

# **OHGC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 15, 2026**

**Executive Board Members Present:** Mike Guillory, Kathleen Cannon, Mary LaForte, Robbie Sullivan.

**Directors Present:** Todd Albiston, Debbie Machnick, Alan Colson, Tom Vaccaro.

**Chairpersons Present:** Todd Albiston, Debbie Machnick, Mike Guillory, Annette Guillory, Don Quigley, Jim Kaminsky, Terry Chamberlin, Larry McBride, Sue Cooke, Kathleen Cannon.

**Call to Order:** Mike called the meeting to order at 4:20.

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Bob St. Laurent moved to approve the last General Meeting minutes, seconded by Mitch Friedman. The minutes were approved.

**Election of 2027 OHGC Board Officers:** Mary LaForte led the Nominating Committee with assistance from Jean Boston and Bill Boston.

Election of 2027 Board Members was led by Mike. There were no additional nominations from the floor and the slate of new Officers was passed.

President – Kathleen Cannon,

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Wayne Carlson,

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Wayne Disch,

Secretary – Mitch Friedman,

Treasurer – Mary LaForte.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary reported the Club has slightly over \$11,000. The year-end total will be approximately \$6,000 after the two-day Lake Opening Tournament and the Volunteer Party. Mary presented a draft of the 2027

budget with the inclusion of Unknown Golf. The budget can be amended if it is decided not to use Unknown Golf. A vote was held and the budget draft was approved. Dues for next year will remain at \$15 and dues collection will start December 1.

**President's Report:** Mike reflected on his three years as Club President and thanked everyone for their support. Under his tenure the Club has grown to 664 members, the lake is completed and the full course is open.

Mike noted the HOA believe the Club should be paying for more golf needs such as new practice mats and a new water fountain for the Casa. He believes the Club should be aware of future expenses and play an active part in how our funds are to be used.

The Recreation Department recently informed us that the rules are that social clubs are limited to 10 uses per year of the large venues, namely, AB Hall, the Palm Court and the Lanai. This presents a problem with the number of tournaments, meetings and parties sponsored by our club. Kathleen reported the Rec Department has decided that the use of the Lanai for tournament play does not count against the 10-use limit.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Grand Opening Tournament:** This is two days of tournament sponsored by Merrill Lynch. Players will play either October 26 or 27. Our Event Chair, Terry Chamberlin, has planned this event which includes lunch. The cost is \$15 each.

**Volunteer Party:** This party set for October 29 is also being planned by Terry. Much appreciation for her work on both of these events.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Tom reported membership now stands at 664, with 316 women and 348 men. We have 162 new members since October 1. Renewals run December 1 to February 15, which will be the cutoff for tournament play. Tom encouraged payment be made by credit card.

**Women's Golf:** Debbie reported on the "Spooktacular Tournament" to be held on October 28. It will be a fun scramble format, a 9:30 shotgun start with many Tricks and Treats on the course. Lunch will follow play.

The 12 Aces of the Month will compete for the title of Queen of the Green on December 2. Details to follow.

No. 7 tee box will be rotated weekly between the women's and men's tee boxes. The women's tee box on No. 17 will be kept at approximately 100 yards out.

**Men's Golf:** Todd reported he needs Captain's updated player lists and signups need to continue on both Unknown Golf and Golf Genius. Ted Mitchell, organizer of Men's Golf starters, needs several more starters for next year. It involves 6 shifts over 6 months and 4 hours per shift.

**Touring Amateurs:** The Welks Tournament was our last Touring Amateurs since there is no member interest to take over the responsibilities. Thanks to Jean and Alan Richmond for their help with money distributions. Our sponsors are interested in continuing their support with upcoming Special Tournaments. Thanks to Bob St. Laurent for taking on the overall chair of the Special Tournaments.

**Guys & Dolls:** In Mark and Teresa's absence, Mike reported the upcoming tournament has 160 players and encouraged all to wear fall colors.

**Niners:** No report.

**Fling Golf:** Don reports Wednesday Fling & Swing is going well with golfers and swingers competing. Fling Fridays continue with casual play and training. The last Friday of the month hosts the Fling & Swing Fling Fest with a scramble format. Forty-eight golfers and forty-six flingers have played in this tournament. Fling Fest will be dark in November and December due to the holidays and will resume next year.

**Golf Course Committee:** Course maintenance closure on Thursdays will now allow for opening the front 9 at 3:00. Back 9 will remain closed for the full day. New practice mats purchase is still being reviewed by the HOA.

**Tournament Rules:** No report.

**Handicaps:** Alan reported on the progression of handicaps and is pleased with the process. During the back 9 closure, handicaps were frozen. The Club started Unknown Golf during this time. At the end of July, handicaps were unfrozen using Unknown Golf. It is an easy process for the Handicap Chair to use and is working well. Handicaps have been based on 9 holes and by 2027 players should have enough 18-hole rounds for updated handicaps.

**Holes-in-One:** Larry recognized 8 players with Holes-in-One. These players included Michael Urban, a flinger, and golfers Sue Cooke, Bob Fisher, Greg Gamble, Efrain Arvelo, Mike Stern, Alan Ballard and Ken Trogdon. They each received a certificate and bag tag.

**Questions/Comments:** Question asking if we pay for Unknown Golf. Mike answered the cost is \$2,400 which comes out to about \$3.00 per member. The money is in the budget. Golf Genius is free but does not calculate handicaps.

Question on how handicaps are calculated. Ours are calculated using gross scores. The USGA, because scores are inputted by the golfer on a trust-based honor system, sets net double bogey as the maximum score per hole. There was some concern over “sandbaggers” who play the hole out and don’t record the net double bogey score as an attempt to raise their handicaps. Alan explained that our scores are tournament, team-verified scores, so “sandbagging” is not an issue.

Question as to when an “X” is allowed on the scorecard. It depends on the game and pace of play. Some individual games do not allow for X’s and result in disqualification. In a team game an “X” is allowed if your score is irrelevant to the team score and to speed up pace of play.

Comment was made to repair green ball marks to keep our greens more playable and refrain from dragging your feet for the same reason.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Mike adjourned the meeting at 5:30.

Submitted by Robbie Sullivan, OHGC Secretary