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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By: Mark Enright, President

STATE OF WEST SHORE GOLF CLUB

I would first like to welcome back all the members, and extend a very special thank you to those who had resigned and decided to return to West Shore.

I have had several members ask about the financial status of the club. The purpose of this article is to present the facts about the Club's status, and what the Board of Directors have considered and approved going forward in 2017. I can assure you the Board is working on some exciting plans.

Financial Status

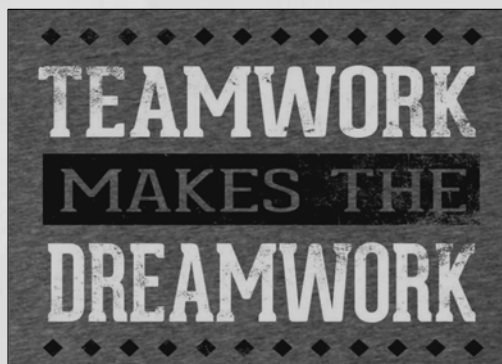
For the years of 2015 and 2016, the club incurred a small operating loss primarily due to reduction of our members. In hindsight, we should have assessed the membership in 2015 to cover the loss and break even for the year instead of carrying the loss forward. Corrections in this year's budget including the current assessment should bring us into a balance for 2017, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The membership (full golfing) as of

February was 138. As of this writing, it is 145.

The Board has discussed different membership types to attract new members. The Buddy program was put into place in 2015 and the results were not what we expected them to be. We are currently continuing the \$310 Single/\$350 Family Membership Special with a two year commitment.

Presently, our plan is to make no changes to the monthly membership dues this year. The *annual* cart fee rates will also remain the same as 2016. The pay-as-you go cart rental increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The guest fees were increased and the number of times that guest can play in a calendar year was modified. All members were notified.



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Points of Interest

May



- 13 - National Chocolate Chip Day
- 14 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Police Officer's Memorial Day
- 23 - Lucky Penny Day
- 24 - National Escargot Day
- 25 - National Wine Day
- 29 - Memorial Day

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: MARCH

By: Rick Robinson

Meeting Minutes

March, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

In Attendance: Mike Purcell, Jim Houston, Tom Tanciar, Brad Scott, Ray Charron, Mark Enright, Barb Thompson, Rick Robinson, Lee Van Valkenburg

Guests: Mario Ferrante, Jim Nelson, Bob Pettry

Absent: Joe Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

Minutes from the prior meeting were approved by email.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Tom Tanciar

April meeting will determine if an assessment will be charged to offset \$60,000 loss for 2016. Need to determine if the payment terms (billed over several months) and if the assessment will cover the \$60,000.

2016 \$60,000 expenses have been paid with 2017 pre-paid dues.

Grounds and Greens – Mike Purcell

- Lost 9 trees to the strong winds
- Someone shot out the lights on the Half Way House
- Jim Houston noticed some non-members playing, Jim will post some no trespassing signs.
- The upstairs awning and the front fence were blown down by the strong winds. An insurance claim will be filed, there is a \$1,000 deductible.
- Weather permitting the Course will open March 31.

Pro Shop and Tournaments – Brad Scott

Tournament schedule was published

The Pro Shop is being stocked for the season

House and Social – Ray Charron

The damaged dance floor has been replaced

Membership – Rick Robinson

- Membership stands at 138
- 12 rounds per calendar year with no monthly restriction, excluding Invitational play and guest passes awarded for Invitational sponsorship. Member will be billed at the prevailing rate per the above time. This limit applies to the guest regardless of the member that brings him/her. (If you want more than 12 rounds, sponsor a hole at the Invite and get more passes. One time Trial membership proposed and passed.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: MARCH

By: Rick Robinson

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10 rounds \$600

Previous West Shore members not eligible

No tee time restrictions

No Locker/Computer (GAM)

Not eligible for tournaments

If trial member joins the \$600 will be credited to his/her account

Sponsor new member incentive Proposed and Approved

The sponsoring member will receive a credit equal to one month's dues, credited to the members account in January if the new member does not resign at the end of the first season.

Divots – Lee Van Valkenburg

No Report

By Laws – Ray Charron

No Report

Special Projects – Mark Enright

- The mortgage refinance is progressing. Mario Ferrante has met with MB&T, Motor City Financial, and may meet with PNC. Mario has or will be providing the requested information.

Land sale/development is under discussion. Need to have the Capital Membership approve the Board going forward. Mike Purcell is drafting a Land Sale Ballot to mail to the Capital Members. Mark En-

right will present the details at the General Membership meeting.

