

WMGA Meeting Minutes September 4, 2020

The meeting began at 400 p.m. In attendance were:

Voting Members

Keith Casper
Dave Keeler
Joe Smith
Vince Serio

Non-Voting Members

Bob Creager, ex-officio
Mark Clowser
Mike Harbin for TMG

Advertisers

Keith has donations of \$600 from two local companies. He will have signs prepared to be posted at the next tournament and at next year's. He will send additional invitations for advertisements at WMGA tournaments to chamber of Commerce members for 2022.

Treasurer's Report

We currently have a balance of \$4,468.94 in our treasury, not counting the \$600 in advertising income. The only outstanding expense items are the annual Christmas gifts for the Club Pro and Course Superintendent and the Member-Member costs for meals and drinks. With our goal of carrying over \$1200 from year to year, we have \$3200 (not counting the \$600 advertising income) available to meet these costs.

Remaining Tournaments

The Better Ball Scotch Tournament and the Stony Lick Championship are upcoming tournaments that have no real impact on the WMGA budget. The Member – Member tournament on October 2 will require funding for a meal and beverages. We have ordered and paid for a shirt and vest combo for 64 participants. The gifts have been delivered and sorted by sizes. The current budget provides \$6.33 per person for food and \$4.80 per person for drinks.

Member - Member

There was some discussion about the meals for the member –Member with a general agreement that the budgeted amount was insufficient to provide a quality meal for the members. Since the WMGA goal is to give back all funds but the minimum year to year carryover, it was agreed that we should explore with Sally and Shea what they could provide. An outside grill menu would be ideal for the end of year tournament.

Membership Dues

Dues have remained at \$35 since 2018, during which time costs for services at The Woods and from other suppliers have increased each year. In order to continue providing the best possible service to our members, it was proposed and approved to increase dues to \$45 beginning in 2022. The increase in dues will also enable us to provide small trophies to all WMGA tournament winners in keeping with the results of the earlier members' poll. Cash prizes will continue to be awarded with the amounts based on participation. This increase will also keep the WMGA and WWGA dues in alignment.

Championship Tournament Participation

Despite the Board's attempt to increase participation in the Senior/Super-Senior championship, by adding a third flight for members over 65, that only brought in 5 additional players. The consensus was that we should retain the Pre-Senior flight in hopes that it will grow with age. Similar concerns were raised about the Club Championship which had only 8 golfers participating in the championship flight. To increase participation, it was suggested that we:

1. Move the championship flight to the white tees with winners based on gross score
2. Retain a non-championship flight from the white tees with winners based on gross and net scores.
3. Retain the non-championship flight from the green tees with winners based on gross and net scores.

We will present this option to the membership at the annual meeting and will make a decision after getting input from the members.

Nominations for New Board Members

A call will be made for nominations for board membership at the annual meeting. Bob Creager advised that he will seek board membership and knows others may be interested in doing so. Any current Board members who have been "drafted" as voting members will be given the opportunity to resume non-voting member status if they so desire.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p. m.

Prepared by:
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary