Call to Order:

President Doug Aitken called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Doug Aitken, Carol Angus, Kevin Carroll, Ron Focazio, Jan Garber, Marcia Krasicky, Sally Manich, Denise Petricola, Sue Rantala, and Rich Steere.

Absent: Chuck Marrale

Approval of Minutes: The January 5, 2015 minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

Membership Dues Increase: No further feedback from membership has been received since the last meeting. Chris Little provided a briefing sheet for future discussions.

Club Manager’s Report: Chris Little

- January rounds of golf were better than 2014…because of the weather….while we had several rain days, the weather was not extreme where the facilities were closed for several days.
- The wet weather has made it difficult for golf course maintenance and tennis courts to do routine maintenance…..most of the time was spent with tree removal and cart path repair, as things were slow to “dry-out” with the higher than normal water-level.
- In February, emphasis will be placed on preemerge herbicide applications, greens fertilization and aeration, spraying fairways on the Magnolia, and getting the soil conditions correct for optimum growing into the summer.
- Have been taking soil samples on the courses to ensure the correct balance of soil conditions to maximize growth. Special attention is being paid to the fairway on Magnolia # 6 and #8 and to all the green surrounds.
- The 2015 Calendars are complete and available for pick-up in the golf shop.
- Working to finalize the last few dates for the “member value enhancements”…should be done this week and forwarded to the membership…this includes more interaction with Gus and the Academy, play with the pros, more reciprocal options, many more social events including KidzWild and much more.
• Much routine maintenance and touch-up painting was done to the clubhouse in January, particularly in the kitchen (installed a new oven). We will now focus on the outside as the spring warms up.
• We are part of a Safe Harbor Program for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. On the #9 and #11 of the Holly, cavities with boxes have been drilled into trees to enhance their habitat.

Committee Reports

Golf Course/Greens Committee: Rich Steere/Kevin Carroll (John Robertson, Shawn Giordano, Chris Little, Sean Desmond)

• Over the winter months, work will be done on the cart paths, bunkers on the Holly (#3 and #12), and identified tree removal.
• Will be rebuilding gold tees on Mag # 2, 9 and 14. Will also address modifications to orange tees on Mag # 4, 9, 11, and 15 (i.e. even out slope, shorten grass, etc.).
• Tree removal on the Azalea has been completed. Will sod sites of removed trees.
• Have sprayed all the Bermuda on the Magnolia and have completed one half of the Holly.
• Aeration will be done February 17-19.
• Have done root pruning and added pine straw as needed.

Golf Tournament Committee: Jan Garber/Denise Petricola (Sean Desmond)

Reports:

PMGA: Scott Parker

• Have been working with the Pro Shop and using “Event Man” software in order to get a workable application for ‘mixed tees’.
• Interclub is a “go” for 2015.
  o The format has been changed and will be a two man best ball.
  o There are five clubs that will be participating.
  o Pinewild will host on April 20th.
  o Qualifying rounds will be played on the following Peer Play days: February 12th, March 5th, March 19th and April 2nd.
  o Detailed information is on the website.
PWGA: Freddy Mastandrea

- We will be having our first Board Meeting on the 3rd of February.
- We currently have 134 members.
- We will be revisiting the use of Orange Tees at the Meeting.

PAL: Nancy Nemeth

- 2015 PAL Registration continues in slow speed with 42 members to date completing the registration. Six of those members are new to PAL.
- PAL members continue informal play on the Azalea at 11 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday.
- PAL board meeting will be held on February 17 at 2 p.m. in the Holly Room to finalize plans for PAL Social, which will be held Tuesday, February 24th from 10:30 – 11:30 in the dining room. The tournament committee will also attend this meeting to begin formulating plans for the March 24th Opener.
- The date for our Rules Seminar with Betsey Mitchell has been changed to Tuesday, March 17th due to the PWGA Opener on March 10th. Use of the Holly Room has been coordinated with Chef Todd.

