

HERONS GLEN MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2023

The meeting as called to order by President Jack Birecree at 1:10pm. Those present were Bob Agate, Bill Harville, Dan Lyons, Larry Pedersen, Gene Dumont, Tom Braunscheidel, Bill Paris, and Bob Regnier

Treasurer, Bill Harville, pronounced the state of the MGA's finance to be solid and stable. Membership is currently 186 with a budget of 190. The recent general membership meeting had a cost of \$881 including the pizza and beer. There was some discrepancy on the charge for the beer, but that will be addressed by Bob Agate with Janine Stepanick. It was decided that, going forward, once an MGA provided keg runs out, it's done.

Membership Chair, Bill Paris gave his report on efforts to recruit new members. He is using past membership lists and other matrixes to key in on new golf members and former members who have let their membership lapse. Bill Harville will send to all Board members his extensive spreadsheet with pertinent information.

The general membership meeting on December 12th will be held in the new, fine dining area. Bob Agate reported that a limited menu will be available and that we will forgo a speaker at this meeting. The MGA will provide free beer and a non-alcoholic drink station.

Jack Birecree and Gene Dumont held a meeting with Golf Course Superintendent, Matt Bourne. The purpose of this meeting was to foster a better relationship, based on communication, with the GCS. The outcome from this meeting includes scheduling further meetings on a monthly basis (including Women's Golfing Associations going forward), agreement to have the course in "super shape" for five special events throughout the year, and creation of and adherence to a schedule for the alternate 3 tees and drop zones.

Ongoing reports state that live scoring is working and is here to stay. Gene Dumont discussed upcoming events and the timeline and methodology for sign up. Gene will continue to meet with Mike Lopnow prior to select tournaments to firm up any event specific particulars.

A discussion ensued on nominations for captains of the Historic/Outback event. It was decided to ask the most recent captains if they had any suggestions as to who might be good candidates for those captaincies.

The Pro Shop will be asked to have the "rangers" to strictly enforce slow play guidelines during MGA events. The hope is that any interventions may spread to regular play. The Pro Shop will again be asked to place Board members in "A" tee positions on Board and General Membership meeting days.

Dan Lyons brought the Board up to speed on recent happenings of the Golf Committee. Discussed were a review of course maintenance projects, a proposed two-week closure in July to better battle greens being encroached upon by fairway grasses, the repair of cart paths between 8 and 9, and Cap Patrol's rollout occurring in the next two weeks. Meetings with the outside staff continue to occur. There were 5700 rounds played in October-1000 of those were "outside play". Membership at Herons Glen golf course is currently at 578 with a budget of 590.

The Veteran's Tournament will be held 3/19/24. The MGA will solicit the membership for someone to come forward to head up an ad hoc committee to ensure a successful tournament. Also discussed were any "trinkets" and/or gift cards that might be added to the tournament for donations to MGA's only charity sponsorship – Hearts and Homes for Veterans.

We still need a website administrator if it is decided that the website continues to provide any value to the organization.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Lyons, Secretary

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