

## **WMGA Meeting Minutes December 18, 2021**

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were:

### Voting Members

Bob Creager, President  
Keith Casper, Vice President  
Dave Keeler, Tournament Chair  
Joe Smith, Treasurer  
Bob Wilhelm  
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary

### Non-Voting Members

Mark Clowser  
Dave O'Brien  
John Valasek

### The Woods Club

Sally Johnston  
Ron Springer

### Thursday Men's Golf

Mike Harbin

### Guest

Pete Mulford

## **Charity Tournament**

The WWGA position on outside charity tournaments is that there is little interest in their expanding the tournament to outside players. The charity tournament committee has made contact with the staff of the backpack program and they are very eager to assist in making this tournament successful. The committee members agreed that we are prepared to move forward with the charity tournament as originally planned.

The board voted to continue with plans to hold the outside charity tournament to benefit the backpack program on June 13, 2022.

## **Woods Cup**

Participation in the Woods Cup will follow along the lines of the Gold Cup points in Thursday Men's Golf. The winning individuals/team members in WMGA tournaments, excluding mixed tournaments, will earn points as follows:

- 40 for the winners of each tournament
- 30 for 2nd place
- 20 for 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 10 for all other participants

At the end of the season, the 40 golfers with the highest point totals will be invited to participate in the Woods Cup on October 8, 2022. The Woods Cup will be a stroke play tournament with cash prizes based on lowest net scores. The Woods Cup purse, number of winning places and prize amount will be determined.

## **Trophies**

As had been discussed at prior board meetings, the cost of providing trophies at all WMGA tournaments was explored. Providing small trophies to winning teams in addition to championship

trophies as well as a substantial Gold Cup trophy would cost \$582.46, about \$300 more than the championship trophies alone.

The board voted to order the trophies

### **Tournament Participation Survey**

The board considered a proposed survey instrument to assess members' interest in participating in weekend tournaments or their reasons for not doing so. Similar surveys had been done in prior years but produced no useful information. The board decided to table the survey approach. Rather, all board members were asked to reach out to WMGA members who may not be playing in tournaments to encourage them to participate. There was some discussion about members' reasons for not participating in tournaments which included early tee times, tournament formats that are too competitive. Some new golfers have reported that, after attempting play with the Woodsmen, there impression was that it was too cliquish and that they did not feel welcome. These issues present challenges for the board, given the WMGA sometimes competing goals of providing golfing opportunities that are both fun and competitive for our members. Though it is too late to change the tournament formats for this year, the board will consider any proposed format changes for future tournaments that adhere to the USGA rules of golf.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There is a balance of \$1,988.11 in the WMGA account. There were 122 paid up members at the close of the 2021 season. Fourteen members have already signed up for the 2022 season,

### **Thursday Men's Golf**

The TMG had 50 members for 2021 with 25 typically playing each Thursday. There is a balance of \$2,000 in the TMG treasury. Following a survey of the membership, some changes for the 2022 season will include negative gold cup points for net double and triple bogies and the schedule will include 3 scrambles.

### **New Business**

The West Virginia Golf Association will be at The Woods on February 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm to discuss USGA Rules and Handicap issues.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Prepared by:  
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary