



**DRAFT MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
ELY GOLF CLUB  
Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President VandenBranden at 5:01 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda EVB, Scott Drechsler, Len Clewett, Lori Casey, Kurt Soderberg and by phone Mikey Lund. No Visitors.

ELECTION REVIEW: September's election results were reviewed by President EVB. Clewett, a write-in candidate, was the clear winner of the election. The only two candidates on the ballot, Anderson and Fleischman, tied for the second seat with several votes. The manager informed the board these individuals verbally told him they withdrew their names from consideration. The board should have flipped a coin to choose a winner and confirm the presumed resignation in writing. The next election procedure would have depended upon the second place winner's action.

Kurt Soderberg was the only other write in candidate. At the meeting, discussion led the board to believe he would not take a position and decided to seek nominations for the second vacant position. However after the meeting, the President with advisement from other board members, made the decision to call Soderberg to explain the situation. Kurt Soderberg told Lori Casey he did not want to serve as a long term board member but would serve for a short period of time if needed. Soderberg also said he was willing to stay on the finance committee if so appointed and continue to provide input as requested. The conversation ended with the understanding the open three year term seat would be sought through membership volunteers. About that same time the board obtained the official resignation of Victor Modjeski creating an open two year seat on the board. Electronic and hard copy postings followed. Appointments were scheduled to take place in October.

BYLAW AMMENDMENTS & VOTE (new bylaws attached)

- A. Article II, Section 2, Item 3. Casey suggested a change in wording from fraternity to an alternative synonym. Clewett moved to change fraternity to affiliation, seconded by Drechsler. Motion passed 6-0. This section now reads: To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and affiliation for their joint and mutual benefit and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf.
- B. Article V, Section 2, add Item 2. Moved by Scott Drechsler, seconded by Len Clewett to add the following item: Board members of the Ely Golf Club may not be employees of the Corporation. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Article V, Section 3, add item 3. Moved by Enquist-VandenBranden, seconded by Casey to add the following item: A director, within their elected term, may request one 6 to 12 month absence due to personal or family circumstances. Any request beyond a year will be considered a disqualification. If such request is approved by the board, the majority of remaining directors shall elect an interim successor to hold office for the full approved term. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Article VII, Section 1, add item 4 and reformat this section.  
Casey moved to add the Handicap Committee and description to Article VII for the reason USGA requires appointment of this committee to meet handicap requirements-seconded by Drechsler. Motion passed 6-0. The new section reads: For a club to be authorized by USGA and meet Rules of Handicapping and the Handicapping Index requirements, including course rating/slope, a handicap committee must be appointed. A board member may be appointed to oversee the committee but has no voting privileges.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda EVB ended the meeting at 5:12.

Lori Casey, Secretary