



Free State Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

22 April 2021

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on April 22, 2021, at Rolling Road Country Club. President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. with board members Jim Foster, Gary Kramer, Gary Manion, John Blouse, Bruce Cowan, and Mike Myirski present, with Bob Linkous and Tony Errera participating by telephone. A motion made by Jim Foster to approve the minutes, as amended, from the March 18, 2021 meeting, was seconded by Bruce Cowan and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Manion

Prior to the meeting Gary Manion provided spread sheets of the Treasurer's Report (Attachment 1).

Gary reported that the Association has 211 paid members to date. The Association budgeted for 180 members.

The bottom line through 21 April is +\$7,834, which is \$5,460 more favorable than this time last year. The variance is attributed to the increased membership and some cost reductions, including \$1000 less for the Executive Secretary office rent.

The net equity is \$30,300. With cash and investments totaling \$18,711, and expenses averaging \$39 per day, the Association has 1.3 CY cash on hand.

Approximately \$11,000 has been prepaid for 2021 tournaments. Once these tournaments are held, these expenses will be recognized on the Income Statement.

The projected FY Income Statement bottom line is \$2,722, which is \$1,330 greater than this time last year.

In summary, the finances are off to a good start this year.

A motion made by Bruce Cowan to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Gary Kramer was approved unanimously by the Board.

Executive Secretary's Report – Jim Horn

The first tournament of the year is scheduled April 26th at South River, with a projected 126 players. This tournament will be a four-man team event (2 best balls gross and net), with 3 flights and 2 closest-to-pin holes. Gross and net flight winners will be awarded, along with overall gross and net. Registration will begin at 1030. Free State shirts will be offered for sale at \$30. A buffet dinner will be served outdoors on the patio and pavilion. Based on the uncertainty in negotiating cost regarding the expected number of players, the projected net profit/player will not be realized. However, the projected loss is only \$30 total.

Jim reported that he expects to start creating the 2022 schedule next month. Jim Foster recommended that no more than 2 of the 7 tournaments be held at public courses.

Jim noted that membership now stands at 216.

Jim reported that plans for the Past Presidents tournament at Norbeck are still underway. Gary Kramer noted that the MISGA tournament at Norbeck scheduled in May has been cancelled to due COVID restrictions.

Jim reported that the computer used by Bill Stricker has Windows 8 operating system and will not connect to his wi-fi. Jim plans to recycle the computer. Additionally, the printer embeds blue lines for some reason. Jim will use his personal computer for Free State business, with reimbursement of ink from Free State. Jim has created a new email address to be used exclusively for Free State. Additionally, all files will be shared in the cloud, and not as email attachments.

The Northern Virginia Seniors Association replied to Jim regarding player requirements for the Potomac Challenge. NoVa insists that every player has reached his 55th birthday, with no grandfathering of the two Free State players who previously played and do not meet this requirement. NoVa dropped their requirement that Free State hold events at 'exclusive' venues. Free State budgets \$500 for the Potomac Challenge, with the majority of cost paid by individual participants.

Golf Committee – Jim Foster

Since South River is the first tournament to be played without our longtime Executive Secretary Bill Stricker, a moment of silence will be held at its start.

Considerable discussion was held regarding the pro shop certificate awards for flight and overall winners. A motion made by Gary Manion to change the payout from \$35 (flight) and \$45 (overall) to \$40/\$50, with 2 closest-to-pin winners, was seconded by John Blouse, and approved unanimously.

Wally Engle Committee – Jim Horn

The Wally Engle has 10 teams participating, with the first round expected to be completed by 15 June and the second round by 31 July.

Planning Committee – NTR

Nominating Committee – Mike Myirski

Mike reported that one Board position remains unfilled, but we have identified several candidates.

Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Cowan

Bruce reported that membership has increased resulting from a team effort of the Board.

Distinguished Seniors Committee – Gary Kramer

The Committee has identified a qualified candidate. Following Gary's summary of the candidate's qualifications and contributions to Free State, the Committee nominated CJ Meyer as a Distinguished Senior. A motion made by Gary Manion to designate CJ Meyer a Distinguished Senior, was seconded by Bruce Cowan, and approved unanimously. Gary hopes the award can be presented to CJ at the Past Presidents tournament.

Audit Committee – Tony Errera - NTR

Web Master -Ed Baur - NTR

New Business

One FS member has expressed interest in the Assistant Executive Secretary position. The Board will consider this matter at the next meeting.

In Executive session, the Board reviewed the payments to the Executive Secretary for rent and reimbursable expenses, which were approved by the Board.

Old Business

The Board discussed options to memorialize Bill Stricker at the tournament to be held in his name at Piney Branch. Options considered included a memorial bench and a contribution to the clock to be installed. A motion made by Gary Manion to contribute \$250 for a hole sponsorship, was seconded by Bruce Cowan, and approved unanimously. Jim Horn will request sponsorship of hole 16, where Bill recorded his only ace.

A motion made by Gary Manion to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Bruce Cowan, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held May 20, 2021.