

WMGA Quarterly Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2019

The Board meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. Board members in attendance were:

Bob Creager, President	Bill Ackerman, Vice President
George Goodman, Tournament Chair	BJ Bjornaas, Director
David Franek, Director	Jim Fairall, Director
Joe Smith, Treasurer	Frank Mams. Member-Guest Chair
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary	

Representing The Woods Club:
Ron Springer

The following issues were discussed:

Member – Guest 2020

- The possibility of purchasing trophies (2) for the winners of next year's member guest was considered. It was suggested that a sponsor might be identified to offset the costs. It was suggested that this issue would be appropriate for the Member-Guest committee to staff out. It was pointed out that no sponsors for the member-guest can be direct competitors of PVP who contributes significantly to this tournament.
- It was questioned whether we have a plaque recognizing past winners or if we have records identifying past winners. The response was no regarding plaques and uncertain regarding the history of past winners, though the immediate past 3 winners were recalled from participant memories.
- It was cautioned that food costs are one of the most significant expenses for the Member-Guest tournament and that we must be careful not to overestimate the number of expected players, because once we lock that number in one week prior to the tournament, that is the number of meals for which we will be billed, even if we have fewer golfers participating.

WMGA Financials

- A comparison of planned and actual income and expenses was outlined.
- Our projected membership is about 20% lower than projected resulting in a significant reduction in actual vs. projected membership fee income. On the positive side, miscellaneous expenses were lower than projected and there was a slight increase in actual vs. projected tournament income. The net effect is a \$614 increase in income over expenses through the Stony Lick Championship, which puts us in a good position heading into the expensive Member-Member tournament.

- For today's Better Ball-Scotch tournament, we had income of \$445 and prize payouts of \$324, yielding a net gain of \$121. In addition we had two new members pay dues totaling \$70.
- The two new members move our total 2019 membership to 117, 25 lower than last year.
- Our cash balance as of September, 21, 2019 is \$4,804.38

Member-Member Tournament

- The menu for the tournament has been confirmed, basically hamburgers, hot dogs, and sides.
- We also have tee prizes ordered through the pro shop.
- Indications are that this should be a popular tournament.

'85' Rule for Play from Forward Tees

- An incident arose during a WWGA sponsored tournament that resulted in a team's disqualification because a player invoked the 85 rule and played from the forward tees without the WWGA's prior knowledge of that rule's existence.
- The WWGA has now been fully apprised of the rule's existence, but it was suggested that we reaffirm the January 5, 2019 Board decision that beginning in 2019, any player whose age plus handicap equals 85 or more has the option to play from the forward tees.
- In subsequent comments on the language in the draft minutes, questions were raised about whether the 85 rule should apply to any WMGA/WWGA sponsored event or be restricted to WMGA and WWGA tournaments.
 - An e-mail vote was taken on the issue and it was decided that the 85 rule would apply to tournaments only.
- Accordingly, it is hereby affirmed that:

Any WMGA member whose age plus handicap equals 85 or greater is eligible to play from the forward tee in any WMGA or WWGA tournament.

- A notice with this language will be posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

Walking in Tournaments

- Because there was some confusion about the WMGA rules for walking in tournaments, we are reaffirming the rule adopted unanimously at the January 5, 2019 Board meeting, which provides that the WMGA will:
 1. Continue the policy that the standard means of participating in tournaments will be by golf cart, but
 2. Recognize that there may be situations where a member's medical condition mitigate against riding in a cart, and
 3. Require that a member seeking an exception to the cart riding policy notify the Board in writing no later than the Thursday before the tournament:
 - a. Explaining why riding a cart is not medically appropriate for them, and
 - b. Acknowledging that it is their responsibility to maintain pace of play with their foursome or face disqualification.

Board Member Vacancies

- We currently have 6 of the required 7 voting board members in place, but Jim Fairall has indicated a willingness to move to an advisory rather than a voting position.
- This leaves us with two vacancies to be filled at the annual membership meeting following the member-member tournament.
- Marty Johnson has expressed his interest in joining the Board and our current tournament director, George Goodman, would be a logical choice to move into a voting member position.
- The membership will be advised accordingly and a vote will be taken to select two voting board members.
- Any other member wishing to join the board, in a non-voting capacity, will be encouraged to join as a committee member

Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m.

Prepared by:
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary