



OHCC Golf Club General Membership Meeting –April 19, 2023

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

Chairpersons Present: Jerry Moskovitz, Larry McBride, Mike Bell, Jim Kaminsky, Annette Guillory, Peter Fry, Alan Colson, Natalie Sentz, Sharon Sorensen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by club president, Greg Cies, at 4:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Greg led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: A motion was made by Doug Wright and seconded by Len Holness, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary LaForte- The club has approximately \$11,000 in the bank. The approved budget for 2023 is \$5910.00. The club has spent \$1,253.42 year to date.

President's Report:

- Greg recognized Hospitality Chair, Sharon Sorensen, and volunteers, Kevin Sorensen, Louie Ward, and Nora Ward for helping serve the pizza and drinks. Also, thank you to Sue Smith for greeting our attendees and making sure all signed in for the meeting.
- The golf course remains closed for semi-annual maintenance, but should be open for play on Saturday. Check the OHGC website to see if the white flag is flying.
- The purpose of aerating our greens is to dilute the organic matter on them. The tee boxes and fairways were aerated over a week ago.
- 18 golf tournaments have been cancelled this year due to rain. Jon Cancel makes the decision to open after he assesses 1) any potential damage the course might incur if we are allowed to play, and 2) safety concerns for our players. Many times, the course is safe for walkers, but not for those on carts. The rule is that if the course cannot be open for all players, it cannot be open.
- New score cards will soon be ordered showing updated yardages, handicaps, and pars.
- Greg thanked those who have been involved in scoring our tournaments in Golf Genius.

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- Terry Chamberlin was introduced as the chair for the OHGC Summer Italian Dinner/Dance on July 13th. Dinner will be catered by Nucci's, dancing will be to music DJ'd by "Music as You Like It", and volunteers will serve the food. The price will be \$30 for members except for the opening day special sale price of \$27 on June 16th. Volunteers are still needed.

Old Business:

Casa Update: Mike Guillory – A contractor for the renovation has been hired. At some point, the casa will have to be closed. Lost and found has been moved from outside the casa to the front desk in the clubhouse as some people were helping themselves to the nicer clubs that were there.

Lake Update: Bob Fisher – We are now working with a former sub on the course renovation to finish the work on the lake. It will be 3-4 months before grading begins. The lake should be completed this year. While work is being done on the lake, the back nine will be closed.

Hole #8 Update: Mark Deutman – The netting on hole #8 protecting golfers on other holes is up. The poles are set for the netting that will be put up to protect anyone on the red tee box on #8 while others are teeing off from the blue tee box. There is not a date yet as to when the blue tee box will be completed so we can have a true par 4 for all players.

New Business: No new business

Committee Reports:

Membership: Tom Vaccaro – We have 566 members, including 318 men, and 248 women. 48 new members have joined in 2023.

Women's Golf: Debbie Machnick – Debbie thanked our Wednesday starters, Bernie Alfonso and Bob Bechill. Pace of play continues to be a problem. Always park your cart toward the next hole so you don't have to backtrack. Those who tee off later in the tournament are taking up to 3 ½ hours to finish. Be sure to go around the sand traps with your carts. Keep carts off the aprons. Never putt on the green in the chipping area for safety reasons. Volunteers are needed to help with the Father's Day scramble. May 17th is the Mother's Day scramble. Wear your pajamas. Gorilla Golf is the format, 3 drives each. Men volunteers will be available to clean your clubs, perhaps take a fairway shot for you, and serve you chocolates and mimosas. Refreshments after play will be provided by Patti Smith.

Men's Golf: Bob Fisher – The Father's Day scramble and lunch will be June 19th. The tournament will have a shotgun start. Volunteer starters are needed. Women volunteers are needed for this day. Let Debbie know if you can help.

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Touring Amateurs: Mike and Annette Guillory – Thank you to Bob Bechill for being the starter on Monday. Handicaps on the scorecards for TA were incorrect, but were adjusted before pay outs were figured.

Guys and Dolls: Mike Guillory and Annette Guillory – Taking a Magic Putt on hole number 2 did speed up the pace of play. It will be used again. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped Mike and Annette with April's tournament – Mark Fineman, Kim Johnston, Sue Smith, and Sally Palmer.

Golf Course Committee: Bill Boston – Bill gave the names of the members of the committee and its purpose. It acts as an advisory committee to the Master Board. If anyone has concerns or questions about the course, he encouraged them to reach out to a board member. Someone mentioned that hydraulic fluid had been leaked all over one of the greens. Another member stated that non-golfers don't understand the expense of adding a fountain to the lake. Bill stated that the course and the lake are a huge driver of home values here. Greg said that for non-golfers wanting information on the course, they should read Don Lopez's monthly articles in OHCC Living. There is also a website for getting information.

Handicaps: Jerry Moskovitz – The handicap system is working well. There are 245 men with handicaps, with 43 posting 20 or more rounds. The system uses only the last 20 rounds for handicaps. Any more than that are dropped from the calculation. Some of the men have at least 6 rounds which provides a more current handicap. There are 168 women with handicaps, but only 2 have posted 20 or more rounds. 49 of the women have posted at least 6 rounds. The low number of scores posted is due to tournament cancellations caused by rain.

Niners: Mike Bell – Play is on Tuesdays after the morning men's tournament. Mike reported that with the high turnout for the Niners tournaments this year (up to 30 players), tee times are not available for non-tournament players until well after 2 p.m.

Match Play: Bob Fisher – Nothing to report.

Computer Operations: Alan Colson – The most concerns now are from people with email issues. Alan encouraged those with problems to reach out to him.

Greg thanked Natalie Sentz for all the work she did in this role to get us up and successfully running with Golf Genius.

OHGC Website: Jim Kaminsky – Jim has named Alan Colson as his website backup. He reminded golfers that with their smart phones, they can access the OHGC website. A YouTube video explaining aeration is on the website. The website is tied to the golf casa. Any work/renovation can cause outages. Please contact Greg Cies if the site is down and Greg will follow-up with Jim.

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Tournament Rules: Natalie Sentz – There is a new rule, approved by the golf board this week, regarding the temporary fencing around the future lake. The rule allows free relief if the construction fence is in the player's line of sight (projected ball flight) from the ball to the hole on #14. There is no penalty for any option the player might choose to take for relief. Two possibilities are to use the drop zone or to drop within 1 club length of the nearest point of relief. Natalie is posting the rule on the temporary fence for quick reference, and in the Local rules on the OHGC website. USGA rules are also posted on line. As Jim Kaminsky pointed out, the website is available on your smart phones when puzzling circumstances crop up while you are in the middle of your golf game. Natalie is also routinely sending out rule clarifications via email to help us understand some of the challenging situations we find ourselves in.

Holes-in-One: Larry McBride – Larry presented Kathleen Cannon, Cynthia Marshall, Al Goodman, Don Dudley, and Joe Gallice with certificates for their recent holes-in-one. As Don was in the men's holes-in-one pool, he was presented with his winnings.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Action Items from our meeting:

1. Natalie Sentz – Post the new local rule for temporary line of sight on the fence and the website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Boston, OHGC Secretary