

Herons Glen Men's Golf Association Board Meeting – October 31, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by President Tom Braunscheidel. Other members in attendance were Paul Chipman, Bill Harville, Dan Lyons, Jack Birecree, Bob Agate, Gene Dumont, Bob Lemere, and Bob Regnier.

Larry Pedersen had an excused absence.

New Head Golf Professional at HG, Bruce Harris, was introduced to the Board. Among other topics, he said he is keying in on “pace of play issues”. He was invited to and accepted an invitation to speak at our November general membership meeting. Currently the Club has about 545 golf members, down from last years 590. Budgeted memberships will likely settle in at about 565. Revenue requirements have been met with the current 545 members, however.

Treasurer Bill Harville reported a starting MGA balance of about \$3200, with some concerns about our budget situation going forward into the year. The concerns revolve around low membership numbers thus far. We have about 115 paid members at this point compared to year end's 190 or so. It was suggested and adopted that we review the membership situation in about 30 days and make any adjustments to outflow and income opportunities at that time. Everything is on the table.

Bob Lemere discussed the new member situation stating we have signed up seven new members. The new members are announced and acknowledged at the general membership meeting. Bob Lemere has been individually delivering their “welcome” gift.

Upcoming needs for leadership positions in the MGA were discussed. Last Spring Paul Chipman stated that he wanted to step away from his position as VP after several years in various MGA officer positions. He offered to stay on until his replacement could be found and has continued to fulfill his VP duties. Over the coming weeks/months Paul will be transitioning the VP duties to Jack Birecree.

Butch Kohut will continue to spearhead the 50/50 raffles. Steve Boulton will be asked to again assist as his inclusion really helped increase “sales”.

The HG Member/Guest was discussed with an update provided. The MGA will be sponsoring the Jack & Jill Tournament on December 6th. An alternate game will be offered for those not participating in the Jack & Jill. Jack Birecree unveiled the new victory belt surely to be coveted by the winners of the Historic vs. The Outback tourney in the Spring.

The board agreed to enhance the importance and visibility of our one charity sponsorship – Hearts and Home for Veterans. All aspects of this will be explored soon.

Paul Chipman sent out, shortly after the meeting, a proposal to incorporate the new course rating and its ramifications. The inclusion of the 4/5 hybrids in MGA events was at the forefront.

The Adopt-A-Hole program needs volunteers. Some questions arose as to the procedures (yet to have been finalized) to begin this program in earnest. More to come at the general membership meeting.

After some discussion, Head Golf Professional, Bruce Harris, agreed to begin using the alternative tee boxes on holes 4, 9, and 11 for every other MGA Tuesday event.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Lyons, HGMGA Secretary