August 25, 2024

Dear Cedar Hill Golf Club Member:

**You are invited and encouraged to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), scheduled for 2:00pm, Sunday, September 22, in the Banquet room of Cedar Hill Clubhouse located at 1400 Derby Road, Victoria, BC.**

This EGM will have a focused and brief agenda specific to the enclosed Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting. If you cannot attend in person, please arrange for another member to attend with your written proxy (also enclosed). One (1) member may hold one (1) proxy.

There are two parts to the single motion being presented:

* to dissolve the Cedar Hill Golf Club (CHGC) Society and
* transfer the Leutwyler Funds to the Golf Canada Foundation.

The motion will be presented and discussed at the meeting, and voting will be by secret ballot.

**Why is this meeting happening now?**

Our challenge is that, despite many years of meetings, lobbying Saanich staff, the Mayor and Council, and letter writing, Saanich has created an environment that does not allow our Club to fulfill our core mandate as described in our Constitution and

By-Laws, and our Rules and Regulations. We are no longer able to organize and host men’s, women’s nor mixed golf tournaments, matches and other competitions for our Members at Cedar Hill Golf Course. Our proposed fixture list was reduced in the 2023 golfing season, and fully denied in 2024.

After serious discussion the CHGC Society Board of Directors sadly concluded that our Club can no longer provide value to our members. We are coming up to the end of our fiscal year (September 30) and the Board agreed that we cannot, in good conscience, collect membership dues for the upcoming years. As membership dues and initiation fees are the Club’s only source of income, the Club’s future existence is no longer sustainable.

Based on the Boards consultation with legal counsel, we understand that dissolving the CHGC Society means that the Club will no longer exist as a legal entity and will no longer be subject to the regulations provided under the *Societies Act* and the *Income Tax Act.* Meaning, we are no longer beholden to the governing bodies surrounding a Non-Profit Society, such as Revenue Canada, and the Societies Act of BC.

The directors will all cease to hold their offices, and all memberships will

terminate. No further meetings or events will be held by CHGC Society.

Dissolving CHGC Society does not mean you can’t continue to golf at Cedar Hill. You and your friends can still coordinate your games together. You can maintain an official golf handicap through BC Golf if you wish to participate in sanctioned golf tournaments at other courses and enjoy all that the Public Players Club has to offer.

**Why transfer the Leutwyler Funds?**

Bill Leutwyler was a CHGC Society Member and in his years, he was very active with our Junior Members . When his wife Priscilla passed away, she left a portion of her estate to our Club to honour his memory. The Leutwyler funds are restricted to the following use:

“To be used at Cedar Hill Golf Course to support and promote the annual junior golf tournament, including the giving of prizes at the junior tournament.”

Although the Club received the funds in 2017, we have never been able to host a junior tournament as required.

Looking to the future of youth golf, the Board obtained legal advice to see what options were available. We were advised that the restrictions imposed on the use of the Leutwyler funds are legally binding, and that these funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

In order to honour the conditions of the bequest, the Board approached Golf Canada Foundation, which runs First Tee BC, about transferring the Leutwyler funds to them. First Tee BC is a youth development organization whose primary focus is to introduce the game of golf to young people. Golf Canada Foundation has more resources, including staff and experience, to host a youth golf tournament at Cedar Hill Golf Course and we felt this organization best matches the spirit of Mrs. Leutwyler’s gift.

To put this into perspective, Golf Canada Foundation, as a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association, can use the funds in perpetuity. Cedar Hill Golf Club Society, as a non-charitable society, has a legal limitation to use the money within 21 years of Priscilla Leutwyler’s death, 2015, and any money left in 2036 would be forfeited to the government, something we want to avoid.

Neither of these decisions are easy however, after due consideration, the Board has determined that this is the appropriate course of action from both a business and legal viewpoint.

In conclusion, please mark **September 22** on your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting.

On behalf of the Cedar Hill Golf Club Society Board of Directors,

Kevin Alexander

President

Linda King

Finance Director