.

2.3 Business Arising

None. Adrian L-L notes that the reno was voted on last year and additional information on the results voting it through can be seen in the minutes from last year.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

Adrian L-L introduces the Board and reviews his report which was in the meeting package. He asks that questions be saved for the end of the meeting as per item #6 on the Agenda. A few highlights include:

- New May Rounds Played record - 7042 (227 per day average)
- New June Rounds Played record - 7100 (236 per day average)
- Second busiest July ever behind July 2021. 7750 rounds for an average of 250 per day.
- The range has been busy all year with over 1 million balls hit.
- So far the back 9 reno is on time and on budget and will conclude mid-November.
- Special mentions to Keith R and Herb C for their contributions within their Board member roles over the past few years.

3.2 Review 2022 Engagement Report and Treasurer's Report

Herb C makes note to the Engagement Report, and then begins to review the Treasurer's Report, both of which were included in the meeting package. Scott W has to complete the review of the Treasurer's report as there was an issue with the Zoom connection Herb C was attending through. Highlights included:

- Year to date rounds exceeded those forecasted by more than 2,000.
- YTD revenue was \$3.7 million, more than \$500,000 budgeted for and \$200,000 above the previous YTD.
- YTD total expenses was almost exactly what was budgeted for and around \$250,000 more than the previous YTD.
- YTD net profit was over \$1.1 million, about \$500,000 more than budgeted for, and only about \$40,000 less than the previous YTD.

Scott W mentions that there were no loans needed to complete the renos, the club forecasted less revenue because of an expected recession but were wrong in this forecast,

and doesn't see the club hitting 2022's net profit numbers because of the current reno. The biggest increase in expense was due to wages for full time and seasonal staff.

3.3 Reports of the Standing Committees

All reports are in the meeting package.

- a) Greens Committee Chari Report: Scott S presents his report.
- b) Membership Chairperson Report: Jeff C presents his report. In addition to his report he notes that out of 51 juniors there are only 2 females, which opens an opportunity for further developing the program. He's open to ideas from the membership on how to strengthen the junior program and encourage more female involvement. He also touches on Peter Blair's question and Charlie's Junior Caddy Program. This year a new program was put in place allowing non-members to walk the course with members. It enables young people to learn the game or spouses and friends to get out and spend time with another on the course and learn the game as well if interested.
- c) House Committee Report: Donna L presents her report.
- d) Club Captain's Report: Keith R represents his report. He also notes that his goal in the role was to increase participation in events, and that seems to have happened. He's stepping down this coming year but will be there as a resource to help the new Club Captain. He made mention to thank Doug Powell for his help with things and stories for the Memorial Tournament.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 N/A

5.0 ELECTION AND CONFIRMATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & CLUB CAPTAIN

5.1 Vice President (2 year term)

Mr. Mark McKenzie is appointed by acclamation.

5.2 Treasurer (2 year term)

Mr. Scott Sellers is appointed by acclamation.

5.3 Director (2 year term)

Mr. Keith Riel is appointed by acclamation.

5.4 Club Captain (1 year term)

Mr. Gavin Moran is appointed by acclamation.

5.5 Interim Past President

Adrian L-L explains that there is a vacancy in the Past President position on the Board which is going to be filled on an interim basis by Mr. Herb Chambers, in accordance with the constitution, until Adrian is able to fill the role

6.0 MEMBER COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Comments and Questions

Adrian L-L starts by mentioning a new exciting Volunteer Committee that is starting and going to be spearheaded by Jason Noel. If anyone is interested in this program and wants to volunteer arrangements can be made to get in touch with Jason N.

Gary Hendrickson asked what happened with the initiative that was put in place to create a display in the club foyer for past Presidents and tournament winners?

Scott W replies that Keith R worked with Donna L to collect as many names of winners of past events and came up with a plan for a display. Scott W will order the items that have been decided upon and it should be done by the end of the year. For past Presidents, their names will likely be displayed but not pictures of them.

Frank Roach asks if someone can elaborate on the news of the practice putting green renovation and speak to the size, shape, and location.

