



OHCC Golf Club Board Meeting – March 11, 2023

Executive Board Members Present: Greg Cies, Mike Guillory, Bill Boston, Jean Boston, Mary LaForte, Bob Fisher, Tom Vaccaro, Mark Deutman.

Chairpersons Present: Natalie Sentz, Jerry Moskowitz, Larry McBride, Mike Bell, Annette Guillory, Alan Colson, Sharon Sorensen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by club president, Greg Cies, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Guillory and seconded by Tom Vaccaro, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary LaForte - The club has approximately \$12,164 in the bank. \$908.50 has been spent this year out of the budget of \$5910. Approximately \$6000 is available for pre-payments as needed.

President's Report:

Greg welcomed Alan Colson to the OHGC committee. Alan is our new Computer Operations Chair.

Jim Kaminsky is out of town but upon return, he will update the date stamp on the website live feed. Mark Deutman mentioned that some of the colors on the website are too bright. Also, handicaps for next weeks tournaments on the website will not be the most current as Jim is not here to update that info. Greg will reach out to Jim to see who he recommends as a backup when Jim is not available.

It was agreed that moving the live feed webcam to the top of the OHGC web page was a good thing.

The summer golf party was scheduled to be held on the lanai. Because of renovation, all summer events for the lanai have been cancelled. AB Hall is available for our party on July 13th, but no one has offered to chair the event. Mary offered to handle the money for the party. Greg will get a list of responsibilities for the event from Opal, and send out an email blast asking for volunteers to host this event.

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Old Business:

Casa Interior Update: Mike Guillory– Mike wants those who utilize the casa on a regular basis to give input on what is needed inside. He recommended a committee of those people be established. Mark offered to chair the group that will create a wish list for the interior of the casa to present to Chris Bessy.

Casa Patio Cover Update: Mark Deutman – The plans for the pergola have been approved. Per Mike, there is a model of the proposed layout at the casa for all to see. The CIMC is now working on the planning of the renovation of the restrooms. It was agreed in our board meeting that the golf club does not need to be involved in the layout of the restrooms. There are others at the HOA who are more qualified to make those decisions.

New Business:

New Social Club Meeting Rules: Mike Guillory – There is a new rule regarding attendance at club board meetings. Board meetings are open to all. Guests will not need to be seated at the table with the board. If they wish to speak at the meeting, they must have advance approval.

Tournament Sponsors Discussion: Mike Guillory – Aegis has been the sponsor for Touring Amateurs for many years. They pay \$2400 per year (\$300 per tournament) for this sponsorship. There will be no change in this for 2023. Going forward, we need to increase our pricing for sponsors and open up opportunities for other potential sponsors. This would also include Guys and Dolls, and Special tournaments. Mike has offered to chair a committee to look at options for adding sponsors and increasing prices. Natalie Sentz has offered to help Mike with this task. Mark moved that we move forward with this change to our sponsorship process. Tom Vaccaro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mike wants our new sponsors and pricing in place for 2024 tournaments.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Tom Vaccaro – After deleting non-paying members from 2021, we currently have 564 golf club members. Jerry Moscovitz pointed out that even though members are deleted from the membership roster, they will remain on his handicap list in case they rejoin at a later time.

Women's Golf: Debbie Machnick (absent) –Per Mary LaForte, there is nothing new to report.

Men's Golf: Bob Fisher – The signup process for team captains is improving. Randy Royter is Bob's backup when he is not available, and Bob hopes to train a few others in this role. There will be a special Father's Day scramble held, probably on the day after Father's Day. Bob will seek volunteers to help with this event.

It was brought up by Jean Boston that on Monday's, we have coed teams. Currently, for holes that are designated for Magic Circle and Closest to the Pin, the women must use the blue tee boxes. After discussion,

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Bob moved and Jean seconded that the women use the red tee boxes for these holes. The motion was approved.

Mark shared that the netting is not here that is to be used to protect golfers on the 3rd hole from errant drives from the future men's 8th tee box. This netting must be in place before the blue markers can be moved to the new area that allows hole 8 to be a par 4 for the men. It is unknown at this time when the netting will be here and installed.

Touring Amateurs: Mike Guillory – The volunteer sheet for TA for 2023 is now filled! Mike and Annette currently are chairing both TA, and Guys and Dolls. Next year, they will only chair one of these tournaments. Someone will have to step up to chair either TA or Guys and Dolls.

Signups for Oaks North will open up on March 30th.

