

Executive Board Members Present: Mike Guillory, Mary LaForte, Darlene Fahey, Tom Vaccaro, Debbie Machnick, Bob Fisher, Alan Colson

<u>Chairpersons Present</u>: Annette Guillory, Sue Bourland, Sharon Sorenson, Sue Smith

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Club President, Mike Guillory at 4:30 p.m.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance:</u> Mike led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: A motion was made by Skip Dunham and seconded by Mike Thompson to approve the minutes of the last general membership meeting. The motion was approved.

<u>Election of New Directors</u>: The slate of new Directors for the upcoming term was presented by Mike Guillory as follows: Bob Fisher, Debbie Machnick, Alan Colson and Tom Vaccaro. By a unanimous vote the new Directors were confirmed.

Presentation of Past President Plaque: Mike Guillory presented the Past President Plaque to Greg Cies and expressed the appreciation of the Golf Club for his years of service to our Club.

Volunteer Appreciation: Mike Guillory expressed appreciation to the meeting volunteers. Sue Smith and Kevin and Sharon Sorenson assisted with check in and serving of refreshments. In addition, the newest recipients of the HIO certificates were asked to participate in serving and they were thanked for their help.

Treasurers Report: Mary LaForte stated that we had a Budget of \$5,910 last year and we spent just under \$5,000 so we have \$951 left over. Our bank balance currently, is \$7,586. We still have a lot of members who have not paid their 2024 dues. We need to get your dues collected so we can plan our year accordingly.

President's Report:

- **On Hole #2** we need to be sure you are all practicing safety. We have had a lot of near misses. Please get in the habit of parking your carts on the left side of the tee box. There is a possibility of getting hit by a shanked ball from the #8 tee box. Also, try to remember to walk up the left side of the tee box but at least look to see if someone is teeing off the #8 tee and be aware.
- **Special Tournaments** These tournaments are on the agenda for this year, but we need to be flexible with dates. We need our lanai up and we must have 18 holes open for play. A description of Special Tournaments was shared for those who have never played in a Special Tournament.
- **50/50 Raffles** We will no longer have 50/50 raffles as the State requires that 90% by law must go to a charity and we are not a charity.

Old Business:

- Lanai Update Bob Fisher Work is moving forward on the lanai. The hope is it will be completed by late Spring. The Lanai Committee has been lobbying to add other improvements. They are looking at work on the Casa, the bathrooms, and other areas of need. We will know more in the future about additional upgrades.
- Lake Update The submittal to the City, for permits, is closer. Changes have been made due to excavation of the lake and additional grading that require additional steps for the submittal. When construction of the lake begins, it is expected to take at least 3 months for completion. During that time, the back 9 will be shut down. We do have County Supervisor, Jim Desmond, who is a resident and will hopefully be helpful in moving the process along once submittal for the permit occurs.

Men's Golf: Bob Fisher – Since we started our rotating tee times, pace of play has increased dramatically. We must change our pace of play. It is every group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front of them. If you are not keeping up, you need to skip a hole. Team captains have the responsibility for seeing that this occurs. The Men's Club has started a participation and award point system for this year. At the end of the year, those points will be accumulated. The top 16-point players will participate in a special event. More information to come. Volunteers are appreciated. We can use more volunteers for starters especially. Contact Bob.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Tom Vaccaro – We have 637 members. On Dues Day, we had 269 members sign up and pay. Of those 269 members, 24 were new members to our club. We have a total of 374 members out of 637 who have paid. We really need to have those 263 people pay their dues.

Women's Golf: Debbie Machnick – Please put your scorecards in the slot in the Casa door marked "scorecards" as soon as you finish your round. If they are missing when Debbie picks them up, the team will be disqualified. If you cannot finish a hole because your score is already so high, just pick up and put a X6 on a par 3 and an X7 or a par 4. Golf Genius assigns random tee times. If you have special start time needs, let Debbie know in advance. Try to fill in your scorecard with the player's names in the order they are placed on the tee sheet. This helps the scorers.

Touring Amateurs: Mike Guillory – The season is laid out. First tournament is April 15th at Native Oaks. We have a new sponsor this year which is Amada Health Care.

Course Rating: Mike Guillory – The USGA, starting in January, is rating all the short courses. In the past ratings have applied to only the long courses. So, we are getting our course rated. It is costing us nothing and we can do with it as we want. This will be a big help for Touring Amateurs in converting our local handicaps to the big courses we play.

Guys and Dolls: - Mike Guillory – We are set for our first tournament in February.

Golf Course Committee: - No Report

Handicap: - Jerry Moskovitz Absent. Report given by Mike Guillory – Active Handicap Rules

- Restrictions on players who failed to convert an "old" handicap to an "active" handicap (by failing to post 6 rounds since October 2022) took effect on 1/1/2024.
- 2. Those players are eligible to play in regular weekday tournaments but will play at 50% handicap.
- 3. Those players will be ineligible for Guys and Dolls, Touring Ams, and Special Tournaments until qualifying for an "active" handicap, unless they meet the exception for regular Niners players.
- 4. The handicap listings posted on the OHGC website and at the Golf Casa will indicate those players who are subject to the restrictions by failing to maintain an active handicap.
- 5. Players who were assigned a provisional handicap after 1/1/23 have 12 months from their initial handicap date to convert to an active handicap.
- 6. Any appeal for an exception to the restrictions (for medical or other circumstances) can be made by sending an email to the handicap chairman.
- 7. The full set of handicap maintenance rules is posted on the OHGC website.

Hole-In-One Presentation: Larry McBride (absent) certificates presented by Mike Guillory. The HIO recipients for January were as follows: Greg Coffey, Lyle Conifrey, Lynn Fuller, Allen Cox, Lois Russell, Kim East, Scott Taylor, Babu Patrose, Mike Mallory, Gary Webb and Don Humphrey

Questions:

- 1. Ground under repair questions were addressed.
- 2. Do we have a conceptual drawing of the lake yes and it is on the wall in the HOA.
- 3. Does a woman playing in Monday tournaments who gets a HIO get paid? Yes if she is in the pool.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Fahey, Secretary