

HERONS GLEN MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: 9/3/2024

Location: 20735 Tisbury Lane

In Person Attendees: Jack Birecree, Bob Agate, Bob Regnier, Bill Harville, Tom Braunscheidel and Bruce Taylor

Video Conference Attendees: Gene Dumont, Bill Paris and Paul Burke

Unable to Attend: Larry Pedersen

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Jack Birecree

Topics of Discussion:

1. Communication of Summer Schedule.
 - The topic of some members not knowing the upcoming tournament schedule was brought up. It was confirmed that the following week's game is now listed in the weekly results email that Mike Loppnow sends out to the entire MGA membership. Additionally, it was determined that a link to the HGMGA website should be added to the weekly results email so that members could access the entire summer schedule.
2. Communications within the HGMGA Board
 - The best method for communication within the HGMGA board was discussed and whether to remain using email as the preferred method of communication or to switch to using text messages. It was agreed that email will remain the primary method of communication and text messaging only used for urgent issues.
3. Tournament Result on Web Site
 - Weekly results will no longer be uploaded to the MGA web site. Results will still be available in the weekly newsletter and through a link on the website to the weekly newsletter archive.
4. New Season
 - The new season will start on October 1st. The newsletter will resume the week before. The initial newsletter will highlight the membership fee remaining at \$40, the upcoming seasons schedule, a reminder for members to select their tee when signing up for the new season and a reminder to use the golf genius app when playing in MGA events.
5. Board Meetings

- The board meeting scheduled for 10/1 has been cancelled. The board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 12/3 conflicts with the Jack and Jill golf tournament, the meeting was rescheduled to Monday 12/2. All other meetings will be held as scheduled.
6. Membership Meetings.
- The membership meeting for October 8th has been cancelled. The first membership meeting for the new season will be on November 12th. The membership meeting scheduled for March 11th conflicts with the Outback vs. Historic tournament, the meeting has been rescheduled for the following week on March 18th.
 - The possibility of providing food at all six of the membership meetings was discussed. This would be an additional 3 meetings with food provided, with a total estimated cost of around \$1,500. Two methods to pay for the additional lunches were presented: using monies from the existing reserved fund or to raise the weekly tournament cost by \$1. It was decided that for the first 3 lunches of the season the reserve fund will be used after which the actual costs will be reviewed. After the review the decision whether to continue with the lunches and how to fund them will be revisited. Additionally, Bob Agate will get with the restaurant management to see if food prices can be held for the entire season.
7. Tom Braunscheidel brought up the issue of finding some individuals last year playing in MGA events even though they were not current members. The need for an occasional audit of the membership roster against the scheduled tournament players was determined to be necessary. Tom Braunscheidel and Bill Harville will take the lead on these audits.
8. Jack Birecree brought up the handicap committees on going project of reviewing the posting of scores by players with scheduled rounds at Herons Glen. His concern is that due to limited data availability by the committee the members of the MGA may be unfairly singled out for enforcement.
9. Jack Birecree has been doing an extensive review of posted scores by players at Herons Glen that posted scores from two different tee boxes throughout the last season. The concern was the players may be getting an unfair advantage with their handicap for tournaments. After reviewing the data it does not appear as though players are receiving any substantial advantage.
10. Bob Regnier reported the following information from the latest golf committee meeting:
The work on the retaining wall for hole 17 is still on hold pending permit approval from Lee County.
There will be a new flower garden installed in the area near the 14th tee box

New Range targets are scheduled to be installed this fall.
The new golf cart tire and size restrictions are now in place.
The request for new, non-checkered, flags for the golf course is under consideration.
Restrooms for the driving range area are in the permit review stage.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully,

Bruce Taylor, Acting Secretary
HGMGA