

WMGA Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2022

The meeting began at 2:05 p.m. In attendance were:

Voting Members

Bob Creager, President
Dave Keeler, Tournament Chair
Lamar Williams, Rules & Handicap
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting Members

Mark Clowser
Scott Nichols
David O'Brien
Frank Mams, Member-Guest

The Woods Club

Sally Johnston

The issues discussed were:

Member-Guest Tournament

Fifteen teams have signed up, considerably lower than expected. Frank has asked the starters to hype the member-guest tournament as golfers are checking in with them. Sally will make a second announcement on the community wide web site. Vince will send out another announcement to members. We will cap the handicap at 32 so that no one gets two strokes on a Mountain View par 3. We will play white tees only on Stoney Lick. On a positive note, arrangements have been finalized for food and drinks. Marty Johnson donated \$1,000 which will help with the budget. Frank will approach Gary Cooney about managing the skins game on Stoney Lick.

Charity Tournament

So far we have 12 teams signed up bringing in \$4500 plus an additional \$2,275 in sponsorships and donations for a total to date of \$6775 in gross income. Several other organizations have contacted us by e-mail requesting information on signing up a team. There are at least three known Woods teams that are signing up but have not yet completed their registration. We will send out another reminder to garner more support for the Berkeley County Backpack Program.

Handicap/Rules

Sheryl Dolin and Laura Ward for the WWGA, Scott Nichols and Lamar Williams for the WMGA together with Ron Springer make up the Woods Handicap Committee. Lamar and Ron are licensed by the WV Golf Association to manage a handicap system for The Woods. The committee will soon meet to work on resolving some issues regarding unplayable areas on the Mountain View course and handicap plans that are consistent with the rules of golf but maintain the recreational aspect of golf at The Woods.

Woods Cup

A total of 58 members have played in at least one of the past three tournaments. Twenty-nine have played in all three. The point breakdown thus far is as follows:

- Three members have 70 -90 points
- Nine have 50 – 60
- Seventeen have 30 – 40
- 29 have 10 – 20

It was decided that neither the Season-Long Match Play nor the Senior/Super Senior tournaments will be used to earn Woods Cup points. We may re-visit the Match Play issue next year, but because entry in that tournament is closed, it would be unfair to include it this year. Since the Senior/Super Senior tournament is self-limiting because of the age requirements, it would be unfair to the full membership who may not be eligible to participate.

Pending issues are:

- Target number of players to be included in the Woods Cup
- Cash payout

Dave O'Brien and Vince Serio will meet with Keith to work out the details for the two pending issues with a view to promoting greater participation.

Tournament Participation

Below is an analysis of participation in the three completed tournaments since 2019

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change from prior year	Change from 2019
Frostbite	40	48	48	43	-11.6%	7.0%
Derby	36	42	40	32	-25.0%	-12.5%
6-6-6	56	60	48	36	-33.3%	-55.6%

There was some discussion and speculation about the reason for the decline in participation. We are aware that we are losing some member's participation in the Derby because it has been played on Sundays which interferes with church services. We will move this tournament to a Saturday next year. Sally cautioned that we make sure we are not scheduling any tournament on a Saturday that conflicts with a WHOA scheduled meeting. Board members have heard that some of the reasons WMGA members are not participating is

- The same players consistently win our tournaments
- The 6-6-6 requires self-selected rather than random pairings.
- The 6-6-6 format is intimidating.

It was suggested that we attempt random pairings for the Better Ball-Scotch tournament to see if that has any impact on participation. Details to be worked out. It was decided that we will do more frequent announcements of tournaments an attempt to encourage greater participation.

New Business

The Quarterly WMGA meeting is due to be held next month. A date/time will be announced shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Prepared by:

Vince Serio, Recording Secretary