The TA chairs decide how handicaps are figured for the long courses we play. For the shorter courses, we utilize the same handicaps as we use on our own course. A plan is needed to compute handicaps for the long courses, including Welk. Jerry will send a recommendation to Mike on how to compute these handicaps.

Special Tournaments: Peter Fry and Judy Fry (both Absent) – Nothing to report.

Guys and Dolls: Mike Guillory and Annette Guillory – Tee times for our upcoming Guys and Dolls will begin at 7:30 a.m. to accommodate the number of players who have signed up. Last month's tournament ran 45 minutes late, primarily due to slow play on hole number 2. For March's tournament, the Magic Putt for the front nine must be used on hole 2. Once the first ball is on the green, the team must pick up, use their magic putt, and move on to hole 3. When Guys and Dolls is on a Sunday, there can be no Magic Circle as the work crew is not available to make the circle.

It was felt that due to the size of the club now, we may have to make Guys and Dolls a two day tournament, but for now, that is not necessary.

Golf Course Committee: Bill Boston – Bill covered the recent article by Don Lopez in OHCC Living. Also, there are concerns of the conditions on some areas on the course. Bob pointed out that at this time, only mowing is being done. When the course is closed in April, more involved maintenance will happen. Bob will follow up on the new plate that is supposed to be used when cutting holes on the green. Many of the holes are mounded and the plate prevents this from happening. The condition of the Bermuda grass on the course will not improve until the warmer weather arrives.

Handicaps: Jerry Moskovitz – There are now 243 men, and 164 women with handicaps. Jerry updates handicaps weekly on Fridays and uploads to Golf Genius when there is a tournament. The OHGC website will not be updated this week as Jim Kaminsky is not here to do so. Ron Carso, Mike Thornton, and Alan Colson will all be available to back up Jerry in his absence.

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Niners: Mike and Mina Bell – Mike reported we continue to have a high turnout for Niners. The numbers are in the high twenty's and low thirty's.

Match Play: Bob Fisher – Nothing to report.

Computer Operations: Alan Colson – Alan has been trained by Natalie. He is utilizing the volunteer list provided by Natalie. She asks that Alan makes sure all pertinent new information is sent to those who work within Golf Genius and perhaps, the authorization of the volunteers should be limited to the specific leagues they work in.

OHGC Website: Jim Kaminsky (absent) – Nothing to report. Greg will work with Jim to determine who would be a good backup for him.

Tournament Rules: Natalie Sentz – There are 5 USGA rule changes for 2023. Sharon Sorensen has asked if the local rule regarding the fenced area around the lake could be posted on the fence on 14 and 17 as players are confused about what to do. Natalie has agreed to do this.

Tournament Instruction: No one has stepped up to fill this position. This will be revisited later.

Holes-in-One: Larry McBride – The men's pool has \$52, and the women's has \$40 and \$30 in the backup. Larry needs to be informed when there is a hole in one. Even if the player is not in one of the pools, he still makes a certificate for them.

Casa Facilities: Annette Guillory– There are approximately 2100 of our old scorecards remaining. We use about 200 per week. In April, Annette will place a minimum number of new scorecards, updated with the handicap information from Golf Genius. Once the golf course is completed and all holes handicapped, a larger order will be placed. Annette will ask Chris Bessy what the minimum order size is, the lead time and pricing.

Sunshine: Judy Gagnon (absent) – Nothing to report.

Publicity: Jim Mulvey (absent) – Nothing to report.

Hospitality : Sharon Sorensen – Sharon asked what her budget is for the April general membership meeting. Mary let her know she can spend up to \$350. We were slightly under budget for our January meeting.

Miscellaneous Topics:

Our current maximum handicaps are 21 for the men and 25 for the women. Scores have increased significantly with the new layout of the course. Should the maximum handicaps be increased? After discussion, it was decided to leave handicaps as they currently are. Once the course is completed, this can be brought up again.

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Jean Boston will not be here for the May meeting. Someone will need to take the minutes for that meeting. Jean will reach out to Judy Gagnon to see if she is willing to do this. If not, she will let Greg know someone else will need to be found.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Action Items from our meeting:

1. Greg Cies – Ask Jim Kaminsky to help in finding a backup for the OHGC website.
2. Greg Cies – Send out an email blast to all members asking for a volunteer to chair the summer golf party.
3. Annette Guillory – Find out from Chris Bessey the minimum order size, cost and lead time for ordering score cards.
4. Jerry Moskovitz – Send a recommendation to Mike and Annette on how to convert OH handicaps to playing handicaps for full length courses.
5. Mike Guillory – Lead committee to determine the new process and pricing for sponsors.

Submitted by Jean Boston

OHGC Secretary