Handicap: Rich Steere/Denise Petricola

Handicap Audit

The Handicap Committee did not conduct any audits during the month of January. As indicated in our last Advisory Board meeting, due to cold weather and general course conditions, the Handicap Committee will not be conducting audits during January and February 2015.

Denise, Sean Desmond and I met with Eric Dahlberg (PMGA Audit Chairperson) and Louise Pryor (PWGA Audit Chairperson) on January 13, 2015 to discuss handicap reporting for the Club. Going forward, we agreed that the PMGA and PWGA handicap reports will be forwarded to the Advisory Board Handicap Chairperson to be consolidated into the monthly Advisory Board Handicap report. We all agreed that the PMGA and PWGA will continue conducting audits as they see fit. The only change is consolidating all handicap audit activity at Pinewild CC into one report to the Advisory Board.

As noted at the January 2015 Advisory Board meeting, the Carolina Golf Assoc. should be completing their recalculation of the Magnolia Course rating and slope sometime this spring. The Advisory Board will need to appoint a committee to review and change, if deemed necessary, the individual hole handicaps.
Handicap Rule 3-5: Players competing from Different Tees or Men and Women from the same tees:

Sean Desmond provided copies of Handicap Rule 3-5 to all members. (Attachment A)

There are three options in how to apply the extra handicap strokes:

1. Add the extra handicap strokes to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the tees with the higher USGA Course Rating
2. Subtract the extra handicap strokes from the Course Handicap of the player playing from the tees with the lower USGA Course Rating
3. Do nothing

Currently, 65-70% of PMGA members are playing from the gold tees. This is a significant shift in recent years. PWGA players, on certain occasions, will play from the red or orange on the Magnolia.

Sean, along with the entire board, would like to see a consistent policy (i.e. everyone applying the same option for Handicap Rule 3-5), if at all possible, used in all the PMGA, PWGA and PWCC events.

The PMGA and PWGA representatives were asked to:

1) take this issue to their boards and determine which option they prefer to use and their reasoning for the option selected;

2) meet with the Tournament Committee Chair (Jan Garber) and present their positions;

3) Jan will then bring the consolidated issue back to the board for further discussion.

Upcoming Tournaments/Events:

- **Ringer Event** on the Holly, March 21-22\textsuperscript{nd}: Liaison: Carol Angus
  Plan in underway and there is no food associated with this event. The signup sheets will be posted three weeks prior to the event.

- **2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Charity Event** on the Magnolia, May 6\textsuperscript{th}: Liaison: Doug Aitken
  The Moore Free Care Clinic Charity Golf Event Committee needs help. If anyone is interested in working on the committee, please contact Doug Aitken.

- **15\textsuperscript{th} Couples Member Guest Tournament** on the Magnolia and Holly, May 22-23\textsuperscript{rd}: Liaison: Sue Rantala
  Sign up for the tournament will go up March 1\textsuperscript{st}. Chris Little will have the application form available on the website.
Pool/Tennis Committee: Ron Focazio/Rich Steere

No report this month on pool and tennis.

Pickle ball: A survey was developed by Mary Schneider to be sent out to all Club members and residents of Pinewild with the purpose of gauging the level of interest in adding pickle ball courts at the Club. The survey is being sent out in cooperation with the PPOA. As such, the survey will not be sent out until the beginning of the second quarter of 2015 so we don’t inundate residents with too many surveys at the same time. There is currently an outstanding PPOA survey regarding the entry gates.

House Committee: Sally Manich

- Facilities maintenance for this year included: carpet and fabric cleaning, touch up painting in the kitchen and dining room, updates in the kitchen, and repair of the paneling in the ladies locker room. Outside pots will be done in the spring time.
- Have received complaints about the photographs of recent winners that are posted in the dining room. The photos will be redone.