Adrian L-L answers that Gary Browning thinks it should be about 30% bigger than the current one. It will expand to about three steps away from the West and South cart paths, and will actually go over the path on the East side that goes from the snack shack to the restaurant. This path will be moved over a bit. The whole green will be lower in order to capture more square footage, and will be two tiered. He expects it to be a good reflection of the calibre of golf course. The reno for the practice green will be reliant on weather. It's the last part of the renovation and if it rains a lot, may not be able to get done. They are making sure there will be room to do a patio reno in the future if needed/wanted.

Andy Cleminson asks if we can set up a bursary for future junior golfers, single mothers, etc. to help young people golf? Is there a way to allow members to donate or leave money for this purpose? Is it something the Board can look into?

Mark M mentions that this was discussed over a year ago, and was planned to be brought up again.

Scott W adds that it is something that has been done before. E.g, the Luke Plunkett Memorial Bursary fund. He does not see any reason why something like this can't be set up.

Lino Vanzella thanks the Board for their time and efforts. Additionally, he asks if there are any thoughts/plans for renoing the chipping green area?

Adrian L-L notes the Board is having a planning meeting to look at and discuss ideas like this. There are no imminent plans, but it can be discussed, and if the parking lot was ever to be redone it might open up an opportunity to look at that area as well.

Lino Vanzella also asks if there have been any thoughts of enabling the upstairs curling club area and patio to be used by golfers when the bar/restaurant is closed for events?

Scott W answers that functions are tricky. There's a fine balance between the wants and needs of golfers/members and events. The curling area is actually used by bridal parties to get ready for weddings. There are staffing and serving issues as well with having people upstairs having drinks. This year there were 8 weddings and they were all on Saturdays so that they would not take up room on Sundays, as per members' requests. There were also no events held in September.

Randall Bennett asks if there are any plans to fix some of the small pot hole like indentations on some of the front 9 holes, like 1 and 9? He figures they are small enough they could just be dug up and fixed.

Scott W answers it's hard to deal with these items during the course of the golf season because they are bigger than you think and would leave a large ground under repair area.

In the off season they can look at trying to deal with some of the smaller ones.

Scott W also mentions that the club is up for an Excellence Award through the Chamber of Commerce and encourages members to vote. The course will close November 5th. If shotgun starts are needed due to frost in the weeks ahead, they will start at 11:00am. If there is good weather after Nov 5th it will help with maintenance and getting the practice green done.

Larry Houston asks about the pond that seems to have formed on 14 fairway after the heavy rain?

Scott W notes that the area he's talking about has not been lowered and that it's a result of there being no sod there at the moment on the entire hole. There's nothing to capture any rain and stop it from running into that lower area. The contractors are adding drainage in that spot and when the grass gets replaced it will combat it. There is no concern about this long term.

Jeff C adds that there will be a member survey sent out in mid-November, and it will likely occur annually moving forward.

Jason Noel makes the following comments regarding the driving range:

- With the popularity of the range spiking it may be beneficial to move the range ball dispenser out to the range to stop people from coming back in to the club house to get more balls, and reduce traffic around the 6th green.

- Maybe there should be some way of educating people who go to the range about golf etiquette regarding noise and moving around a golf course while people are playing. Maybe there should be some signage around the 6th green.

- Suggests little kids going to the range with adults should get a discount on buckets.

- He notes that the fencing between the 1st tee off box and the 6th green is not in great shape and balls do get hit through that area.

- He wishes the driving range targets were more visible so you can see where your ball is landing. He notes that other ranges have trampoline type targets in some target zones.

- A lot of balls get it from the range onto the 1st fairway. Maybe a net should be put up all the way along this area?

- He suggests making the driving range more of its own business entity. Making it accessible later with food, and making it a more social area to gather.

Scott W recognizes the suggestions and adds that netting between 1 and the driving range was quoted at roughly \$450,000 to do the entire side of number 1. He likes the ideas of having some signage along the pathway regarding etiquette.

6.2 Adjourn

Adrian L-L adjourns the AGM at 3:21pm, and thanks everyone for attending.