

**Highwood Bocce Club**  
 General Member Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2014

Administration Members Present: Lenny Innocenzi, Judy Amidei, Vic Picchietti, Emilio Santi, Tom Holleman

Next General Member meeting: July 20, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 4:05 PM

- I. Moment of silence observed for Tolly Soldano and Evano Fiorini
- II. Tom Holleman read the minutes from the 1/17/14 General Member Meeting. Dave Campagni motioned to approve, Paolo Giannetti seconded.
- III. Lenny Innocenzi read the 1Q 2014 Treasurer's report

Monthly Income/Expenses

Month	Income	Expense	Revenue
January	\$33,494.75	7,367.82	\$26,126.93
February	\$17,521.50	\$12,980.45	\$4,541.05
March	\$21,239.00	\$26,476.54	(\$5,237.54)*
<b>1Q Totals</b>	<b>\$72,255.25</b>	<b>\$46,824.81</b>	<b>\$25,430.44</b>

- Note: March expenses include \$3,469 for new cappuccino machine and \$5,460.25 for full 2014 year insurance payment. Typically we have paid that in quarterly installments, but because we had the cash on hand, we paid it in full and received a discount as a result.

Cash, Savings, and Investments

Cash on Hand:	\$2,876.00
Checking Account:	\$7,436.68
Regular Checking Account:	\$37,385.13
CD (Highwood):	\$3,540
CD (Highwood):	\$20,251
CD (Cole Taylor):	\$102,191.39
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$173,680.20</b>

Joe Magnani motioned to approve, Pal Picchietti seconded. Members approved the financial report.

IV. Votes and Elections

Review and discussion was held on each of the three items and then the members voted via paper ballot. Dale Galassie acted as Election Supervisor with a small group of volunteers assisting.

A. Modenese Society

Summary: Vote to determine if the Modenese Society will be allowed to have

their monthly meetings (9 months of the year on the first Thursday of the month) at the HWBC. They would be charged a fee plus cash bar. They also would be allowed to store some documents in the basement. They would not be allowed to use the kitchen themselves, but could hire the Club kitchen staff if desired.

Vote:

For (allowing the Modenese Society to hold their meetings at the HWBC): 70

Against: 6

B. By-law amendment

Summary: Vote on amendment to by-laws to allow for the Administration to act in the absence of a President. Amendment designed to account for situation that has occurred in 2014.

Vote:

For (in support of amendment): 66

Against: 6

C. Administration elections

The following candidates are running unopposed and will be elected to the office if they receive a majority vote from members voting at the meeting.

a) Lenny Innocenzi – President

For: 77

Against: 5

b) Jack Grandi – Vice President

For: 79

Against: 2

c) Franco Aloisio – Treasurer

For: 82

Against: 1

V. Committee Updates

A. Facilities – Vic Picchietti

There has been a lot of recent activity to cleanup and maintain the Club. All windows were recently cleaned. All light bulbs were replaced at expense of ComEd for energy efficiency. Basement and utility closet cleaned up and organized. Vic is looking for volunteers to help with the tiles in the kitchen that are falling off.

B. Membership – Sue Hauer

- At this time we have a total of 375 total members in 2014. This includes 37 new members, 18 senior members, 31 couple and 3 juniors. By end of year we expect to reach last year's level of ~400.
- 2014 member names now posted in the glass case outside the bar
- May 4 there will be a New Member welcome to introduce them to Club, teach them both the history of and how to play bocce
- Sue recognized Pal Picchietti and his efforts to call individuals and remind them to renew their membership

C. Tournaments – Jack Grandi

- Jack Grandi, Vince Crovetti, and Lio Giannotti in charge of the men's tournaments and Jackie Yerkus in charge of the women's.
- There have been 3 tournaments so far this year.
  - 2/23 8 Team Invitational
  - 3/21-23 Two-Man Shootout with teams from Herrin, Park Ridge,

Franklin Park, Detroit, St. Louis

- 4/27 Player's Invitational - 2 Highwood teams came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- For the rest of year looking at another Player's Invitational on 5/11, June singles tournament, a Club championship tournament, and on September 19-21 the Women's Midwest Championship here at the club

D. Private Parties

- Lenny discussed for the infrequent large private parties that are renting the courts and banquet hall on a Saturday it is our policy to close the Club. These parties bring in upwards of \$1,000 compared to a typical Saturday night that brings in less than \$100.
- Lenny recognized the excellent job Michelle Cinqui has been doing to recruit and organize private parties
- Joe Ori suggested the membership vote on this policy.
- Members voted by show of hands, there was a clear majority in support of closing the Club under there circumstances
- Michelle Cinqui discussed that she posts a week in advance in English and Italian that the Club will be closing
- Suggestion by member to post on web site, Facebook, or email in addition to at the Club. Tom Holleman agreed it was a good suggestion and to consider it.

E. Special Events – Judy Amidei

- Two events so far this year. St. Patrick's O'Bocce Bash was a big success – well attended and all had a good time. Also Easter Coccetto was a success.
- Coming up we have:
  - May 31st Members Dinner Dance. Members should RSVP to Judy by 5/19 to guarantee a spot. After that it will be opened to non-members.
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> will be a Friday Fish Fry. C. Amidei is donating the fish.
  - September 13<sup>th</sup> will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatles and a Beatlemania Party
  - October 4<sup>th</sup> is Members' Dinner Dance
  - October 25<sup>th</sup> Halloween party
  - December 14<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Party
  - December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Party...
- Question raised by member to have Labor Day picnic like every other year. It's been free to the members. Judy and Lenny committed to look into it.

VI. Recognition

Recognition was given to Paolo Giannetti, Tony Biondi, and George Pieracci for their service and commitment to the HWBC. Lenny presented certificates to each and printed up and Tom and Lenny signed them.

VII. New Business

The Administration or the members raised no new business items

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Magnani and seconded by Chuck Lens. Meeting adjourned @ 5:15 PM