Social Committee: Sue Rantala/Carol Angus

- The January “New Residents Welcome” had a very good turn-out. Suggestions for next time: 1) vary the color of the name tags—New Members one color, Other Members-different color, so the new members can be readily identified; 2) consider doing two events of this type per year with one focused on families; 3) Information Sign-Up Sheets – make sure they are clear for the New Members (i.e. write out Pinewild Azalea League in place of PAL).
- The Pre-Super Bowl party, held February 1st, had a good turn-out ((54+ signed up). Participants enjoyed the event, thought the food was great and was a good value ($10.95 pp), and everyone was gone by kick off time.
- The February Social was planned with a “Quilting Theme”. There was not enough time to gather all the display racks and quilts for the February 6th event. The Social will still be held but the quilting theme will be postponed until a later date.
- The March 6th Social will be a Wine Tasting. Sue and Carol are working with Todd and Chris to pair the wines with the food and to hopefully, have a white wine tasting, a red wine tasting and finish with a dessert wine tasting.
- Carol had a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help at the April 10th Casino Night Event at the club.
Joint Communications Strategy Project:

The PPOA representative (Lydia Boesch) and the PWCC Advisory Board representative (Kevin Carroll), along with Mary Schneider met at the direction of the respective leadership of the PPOA and the PWCC to discuss a joint project to improve PINEWILD’S communications on Monday, January 12, 2015.

OBJECTIVE: The development of a joint Communications Strategy for PINEWILD, sponsored by the Pinewild Property Owners Board and the Pinewild Country Club Owners, with the goal of improving both the internal communications to Owners and Members and external communications to potential future owners helping ensure the long term success of the Pinewild Community.

ASSUMPTION: The long-term success of Pinewild requires the success of both the PPOA and the PWCC. The PPOA is vested with managing our community’s infrastructure and appearance. The Pinewild Country Club has to create value for the Club Members. The property Owners, including the PWCC Club, expect to receive value from their investments. Club Members expect to receive value for their membership. The success of these organizations is entwined together just as the value of our homes and the future of Pinewild.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: To assist the Pinewild Country Club and the Pinewild Property Owners Association to develop a joint Communications Strategy that will improve information sharing within the Pinewild Community and externally to the world. Internally that includes both the Property Owners and the Members of the PWCC adding to the value of both entities. Collaborative sharing of external communication would benefit the Pinewild Community (PPOA & PWCC) through the attraction of future owners and members. In recent discussions, both organizations’ Leadership believes there is potential value and efficiencies that are worth investing.

Next Steps:
1. Lydia and Kevin will share the project status with respective Boards for insight and suggestion.
2. We will meet with the Pinewild Property Manager, Amy Damone (CAS Property Manager), to collect information on what other similar communities are doing to enhance communications.
3. We will then arrange a joint executive meeting with the PPOA (President) and PWCC (General Manager) and appropriate technical support to share the information collected to begin to develop a joint Communications Strategy for review by appropriate ownership.
4. The target for a joint Communications Strategy is April 1, 2015.
5. We will then be available to support the development and implementation phase involving appropriate technical advice as required.
New Business:

Discussion on a tiered-membership concept and Employee of the Month Award was postponed until the March meeting. Chuck Marrale has additional information on both of these topics and he was unable to be at today’s meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2015 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Krasicky
Attachment (A):

3-5. Players Competing from Different Tees or Men and Women from Same Tees

a. Different Tees: Men vs. Men; Women vs. Women; Women vs. Men

Different tees usually have different Ratings. Because a USGA Course Rating reflects the probable score of a scratch golfer, the higher-rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receives additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between each USGA Course Rating, with .5 or greater rounded upward. The additional stroke(s) are added to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher-rated set of tees. (See Decision 3-5/1.)

Example 1: If men playing from the middle tees where the men's USGA Course Rating is 70.3 compete against men playing from the back tees where the men's USGA Course Rating is 72.6, the men playing from the back tees will add two strokes (72.6 - 70.3 = 2.3 rounded to 2 ) to their Course Handicap.

