

## METRO ST. LOUIS SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – Kirkwood Community Center on June 18, 2019

President David Wickes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The attendance roster was not utilized for this meeting. Motion was made by Gary Brown to accept the minutes from the 3/11/19 Board Meeting. Larry Roth and Francis McLaughlin suggested we add the following clarification to the Special Events section: *three complete rounds are needed to establish a handicap*. Motion was seconded by Vince Italiano and the minutes were approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**AUDIT** - Jim Baugus was not available for this meeting.

**TREASURER** – (Dennis Carter) Dennis handed out the revised Treasurer Report, which is attached. David stated that MS is on plan for collections and disbursement. Larry Roth stated that MS would start this month enjoying a reduced cost for credit card transactions to 2.2% for all transactions received. Treasurer's report was approved.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** – (Francis McLaughlin) Frank summarized all Special Events to date and gave an update on future (2019) signups. Pick Your Partner and Founders have wait list. Same Flight has many openings. Immediately following the meeting will be a SE meeting for anyone who wants to attend.

**MEMBERSHIP** - (Dan Glenzy) Dan stated that the renewal process and the new member enrollment process is working well. Dave Wicks stated that he will charter a new membership committee to enhance community awareness of our fine organization. MS has a lot to offer amateur senior golfers looking for a competitive venue. We are down in membership from the previous year in all divisions, per Dan.

**HANDICAP** – (Dick Jones) Dick is confident that prize money awarded for members playing the forward tees (about 60%) reflects fairly the percentage of total dollars available. The committee recommended that the handicap calculation be changed to match USGA changes... best 7 scores of the last 16 rounds. Discussion ensued offering many suggestions. Dave Wicks suggest we all think about the issue for further discussion at our August Board Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLICITY** - (Tony Ellebracht) Not available for this meeting.

**RULES** – (Gary Brown) Gary motioned a proposed a change to our rules as follows:

**Old Rule:** Cleaning the Ball and Substituting: A player may lift, clean, and place their ball back at its original spot at any time except when it is in a bunker or penalty area. If a player is taking relief from a bunker or penalty area, the ball may be cleaned at that time. Any time a ball is legally lifted another ball may be substituted.

**New:** Cleaning the Ball and Substituting: A player may lift, clean, and place their ball back within 1 foot from its original spot at any time, except when it is in a bunker or penalty area. If a player is taking relief from a bunker or penalty area, the ball may be cleaned at that time. Any time a ball is legally lifted another ball may be substituted.

The change was seconded by George Arft; the motion passed for immediate implementation.

**NOMINATIONS** – (Bill Molz) Bill asked each Division VP to bring him the names of at least two nominees for each open Director position by August 1, 2019. Division VP's are to solicit applicants asap and pre-qualify them for the general member online election in September. Additionally, Division VP's are to bring to Bill the names of at least 2 candidates for the Division VP position for Board voting in November. Younger candidates should have priority so that eventual senior leadership positions may be filled with Board-experienced individuals. Multiple Committee Chairs want to retire this year.

**HISTORY** – (Bob Roderique) Not Present

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**PACE OF PLAY** – Given the soggy conditions of the courses played so far this very rainy year, the PoP numbers for all Divisions is acceptable. Some of our newer members may need to be advised of our goals and encouraged to speed up.

**RULES ADHERENCE** – (Gary Maule) Every member of the Board (Directors, Officers, and Committee Chairs) were encouraged to actively pursue adherence to MS Rules of Play by everyone. This proactive thrust will drive achievement of our core values: Fun, Fellowship, and Fairness. Recent observations at multi-divisional events indicate less than full participation in Rules adherence. Board members are requested to: 1. Become Rules experts by reading USGA Players Edition Rules and viewing online videos. 2. Lead member learning, encourage open discussion, and hold violators accountable in a kind conversational manner. 3. Walk the Talk and lead by example. We must avoid developing a regional reputation as 'cheaters', like the 'slow play' tag that we have been successfully addressing.

**METRO PLUS** – (Larry Roth) Membership currently at 141 members. The next two shotgun events are sold out, after Pevely Farms and there are 10 spots currently available at the Whitmoor event. The first two split tee events were executed very well, and Pevely Farms is schedule for June 25<sup>th</sup>. There are 11 country clubs already booked for 2020, and another 3 public tracks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chris Schuster, Div. 2 member, suggested that MS sponsor an effort to help members improve golfing skill levels. He even offered to chair a planning committee to identify a path forward. The golf swing workshops might consist of group instruction by a professional, compensated entirely by the participating members. As the suggestion fits within MS values, the Board agreed to proceed.

Larry Roth invited Dan Eagan, with St Louis Sportswear a local golf merchandising entrepreneur to the meeting to explain the online concept of "Country Store" purchasing. MS selects items (caps, shirts, wind breakers, etc.) that we might like to buy if they had a MS logo on item. He holds the online store open for a few weeks to collect purchase orders from our members, and then orders the goods from a manufacturer at group discounts. There would be no cost, nor profit, for the Association. The Board

was interested in the concept and Larry Roth will coordinate with this supplier over the next couple of months.

Francis McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Gary Maule for Mike Campbell – Secretary

**REMINDERS:** the next board meeting will be Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - Board Meeting.

Remaining 2019 Schedule: Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting followed by a General Meeting.