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## Covington Country Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**Time:** 5:03 PM

**Location:** Clubhouse

**Meeting Called to Order By:** David Sage, President

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### Attendance:

#### Board Members Present

- David Sage
- Evan Gangaware
- Cyndi Roe
- Dane Anderson
- Billy Dan Huggins
- Shane Craig
- Terry Wall

#### Staff Present

- Buzz
- Charlotte Parnell

#### Guests Present

- David Hanks
  - Thomas Cheairs
  - Buzz
  - Charlotte Parnell
  - Hank Sampson
  - Lisa Cromwell
  - LA Wallace
  - Jane Vaughan
  - Bonny Henderson
  - Judson Naifeh
  - Johnny Howard
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## Opening Items:

- Meeting called to order at **5:03 PM** by David Sage.
  - Charlotte Parnell has returned as **Financial Secretary**.
  - Update provided on Leigh.
  - Correction to previous minutes: "gold" changed to "golf."
    - Motion to approve minutes: **Billy Dan**
    - Second: **Evan**
    - **Approved**
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## Financial Review:

- Reviewed **Aging Summary** showing **four members behind** on payments.
  - Discussion on monthly contributions to the **Capital Reserve Account** (question raised by Dane Anderson).
  - Charlotte noted the need to increase monthly accruals for **property tax and insurance** to cover this year's taxes and last year's insurance shortfall of **\$4,197.50**.
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## Guest Comments & Board Responses:

### A. Membership & Dues Concerns

#### Bonny Henderson

- Asked whether the golf course has a marshal and who enforces rules.
- Asked if an assessment is planned.
- Concerned about the difference between **single vs. family dues**.
- Stated she was told at the annual meeting that dues differences would be discussed and voted on at this meeting.

#### Board Response

- David explained that changing dues mid-year would disrupt the approved budget.
  - The board acknowledged the concern but confirmed **no dues change** for this year.
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#### Jane Vaughan

- Asked how families are defined, specifically regarding children over age 12.
- Suggested pricing should differentiate between **couples** and **families with children**.
- Reported that **bathrooms are not clean** and requested separate (not universal) restrooms.

#### Board Response

- David explained the club currently has multiple membership levels, which creates complexity.
  - Many clubs only offer “Family” and “Single” memberships.
  - Bathroom concerns will be addressed with management.
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#### Facilities & Operations:

##### Tommy Cheairs

- Requested that **all clubhouse doors remain open** when the club is open.

##### Board Response

- Board agreed: **All doors will be open during operating hours.**
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##### Hank Sampson

- Asked whether the assessment would end once funds are raised.
- Stated members pay for the privilege of membership and should expect a good experience.

##### Board Response

- David confirmed the assessment would be **for one year only.**
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##### LA Wallace

- Reported issues with food quality, slow service, and lack of specials.

##### Board Response

- Board acknowledged concerns and will address service and kitchen performance.
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#### Golf Course Report (Buzz):

- Course is in good shape; equipment repairs underway.
  - Preparing for **pre-emergent application.**
  - Need to purchase a **greens mower** and **tractor.**
  - Received a load of rock for patching.
  - Mechanics are being trained for more detailed work.
  - **Part-time summer help** will be needed.
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#### Pro Shop Discussion:

- Evan noted Pro Shop expenses are primarily for stocking golf balls.
  - Shane emphasized the importance of maintaining a **high-quality brand.**
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- Billy Dan reported a **Pro Shop Committee** exists to manage stocking, training, and merchandising.
  - Terry stated the committee should also handle **hiring and firing** of Pro Shop employees.
  - A **starter/marshal** is needed to ensure only members are playing.
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#### **Board Responses to Guest Issues:**

- **Bar & Dining Service:**
    - Server may assist bartender by entering orders.
    - Manager can assist during busy periods.
  - **Bathroom Cleanliness:**
    - David will speak with Jackie.
    - Pool restrooms are cleaned by pool staff when open.
    - Halfway house restrooms should be cleaned by Pro Shop staff.
  - **Membership Dues:**
    - No change to single vs. family dues for this year.
  - **Clubhouse Doors:**
    - All doors will remain open during operating hours.
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#### **Assessment Proposal & Vote:**

David presented the financial need for:

- Greens mower
- Tractor
- Equipment shed
- Patio expansion
- Parking lot completion

#### **Assessment Proposal:**

- **Family, Senior, Junior Memberships:** \$40/month
- **Single & Social Memberships:** \$30/month
- Duration: **1 year**
- Members may pay the full amount upfront.
- Assessment begins **March 25 billing cycle.**

**Motion:** Billy Dan

**Second:** Terry Wall

**Approved**

Dane requested that excess funds after taxes be used for the **parking lot**.

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**Additional Board Discussions:**

- Dane requested all boxes and totes be stored properly in the clubhouse.
  - Dane also offered to assist Buzz and Terry on golf course matters.
  - Pool needs **DirectTV or internet**; an extender may be added.
  - Members' grandchildren may play up to age 18; over 18 must pay greens fees.
  - Pool guest days may be changed to allow guests any day with payment.
  - Chad requested his parking spot; board will **auction the spot**.
  - Members should be notified when greens are covered or when the course is sprayed.
  - Old tournament plaques need updating.
  - Tournament schedule reviewed.
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**Membership Application Issue:**

Two prospective members provided incorrect marital status on their application.

**Motion to reject application:** Billy Dan

**Second:** Evan

**Vote:** Motion failed (all voted NO except Dane).

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Cyndi

**Second:** Evan

**Approved**

**Next Meeting:** March 24 at 4:00 PM

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