

**Draft WMGA Special Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2018**

The Board meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were:

Bob Creager, President	Bill Ackerman, Vice President
Mark Cichocki, Tournament Chair	BJ Bjornaas, Director (by phone)
David Franek, Director	Jim Fairall, Director
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary	Joe Smith, Treasurer

Representing PVP:

Sally Johnston
Ron Springer

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Bob explained that this special meeting was called to acquaint all Board members with a number of issues that have surfaced during the prior year. This is an informational meeting and no decisions will be made other than to confirm whether the issues are appropriate for further deliberation at our regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Budget Issues

The WMGA Board manages a budget that averages \$27,000 a year. The By-Laws require that the Board have a budget management plan in place to maintain appropriate fiduciary control over the income and expenses throughout the 2019 golf year. The plan implemented last year to measure budgeted and actual income/expenses was presented to familiarize Board members with the process and to identify the elements that will require special attention in developing the 2019 budget.

Prize Payouts

Golfers had raised concerns this past year about the seeming inequity of prizes for gross and net scores, indicating that, from a fairness perspective, more gross scores should be awarded. The board took no position on this but agreed that it is worthy of further deliberation.

2019 Tournament Schedule

The schedule for the 2019 tournaments has been determined, but the format of the individual tournaments must still be decided. Two of the tournaments, the Frostbite and the Stony Lick Championship have been moved to later dates in the schedule.

Walking in Tournaments

In interest of maintaining pace of play, the WMGA has had a policy of not allowing golfers to walk the course during tournaments. During 2018, two golfers have indicated a preference for walking. In one case, the request was honored. This is clearly an issue that merits further deliberation to develop a formal policy that is sensitive to the unique needs of some golfers but does not adversely affect pace of play in our tournaments. The policy to be developed should be predicated on the premise that cart riding is the standard.

Green Tee/White Tee

An earlier Board decided that the choice of using the white or green tees should be open to all golfers regardless of age and handicap. It had also been decided that the adjustment for mixed tee competitions would be applied by adding handicap strokes to the white tee golfers. Though the Board does not want to set a precedent of over-riding previous Board decisions, it is recognized that this issue requires further study to insure that the option of using forward tees is fairly and uniformly applied.

Roots and Rocks

It is recognized that there are some areas on the Mountain View course, most notably the left rough of hole 8 and the right rough of hole 7, where there is practically no hope of growing grass that would support a decent lie. Instead these areas are mostly bare rocks and roots with sparse or no vegetation. A question was raised as to whether a local rule should be developed treating such areas as abnormal ground conditions as described in Rule 16 of the 2019 USGA Rules of Golf. More discussion and research on this topic is required.

WV Golf Association

Ron advised that the WV Golf Association will be at The Woods on December 12 from 3:00 to 5:00 to discuss the 2019 USGA Rules. He will be announcing this to all golfers.

New Members

WMGA membership is down from 184 in 2009 to 141 for the 2018 season. We discussed whether more direct mailings to new home owners (about 80 in 2018) from the WMGA and WWGA might be a more effective means of encouraging new members. Notices are now included in closing packets, but could easily be overlooked. This issue requires further research with the WWGA and PVP.

Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.

Prepared by:
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary