

## HERONS GLEN MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 14, 2025

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:57 PM BY PRESIDENT JACK BIRECREE.

PRESIDENT BIRECREE MGA GENERAL INTEREST ISSUES:

- THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FOR HERONS GLEN GOLF CLUB IS AT 582, WITH 73 OF THOSE BEING NON-RESIDENTS. THE BUDGET IS BASED ON A MEMBERSHIP OF 590.
- MGA MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENTLY AT 207, WITH 31 NEW MEMBERS HAVE JOINED THE MGA TO DATE, 11 WERE INTRODUCED BY BILL PARIS AT TODAY'S MEETING
- TODAY'S GAME HAD 106 PLAYERS, THE MAXIMUM PLAYERS FOR MGA TOURNAMENTS IS 128
- NEXT WEEK IS THE FIRST WEEK OF THE 2 WEEK PRESIDENT'S CUP TOURNAMENT. SIGN-UPS WILL START IN CHELSEA THIS AFTERNOON. BOTH WEEKS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CUP ALSO ARE QUALIFYING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR END SHOOT OUT.
- A REVIEW OF THE MGA SKINS GAME PROCESS WAS PRESENTED. YOU ENROLL IN THE PRO SHOP PRIOR TO PLAY ON TUESDAY MORNINGS, IT IS \$2 TO ENTER THE NET GAME AND \$2 TO ENTER THE GROSS GAME. THIS SEASON THERE HAVE BEEN 50 MEMBERS WHO HAVE WON SKINS; 24 HAVE ONE 1, 23 HAVE WON BETWEEN 2 AND 4, 2 HAVE ONE 5 TIMES AND ONE MEMBER HAS WON 9.
- PLAYERS WERE REMINDED TO CALL THE PRO SHOP BY 7:00 TUESDAY MORNING IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE UNABLE TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT THEY HAVE SIGNED UP FOR.
- JACK IS GOING TO PLACE A BULK ORDER OF OUTBACK AND HISTORIC SHIRTS WITH THE PRO SHOP. ONCE IN, THE SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
- JACK ASKED FOR MEMBERS TO CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE UPCOMING VICE PRESIDENT VACANCY.

THE GUEST SPEAKER WAS TIM KORTANEK, WHO REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING:

- HIS PERSONAL HISTORY OF BEING FROM INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA AND HAVING STARTED AT HERON'S GLEN IN 2017.
- THAT HERONS GLEN COURSE IS A HIGH-VOLUME COURSE THAT HAS OVER 50K ROUNDS PLAYED ON IT EACH YEAR
- ISSUES OF A RAISED CUP OR "VOLCANO" AT THE HOLE ARE NOT DUE TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE HOLE. TIM REVIEWED THE PROCESS FOR CUTTING AND INSTALLING NEW HOLES. THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE WAY GOLFERS REMOVE THE BALL FROM THE HOLE WITH EITHER THE FLAG STICK OR USING THEIR PUTTER.
- DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON HOLES 16 AND 9, WORK IS NEARING COMPLETION ON HOLE 17.
- RECENT AERIFICATION AROUND THE GREENS WAS DONE DUE TO A HIGH NEMATODE COUNT IN THE LAST TESTING.
- PLANNED BULKHEAD WORK FOR HOLE 17 IS STILL IN PERMIT PROCESS.

TIM ALSO HAD A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION:

- QUESTION: SAND TRAPS DO NOT SEEM TO BE CONSISTENT, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THIS? ANSWER: THE TRAPS ARE REVIEWED MONTHLY BY THE GROUNDS CREW, BUT IF YOU HAVE ISSUES WITH ANY TRAPS PLEASE LET TIM OR THE PRO SHOP KNOW AND THE TRAP WILL BE ADDRESSED.
- QUESTION: WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ADDRESS TRIP HAZARDS AROUND RECENTLY COMPLETED CONCRETE WORK ON THE CART PATHS? ANSWER: BACK FILLING NEXT TO THE

CONCRETE IS ALMOST FINISHED, IF THERE ARE AREAS OF CONCERN, PLEASE LET TIM OR THE PRO SHOP KNOW AND THE AREAS WILL BE FIXED.

- QUESTION: DOES THE WEEKLY DESIGNATION OF ONE "CART PATH ONLY" HOLE HAVE AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COURSE? ADOPT A HOLE CAPTAINS REPORT THAT MANY MORE DIVOTS ARE LEFT IN THE FAIRWAYS WHEN THE HOLE IS A "CART PATH ONLY HOLE". ANSWER: YES, THE LACK OF CART TRAFFIC MAKES FOR SIGNIFICANT HEALING FOR THE FAIRWAY GRASS.
- QUESTION: HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSIDERATION OF PUTTING A BASKET LIKE DEVICE ON THE END OF THE FLAGSTICK TO MAKE BALL RETRIEVAL FROM THE HOLE EASIER AND TO LIMIT ISSUES WITH THE CUP BEING PULLED UP? ANSWER: DEVICES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FLAGSTICK TEND TO CREATE A VACUUM WHEN BEING PULLED UP AND WILL MAKE IT MORE LIKELY TO PULL THE ENTIRE CUP UP BECAUSE OF THIS THE DEVICES ARE NOT BEING CONSIDERED.
- QUESTION: AT TIMES THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME OVERWATERING ON THE FAIRWAYS THAT CAN CAUSE THE CARTS TO SINK OR SPIN OUT. CAN ANYTHING BE DONE TO CORRECT THIS? ANSWER: TIM WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY OVERWATERING ISSUES, IF YOU LET HIM OR THE PRO SHOP NOW OF THE SPECIFIC AREA, IT WILL BE CORRECTED.
- QUESTION: HAS ANYTHING BEEN DONE SPEED UP THE GREENS? THEY SEEM TO BE ROLLING FASTER THAN LAST MONTH. ANSWER: THE GREENS ARE ROLLING FASTER DUE TO THE COOLER WEATHER AND THE LACK OF WATER AT THE ROOT LEVEL. WE SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE THIS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THEY ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE GREENS ROLLING AT AROUND 10 ON THE STIMP METER. THEY ARE CURRENTLY ROLLING THE GREENS TWICE PER WEEK, OCCASIONALLY THREE TIMES PER WEEK.

THERE WERE TWO 50/50 RAFFLE, THE FIRST FOR \$100 AND THE SECOND FOR \$50. THE NAMES OF THE WINNERS WERE NOT ANNOUNCED.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:41 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BRUCE TAYLOR, SECRETARY  
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