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Bushwood Country Club Board of Governors Meeting Notes

*The Judge Elihu Smails Conference Room
Aug. 8, 2006*

Meeting called to order by Chairman Daniel E. Noonan at 6:04 p.m.

Board discusses replacing retiring Superintendent Sandy McFiddish with Carl Spackler, a topic previously tabled at the March, April, May, June and July meetings.

Vice Chairwoman Crane repeats her concerns that Spackler is not right for the job because he leers at female members. Dr. Beeper says he believes Spackler is ready for the job after serving 32 years as McFiddish's assistant. Beeper also wants it on the record that Spackler is a talented agronomist, having developed his own bentgrass variety.

Noncongenial discussion ensued.

The board votes 4-3 to offer Spackler the position, pending completion of contract negotiations to be handled by General Manager Chuck Schick. Staff members welcomed into The Judge Smails Conference Room. Spackler is asked to step away from the hors'd oeuvres table to hear a special declaration.

Chairman Noonan announces the board's decision. Spackler thanks the committee. His speech is indecipherable.

Green Committee Report

Green Committee Chairman Spaulding Smails reports the greens are rolling only at 11 feet to 12 feet, according to the Stimpeter bequeathed to him by his late grandfather Judge Smails.

Outgoing Superintendent McFiddish reports he has been doing his best to get the greens to 13 feet, but repeats his concerns that such speeds might expose the putting surfaces to disease during the warm summer months.

Spackler reports he has been developing a roller in the wee hours of the night in the maintenance shed. Dr. Larry Beeper asks if this roller would be ready in time for September's Judge Elihu Smails Invitational. Spackler says it is possible but that he would need to abandon his Canada goose-control project to complete his invention.

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DR. BEEPER SAYS

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Dr. Beeper states that reaching the desired green speeds is the top priority. Mrs. Crane disagrees and states that the possibility of an *E. coli* outbreak is too great to halt the goose program.

Caddymaster Report

Caddymaster D'Annunzio says it has been an excellent summer for the caddy program, which is now up to 23 participants after having been discontinued in the late 1980s by Judge Smails.

Spaulding Smails takes exception to the remark. Lacey Underall-Webb takes exception to the remarks by Smails. Head professional Lou Loomis takes the blame for the program's "retreat." Chairman Noonan commends D'Annunzio on the fine job he has done with the program.

In light of the improved caddy program, D'Annunzio asks if the board would consider extending the time that caddies have access to the club pool.

Elihu Smails Invitational Report

Dr. Larry Beeper announces that a strong turnout from across the county is expected for the 12th-Annual Smails Invitational, where 60 two-man teams will vie for the coveted Billy Barue gold replica putter.

Dr. Beeper asks Spackler if the rough could be grown to 5 inches and the fairways narrowed in time for the event. Head Pro Loomis expresses concern about the impact on speed of play. Smails asks if Spackler could implement the USGA's new tiered-rough concept to ensure fairness. Spackler says he would study it and report back to Green Chairman Smails.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chairman Noonan and seconded by Dr. Beeper. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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