

METRO ST. LOUIS SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – Kirkwood Community Center

March 11, 2019

Vice President Larry Roth called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The attendance roster is attached.

Motion was made by Bob Zaruba to accept the minutes from the 1/15/19 board meeting as is. Tony Ellebracht seconded. The minutes were approved.

Request made by Larry Roth for more involvement from Directors and board members. Please do more than vote at meetings. The league needs your help, please volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT - (Jim Baugus) The Audit Report was handed out and is attached here. Jim praised Treasurer Dennis Carter for the work he has done, and suggested implementing an accounting software program in the future. It was discussed and agreed that IF used properly, a software program could be beneficial. Additional discussion was had regarding charging people the approximate 2% credit card fee if they request a refund. No action taken. Jim mentioned that this would be his last year as Auditor.

TREASURER – (Dennis Carter) Dennis handed out the revised Treasurer Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Tony Ellebracht and seconded by Dan Glenz. The report was accepted and attached..

SPECIAL EVENTS – (Rick Hines / Frank McLaughlin) Most events are filling up well, with the least popular still being the Same Flight single player event, which is currently at 68%. We should continue to encourage people to sign up for events even if full, due to cancellations, etc. We need to emphasize that three (3) rounds must be completed before a Special Event round can be accepted. A question was asked if we could use BOTH courses at the Whitmoor event, Larry Roth will ask that question at the course next week.

MEMBERSHIP - (Don Glenzy) We are now at 672 members vs 751 last year, with the biggest dropoff in Division 3 Thursday. 92 members are at least 80 years old, and five (5) are at least 90. Any member not active for 24 months will be considered a “New Member”, and be required to re-establish their handicap. For payment purposes, any member in more than one division will require separate membership numbers for each.

HANDICAP – (Dick Jones) We now have representation on the Handicap Committee from all divisions. Dick would like earlier notification from Division VP's on any inventory issues. This year the Links at Dardenne will have gold tees and the slope rating for The Falls has been adjusted as the forward tees there have won more on average in past years.

COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLICITY - (Tony Ellebracht) Thanks was given to Tony for all his hard work at the Golf Show, and additionally to everyone who volunteered and worked the show.

RULES – (Gary Brown) Gary will present a slide show at the General Meeting this afternoon. We need representation on the Rules Committee for Divisions 1 and 2, please volunteer. Discussion was had regarding the enforcement of Pick & Clean rules. You may NOT pick up your ball and clean it, unless the course is under a cart-path only situation. A question was asked about making a specification in our rules regarding elevation measuring devices. No decision made.

NOMINATIONS – (Bill Molz) We need to begin nominating and electing VP's every other year, and need nominations for each division by October 1st, ideally multiple nominations for each division. Deputy VP's are APPOINTED positions, not elected.

HISTORY – (Bob Roderique) Not Present

OLD BUSINESS

PACE OF PLAY – (Larry Roth for Dave Wicks) Over 10,000 rounds last year were completed in 4.5 hours, with only 5% of members being considered "slow". A question was asked whether or not we might be pushing TOO hard on this topic.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES – A motion was made by Bob Zaruba, seconded by Frank Mantia "to accept the Policies & Procedures as written". Exceptions were noted: Typo on Page 5 where Article V was listed twice, Prize Money should be Article VI. A question was asked by Ken Hammond on Addendum 3, Section 2, 3.1, why we specify a length limitation on Par 4's but not on Par 3's. Discussion tabled for later. The Policies & Procedures were accepted as modified.

CREDIT CARD / ACCOUNTING SYSTEM – We are currently at 2.9% charges for credit card payments via PayPal. Larry Roth is negotiating that to 2.2% around April 1, which will save approximately \$700 each year.

RULES ADHEARENCE – (Gary Maule) At the previous board meeting, a motion was passed to require at least one stroke in a sand trap before the ball can be removed with penalty. That is inconsistent with USGA rules. Larry Roth made the motion "to rescind the sand trap motion agreed to at the March meeting", Gary Brown seconded, and the motion passed. Gary is looking at the possibility of us joining the USGA.

METRO PLUS – (Larry Roth) Membership sold out, currently at 141 members. Two of the three shotgun events are sold out, and there are 10 spots currently available at the Whitmoor event. There are 10 country clubs already booked for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

There are copies made available of the Book of Resolutions/Motions put together by Larry Roth.

A motion was made by Frank Mantia, seconded by Tony Ellebracht to "publish the approved Board Meeting minutes on the MS website, with the exception of the Treasurer's Report". A roll call vote for voting members only was held, and the motion passed 17-58.

A motion was made by Larry Roth, seconded by Tony Ellebracht "to approve John Tumbarello for Honorary Membership". The motion passed unanimously. He will be presented this honor at the general meeting this afternoon.

A motion was made by Bob Zaruba to "list charity golf events on our website with executive committee approval", seconded by Tony Ellebracht. Metro Seniors will not endorse any event. All flyers/links must be submitted to the executive committee for approval before posting. The motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding listing the more than 40 weekly Senior Scrambles in the St Louis area on our website. Publications/Communications committee will investigate if they would place a flyer at their event in return for us publishing their event online.

Bob Zaruba made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Tony Ellebracht. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 PM.

Mike Campbell – Secretary

REMINDERS: the next board meeting will be **Tuesday**, June 18th at 10 AM,

Remaining 2019 Schedule

Wednesday, August 21st - Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12th - Board Meeting followed by General Meeting