Handicaps – Mike Purcell

No Report.

Correspondence – Mark Enright

No Report.

Old Business

No Report

New Business

Bob Pettry proposed opening West Shore to the public. Tee time would be limited in number and to times that have very low member play. The proposal was Mark Enright will bring the issue up to the general membership and the member meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 7:50 pm.

Rick Robinson

Secretary





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: APRIL

By: Rick Robinson

West Shore Golf & Country Club

April 10, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

In Attendance: Mike Purcell, Jim Houston, Joe Wilson, Tom Tanciar, Brad Scott, Ray Charron, Mark Enright, Barb Thompson, Rick Robinson, Lee Van Valkenburg

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes from the prior meeting were approved by email.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Tom Tanciar

After much discussion, the Board approved a \$400 operating assessment. Members may elect to pay in full or they will be billed \$50 per month starting in May.

Grounds and Greens – Mike Purcell

Jim Houston is making an insurance claim to replace wind damaged fence and upstairs canopy.

The Board approved Jim's proposal to replace the downstairs canopy, changing the color to green to match the upstairs canopy that

will be replaced by the insurance claim. Donations from the Cops League, Mens League and West Shore Open will cover the cost of the downstairs canopy.

Pro Shop and Tournaments – Brad Scott

Tournament Schedule was published.

Board reapproved the John Armstrong Sunday tee times for 2017.

House and Social – Ray Charron

Opening Day tournament is scheduled for April 29.

Membership – Rick Robinson

Membership stands at 144.

Divots – Lee Van Valkenburg

No Report.

Club Maintenance – Tom Tanciar

Damaged dance floor was replaced and patio drainage was repaired to move water away from the clubhouse.

By Laws – Ray Charron

No Report.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: APRIL

By: Rick Robinson

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Special Projects – Mark Enright

Mario Ferrante updated the board on the status of refinancing. MB&T is requesting CPA reviewed financial statements. West Shore CPA will review the statements on 4/27. Mario is continuing to make progress with MB&T. He is also talking with PNC.

Handicaps – Mike Purcell

Mike Purcell will meet with the committee to review posting rules.

Correspondence – Mark Enright

No Report.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

No Report.

The meeting was adjourned 9:00 pm.

Rick Robinson

Secretary

West Shore Member Shoots Hole-In-One in Kentucky

On April 10th, while vacationing in Kentucky, West Shore's very own Donna Mieskowski shot her very first hole in one. The exciting shot took place at the Belterra Golf Resort. Congratulations, Donna!!!!



Donna's hole in one (Note Lenny's ball also on the green)



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 St. Paul #5	2	3 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	4	5	6
7	8 Course Closed Greens Aerification Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9	10 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	11 8:30 Ladies' League 5:00 Skins Night	12	13
14 Mother's Day 	15 St. Paul #6	16 6:00 Couples League	17 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	18 8:30 Ladies' League 5:00 Skins Night	19	20 AM-Tournament of Champions PM-THS Athletics 1:30 Shotgun
21	22 St. Paul #7	23 6:00 Couples League	24 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	25 5:00 Skins Night	26	27 AM Memorial Day Classic
28 AM Memorial Day Classic	29 MEMORIAL DAY Course Open AM Tee Times	30 Course Closed Clubhouse Closed	31 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 - Leonard Paquette | 14 - Kelsey Holmes |
| 02 - Liam Bazner | 15 - Michael Aslanian |
| 05 - Katherine Benko | 17 - Brian Aslanian |
| 05 - Garnette Bacalis | 17 - Annette Phillips |
| 09 - Leona Scott | 17 - Elizabeth Miklos |
| 09 - Stefano Frascaroli | 18 - Richard Robinson |
| 13 - Rich Mierkowicz | 19 - Mike Sanfilippo |
| 14 - Elijah Saco | 22 - Abigail Miklos |
| 10 - William Lowery | 26 - Mario Ferrante |
| 11 - Kara Howey | 29 - Osse Gljiva |
| 13 - Kellen Mitchell | 26 - Pam Mierkowicz |
| | 29 - Julie Reno |

May Birthstone



Emerald



Thought to improve memory, faith, and intuition, **emeralds** are a symbol for constancy and true affection. Some cultures believe them to grant their owner foresight, good fortune and youth. The name emerald is derived from the Greek word 'smaragdus' meaning 'green'.



