



OHGC GOLF CLUB BOARD MEETING – March 9, 2024

Executive Board Members Present: Mike Guillory, Mary LaForte, Jerry Moskowitz, Natalie Sentz, Darlene Fahey

Directors Present: Debbie Machnick, Alan Colson, Bob Fisher, Tom Vaccaro

Chairpersons: Jerry Moskowitz, Bob Fisher, Alan Colson, Mike Bell, Peter Fry, Annette Guillory, Tom Vaccaro, Sue Cooke, Larry McBride

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Club President, Mike Guillory at 9:02 am.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Vaccaro and seconded by Mary LaForte to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was approved.

Membership Report: Tom Vaccaro, (given out of order). To date we have 524 total paid members. We have 296 men, 228 women, and 55 new members this year. Cutoff date for membership checks was February 29. The number of people deleted from the membership roll was 122 and 4 have been added back. This was the first clean-up of the membership roll since Covid. At a future meeting we will discuss how to handle membership enrollment so that checks are received on time, and we have an accurate count by a targeted date. A true number of our membership is important for budgeting and planning.

Treasurers Report: **Mary La Forte** – A copy of the Golf Club Budget as of March 8, 2024, was distributed to the attendees. The Club is in good standing. We budgeted for a membership number of 600. Our banking needs and system was discussed and is subject to change in the future. Mary will keep the Board updated.

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President's Report: Mike Guillory – The Cornhole Presidents Challenge is March 24th with the Racquet Club. Terry Chamberlin is handling the social aspect of the event.

The Camera is down on golf course. This may be a temporary issue. The course is now USGA rated, and the rating results should be sent to us any day. We will then need to order new scorecards. Bob Fisher will oversee preparing for the next batch of scorecards by using the USGA ratings and our tournament scores.

Old Business:

Casa and Lanai Update: Bob Fisher – Work has begun on the inside of the Casa. Because of recent rains the Lanai project is a little behind. Once the foundation cures, the work will go very quickly. The bathrooms will be down for a while because they are being remodeled. We will, hopefully, have the Lanai up sometime in June. Discussion about the first Special Tournament was held. It may mean flexibility for the first date which is to be June. Mike reports that there will be a new look in front of the Casa. The goal is to reduce our footprint in front of the Casa.

Lake Update: Bob Fisher – The permit is in for the lake, but it will probably be a couple of months before we hear from the City. The contractor is in frequent contact with the City, and hopefully by the first of June we will know when work will begin. We may be looking at a four month start to finish, depending upon when the work can begin.

New Business:

Maximum Score Rule: A maximum score was presented for discussion because there is much confusion about how to score. Is there a way to simplify, speed up play and not have to continue playing just to record a high score? One possibility is to allow an X on the hole where a player has already hit numerous shots. Several possibilities were suggested. A motion was made by Natalie Sentz to allow the X on a hole with an amendment to complete the hole whenever possible and when not holding up play. The motion failed. A motion was made by Bob Fisher to allow an X on the scorecard and let the scorer figure the net double bogie score. Motion seconded by Darlene Fahey. Motion was passed for this to be the new rule.

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Policies and Procedures: We are in the process of revising the Policies and Procedures. They remain outdated and are somewhat restrictive for chairpersons. The goal is to simplify and give flexibility to chairpersons. Golf Genius has changed the way we operate, and the goal is to achieve this revision by the end of the year if not before. Natalie Sentz distributed a list for the purpose of identifying the areas in our Governing Documents that need to be updated. Job descriptions, especially, will need to be updated. This will be discussed in future meetings as groups meet to draft their updates.

