

HERONS GLEN MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Birecree at 12:50 pm. Those in attendance were Bob Agate, Bill Harville, Dan Lyons, Bob Regnier, Larry Pedersen, and Bill Paris. Joining the meeting a bit later was Gene Dumont.

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of last month's board meeting.

The MGA's financials were discussed by Treasurer, Bill Harville. Generally, Bill felt good about the MGA's current position. With 154 total members currently, and the season kicking into gear, Bill stated his confidence in the MGA budget based upon a total membership of 190 or so. To date we have 16 new members this year. Three of which have rejoined from an absence of at least one year. Bill Paris stood ready to begin delivering the welcome towels to the new, first-time members along with a welcome letter, and an offer to pair up with an MGA Board member for a round of MGA golf. All Board members signified a willingness to assist Bill in any way possible.

The current "tee" position situation was brought up by Jack. He created a list showing all golf members (not just MGA) who have requested reassignment from the default "3" tees to another tee position. Dan Lyons inquired, at a member's request, as to the viability of adding a hybrid 2/3 tee position to MGA events. There was universal willingness to do so, however, history told us that; 1) we need a committed group of 8 to 10 "2/3" golfers to create flights for competition, and 2) we have seen most of those players preferring to play with a current 2/3 group, known as the Bandits, with afternoon tee times. A different golf flag system was presented for discussion. Several Board members said their "Northern" clubs have tried to use this system with no long-term success. Criteria for a golfer moving to the "5" tees was discussed with a decision to table it until our next meeting.

Bob Regnier and Jack Birecree discussed the MGA's current communication methodology. The website is still operating and has been "paid" for this year. Bob noted that it is a good repository for data, but he was unsure as to where visitors to the website were actually going after they signed into it.

Gene Dumont discussed the upcoming MGA golf event schedule. Several points were brought up during Gene's report. We need to make sure the membership understands the "timing" for signing up for events such as the 2 Ball Championship, President's Cup, and the MGA Championship. PGA Pro, Bruce Harris, will be asked to be very clear on the "rules"/"procedures" of each weekly MGA event during his explanation. It was noted, yet again, that the PA system seems inadequate during Bruce's presentations. It was generally agreed that "gross" events would continue.

Jack Birecree questioned the accuracy of the pay outs at the last few events. Treasurer Bill Harville will monitor those calculations in the coming weeks.

The HG Handicap Committee has passed on the following names to the HGRD Board of Supervisors to be approved as members of said committee: Patty Amico, Peggy Rabb, Tracy Chipman, Carol Moore, and Mike Bickel.

After the adjournment of this meeting it was found to be necessary to move the General Membership meeting to Tuesday, November 21, 2023. This meeting will feature free pizza/beer. No guest speaker will be invited, and the availability of future guest speakers was discussed. We will likely see some combination of Bruce Harris, Tim Kortanek, and JB Belknap invited in the future. Larry Pedersen

mentioned that a staff member from the fitness center might be willing to appear and discuss proper stretching and warm-up exercises for golf.

This week's event was dynamically scored by Board members using the **Golf Genius** app. It went well. An announcement will be created by Jack Birecree and disseminated to the MGA members *via* the Newsletter that beginning with next week's event, **Golf Genius** will be used to post and enter scores. One paper card with a "foursome specific" code will be issued by the Pro Shop and kept as a backup to **Golf Genius**. Very specific instructions will be sent to the membership. Jack Birecree will stress the simplicity and necessity of putting only your **gross** score on the score card or into **Golf Genius**. Currently the content of many scorecards make them very time consuming to interpret/validate.

Several positive responses by Pro Shop to MGA requests were mentioned and are most appreciated. It was asked to remind the Pro Shop that if MGA Board members could be placed in the "A" tee position on membership meeting and possibly Board meeting days, it, too, would be most appreciated.

With new metrics being introduced, it is now possible to capture data showing many interesting statistics. Using this data, we could create a year-end acknowledgments for, i.e., most improved golfer, most birdies, etc.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn at 2:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Lyons, Secretary

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