June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30 Ladies' League 5:00 Skins Night	2 1:00 West Shore Open	3 AM Match Play Qualifier
4 AM Match Play Round 1	5 4:00 St Paul #8	6 6:00 Couples League	7 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	8 8:30 Ladies' League 5:00 Skins Night	9 9:00 Toledo Women's Districts	10 AM Match Play Semi Finals PM Outside Outing
11 Father's Day  AM Match Play Finals	12 4:00 St Paul #9 Board Meeting 6:00	13 6:00 Couples League	14 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	15 8:30 Ladies' League 5:00 Skins Night	16	17 AM Old Pal Rd. 1 3:00 Course Re-Opens
18 AM Old Pal Rd2 AM Shotgun 3:30 Course Re-Opens	19 9:00 am Ford March of Dimes 4:00 St Paul #10	20 8:30 Junior Golf #1 6:00 Couples League	21 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	22 8:30 Ladies' League 5:00 Skins Night	23	24
25	26 4:00 St Paul #11	27 8:30 Junior Golf #2 6:00 Couples League	28 2:30 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	29 8:30 Ladies' League 5:00 Skins Night	30 9:00 Wayne State Athletics	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 - Lee Williams | 12 - Thomas Tanciar |
| 03 - Stephen Sholtes | 13 - Dennis Springstead |
| 05 - Chip Lemerand | 15 - Sandra Enright |
| 05 - Mike Purcell | 16 - Frank Miklos |
| 06 - Kenneth Egger | 19 - Julie Kromrei |
| 07 - Paul Gloor | 19 - William Valade |
| 09 - Wayne Williams | 26 - Giovanni Lucia |
| 11 - Michele Sampson | 28 - Taylor Farrell |

June Birthstone

• Pearl •



People have coveted natural pearls as symbols of wealth and status for thousands of years; the oldest written mention being in 2206BC. In ancient China, pearls were believed to guarantee protection from fire and fire-breathing dragons. In Europe, they symbolized modesty, chastity, and purity.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By: Mark Enright, President

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Special Projects

The Board is focusing its efforts on mortgage debt reduction. This is our number one priority right now. Last year, in the Divots article, I explained that we presently have a five year balloon note with Monroe Bank & Trust (MB&T) due on January 2019. We have met with MB&T officials about converting our five year balloon note to a 20 year conventional mortgage, this will help with our monthly cash flow. I won't get into the complex regulations of refinancing, but we have provided our financials to two competitive institutions and are working on both at this time.

MB&T has showed some very positive interest in our debt reduction project (sale of land) which is very encouraging news. We have never been late or missed a payment on the mortgage, this is the only debt we have.

The second project is selling/developing the land along the left side of I3 fairway. (If this happens, please don't hook the ball). The land is presently zoned residential. The Board has discussed what avenue to take with no decisions at this time, we are looking at all options, it is still very early in this process. We have met with Grosse Ile Township Officials about rezoning the land to change the present lot size requirement to accommodate additional homes, and to rezone the land to allow Condominium development, as two of the options we are considering.

The land has been surveyed, and the overlay was provided to the Board.

All profit on the sale of the land would be used for mortgage debt reduction.

A Third project in its preliminary discussions would be the selling of one residential lot at the North end of our parking lot. Our most valuable property, and most expensive in terms of taxes, is our parking lot, this has been discussed but no final determination has been made. Again, proceeds from the land sale would go to mortgage debt reduction.

We are in negotiations with the township on the sale of the property on Ferry Road for green-space, with the proceeds going, again, to mortgage debt reduction.

West Shore is no different than any other organization when rumors & non-factual statements are talked about. Hopefully, this letter has put some of those rumors to rest.

The Board is working hard on these exciting projects that will put West Shore on sound financial ground for future years.

As always, the Board encourages its members to recruit new members. We are our best sales people.

Thank You,

Mark Enright
B.O.D. President





The West Shore Open

On June 2nd West Shore will be hosting The West Shore Open, previously known as “Fund the Sand”. This event will be a shotgun start where we ask the members of West Shore to bring out friends for a one day first class event with everything included.

The event will be a four person net scramble. Included in the entry fee will be 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, On Course Contests and Prizes, an Open Bar from 12:30 to one half hour following the lottery, A Hot Lunch Before Hand, Hot Dog and Chips at the turn, Steak Dinner, and a special lottery where we will raffle off thousands in cash and prizes.

One guest will also be lucky enough to win a membership for the remainder of the 2017 season.

All proceeds from this event will go towards an improvement to the outside patio area located at the south end of the clubhouse

Mark your calendars now - Don't miss out!



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