Jerry Moskowitz reports that Don Russell has requested a permanent handicap exemption. He works full-time and is unable to join in play in some tournaments that would meet the handicap requirements. His physical handicap also prevents him from playing at other times. Jerry made a motion to give Don Russell a permanent exemption. A discussion was held regarding this request as well as others who have similar situations and need consideration for handicap exemptions. Our rules stipulate that this is a Board decision. After discussion, an amended motion was made by Jerry to exempt Don Russell from meeting the current handicap requirement to expire at the end of December. Motion was seconded by Bob Fisher. The motion was passed. Jerry then made a motion that the Guys and Dolls Chairperson may grant an eligibility exception at their discretion. Motion was seconded by Mike Guillory. The motion was passed.

Committee Reports:

Women's Golf: Debbie Machnick – Next big tournament will be Mother's Day, this will be a pajama dress event and have a casino theme.

Men's Golf: Bob Fisher – Still planning on the Father's Day event on the 3rd Monday of June. Bob states we need the discussion to continue about the games we play on tournament days so that our games allow for pick-up. Discussion to be continued. The new max score/pick-up rule will be drafted, reviewed and then sent out to the general membership by Mike Guillory.

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Touring Amateurs: Mike and Annette Guillory – Native Oaks will be next month. Payment will be required early because Native Oaks is requiring a 50% deposit early.

Guys and Dolls: Mike and Annette Guillory – Nothing new to add.

Special Tournaments: Peter Fry – The question of guests was raised by Peter. A discussion was held regarding allowing sponsor-guests to play if they request to play. This decision can be made by the chairperson of the tournament. If they are sponsoring and giving money to our club, it makes sense to find a way for them to play, though it is agreed they are not part of the payout.

Golf Course Committee: Jerry Moskovitz deferred to Bob Fisher: Jerry's term will did not begin until March 2. Bob reports that the Golf Course Committee has the list of requests that went to Garrett Gillette with Maintenance. O'Connel is still looking for a replacement for John Cancel as Golf Course Superintendent.

Tournament Rules: Natalie Sentz – Reports there is nothing new to share. It was stated by Bob Fisher that the Rules are being well received and people are reading them. Bob suggested that add a Tip of the Week be added when a rule is sent out to the membership. It would be helpful to remind players to repair ball marks, sand the divots on the tee boxes, rake the sand and put the rakes back in the bunkers. Natalie welcomed that suggestion.

Handicaps: Jerry Moskovitz – We have 240 men who have a handicap, 45 of those are on the restricted list so the balance is 215 men are playing with an active or provisional handicap. The women have 161 players with a handicap, and 30 are on the restricted list. Jerry pointed out that a consideration be made for future play when we are playing a 9-hole course during lake construction. Jerry's current suggestion is that we freeze handicaps at their current standing and unfreeze handicaps when we return to 18-hole play. Discussion to be continued.

Niners: Mike Bell – A great turnout is happening for the Niners. Currently, about 30 people are playing in the tournaments. A considerable number are new golfers. Many of the golfers are qualifying for our tournaments by getting their 6 rounds and handicaps established.

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Computer Operations - Alan Colson – One issue occurred for Women’s Golf which has been resolved by Alan and Debbie Machnick.

Hole-In-One: Larry McBride - While the Casa is under construction, a stand-up display frame advertising HIO and an envelope will be next to it so that players deposit their money to participate in HIO. The Men’s purse is now up to \$50. Larry suggests that Women’s golf may want to do the same and has an extra stand-up frame for the women. A new folder was presented to enhance the HIO certificates and has been added to the certificates received by the HIO recipients. The men now have 6 HIOs. Women 0.

Casa Facilities: Sue Cooke – If anyone is short on anything needed from the Casa including scorecards, let Sue know and it will be dropped off to your home. Debbie brought up a point that we need a storage unit while the Casa is under construction. Would it be possible to have a unit to place the items we need for our tournaments in without having to gather everything up at homes where they might be currently stored? Mike to ask the Recreation Department about a storage unit.

Action Items:

The new max score/pick-up rule will be drafted, reviewed and then sent out to the general membership by Mike Guillory.

Mike Guillory will ask the Recreation Department about a storage unit near the first tee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02