Example 2: If women playing from the forward tees from which the women's USGA Course Rating is 73.4 compete against men playing from the middle tees from which the men's USGA Course Rating is 70.9, the women will add three strokes (73.4 - 70.9 = 2.5 rounded to 3) to their Course Handicap.

b. Same Tees: Men vs. Women

Men and women playing from the same set of tees will have different ratings. Because the women's USGA Course Rating usually will be higher, women receive additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between ratings, with .5 or greater rounded upward.

Example: If women playing from the middle tees from which the women's USGA Course Rating is 77.3 compete against men playing from the middle tees from which the men's USGA Course Rating is 70.9, the women will add six strokes (77.3 - 70.9 = 6.4 rounded to 6) to their Course Handicap.

The adjustment must be added to the higher-rated tee players' Course Handicap even if it causes a Course Handicap to exceed the maximum possible for the Slope Rating of the set of tees being played. Alternatively, it is permissible to subtract the extra handicap strokes from the Course Handicap of the player playing from the tees with the lower USGA Course Rating.

How to Properly Apply Section 3-5:

Step 1: Calculate Course Handicap from tees played per Section 3-3.

Look up each player's Course Handicap on the appropriate gender-based Course Handicap Table for the tees played or use the Course Handicap formula:

Handicap Index x Slope Rating of tees played, and then divided by 113.

Example: A woman with a Handicap Index of 26.5 who is playing from tees with a Slope Rating of 120 has a Course Handicap of 28. (See Section 3-3 to compute a Course Handicap.)

A man with a Handicap Index of 26.5 who is playing from tees with a Slope Rating of 115 has a Course Handicap of 27. (See Section 3-3 to compute a Course Handicap.)

Step 2: Apply any handicap allowance per Section 9-4 (if applicable).

Example: Suppose the Committee in charge of a four-ball stroke play competition determines that men compete at 90 percent and women at 95 percent of Course Handicap.
The **Course Handicap** of 27 for the man in step 1 would be reduced to 24 handicap strokes (27 x .90 = 24.3, with the difference of .4 or less rounded downward to 24 strokes).

The **Course Handicap** of 28 for the woman in step 1 would be reduced to 27 handicap strokes (28 x .95 = 26.6, with the difference of .5 or greater rounded upward to 27 strokes).

**Step 3: Calculate the difference in USGA Course Rating from tees played, with any difference of .5 or greater rounded upward.**

*Example:* Suppose the man in step 2 is playing from the middle tees from which the **USGA Course Rating** is 73.7 and the woman is playing from the front tees from which the **USGA Course Rating** is 69.8.

**USGA Course Rating 73.7 - USGA Course Rating 69.8 = 3.9,** with the difference of .5 or greater rounded upward to 4 strokes.

Add the extra handicap strokes from step 3 to the **Course Handicap** of the player playing from the tees with the higher **USGA Course Rating.** Alternatively, it is permissible to subtract the extra handicap strokes from the **Course Handicap** of the player playing from the tees with the lower **USGA Course Rating.** (See Decision 3-5/1.)

*Example:* A man playing the tees with the higher **USGA Course Rating** (73.7), adds 4 strokes to his **Course Handicap** and competes off 28 strokes (24 + 4 = 28 strokes), while the woman in steps 2 and 3 competes off 27 strokes.

Alternatively, the woman could be reduced to a **Course Handicap** of 23 strokes (27 - 4 = 23 strokes), while the man in steps 2 and 3 competes off 24 strokes.

**Note:** Strokes given or received under the procedures in steps 2 and 3 above are to be disregarded when applying **ESC** for handicap purposes. (See Section 4-3, Examples 2 and 3.)

*Example:* After a Section 3-5 adjustment, a player has added three strokes to a **Course Handicap** of 25. The **Course Handicap** when applying **Equitable Stroke Control** is 25. The correct handicap for competition is 28. (See Section 3-6.)

See Appendix D for a sample letter explaining Sections 3-5 and 9-3c.