



# Free State Seniors Golf Association

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

19 August 2021

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on August 19, 2021, at Rolling Road Country Club. President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with board members Jim Foster, Gary Kramer, John Blouse, Bruce Cowan, Tony Errera, Bob Linkous and Mike Myirski present, with Gary Manion present by telephone. A motion made by Bruce Cowan to approve the minutes, as amended, from the June 15, 2021 meeting, was seconded by Jim Foster and approved unanimously. The Board meeting in July was cancelled.

### **Treasurer's Report – Gary Manion**

Gary reported that the Association currently has 226 members, an increase of 40% from last year. The increase in membership dues equals \$3840.

At 9.5 months into the fiscal year, the bottom line totals \$4599. This favorable result is \$557 lower than last year's actual result, but \$1573 greater than the current year-to-date budget.

Cash and investments available are \$19,891, equivalent to 1.4 CY cash on hand.

A considerable amount of pre-paid expenses (\$6750) have been paid for the remaining 2021 tournament schedule. Once the tournaments have been played, these expenses will be recognized on the income statement.

The 12 month projected FY21 income statement bottom line of \$1228 is \$1390 greater than this year's budgeted bottom line of -\$162.

It was noted that the Holly Hills tournament postponed in May is now scheduled for November. Since 31 October is the last day of FY21, 8 tournaments are scheduled for FY22.

A motion made by Bruce Cowan to approve the Treasurer's report was seconded by John Blouse and approved unanimously.

### **Executive Secretary's Report – Jim Horn**

Jim reported on the Hillendale tournament. About 15 minutes prior to the tournament, one member questioned the cart policy issued by HCC. The member chose to play the tournament with a handicap flag on the cart. Additionally, one member discontinued play about halfway through the tournament, but stayed for the meal. Scoring was delayed noticeably; the HCC staff insisted on entering all scores, but one staff member left during the process, leaving only one staff member to complete the task.

The August tournament will be at Prospect Bay with an 11:00 shotgun start. To date, 78 players have registered. This will be a 2-man better ball (gross and net) tournament with 3 flights. Volunteers are requested to arrive starting at 930 for registration.

The 2022 schedule continues to take shape. The Board discussed several potential venues, with an emphasis on cost. A member recently contacted Jim, expressing the belief that the HCC tournament was too pricey at \$110 and recommended

that mor pro shop credits be awarded to winners. Jim indicated he invited the member to join the Board with his ideas and recommendations. Gary Kramer indicated he knows a member who dropped membership because of the price.

Jim Foster lead a discussion about increasing the awards for the overall flight and net winners by increasing the annual dues by \$5. The \$60 membership dues have not been raised in at least 10 years. The matter was referred to the Planning Committee.

Jim Foster also recommended we focus on tournaments at country clubs, since anyone can play a public course at any time.

#### **Golf Committee – Jim Foster**

Jim reported that most winners from the Piney Branch tournament posted their scores, but often not using the Competition designation. Jim also reported on the current Player of Year standings.

#### **Wally Engle Committee – Jim Horn**

Jim reported that the four teams who have qualified for the semi-finals are: Piney Branch vs Argyle and Montgomery CC vs Turf Valley.

Jim requested and received assurance that the Past Presidents tournament winner does not receive a trophy. The only trophy currently awarded is the POY plaque.

#### **Planning Committee –**

It was indicated that the 5-year plan needs to be established by the end of the year. Gary Manion will put a preliminary plan together.

#### **Nominating Committee – Mike Myirski**

The final terms for Gary Manion and Jim Horn expire this year. However, both are ex-officio members due to their positions as Treasurer and Executive Secretary, respectively. In addition, the first term expires for both Tony Errea and Mike Myirski. A total of 5 positions are necessary to be filled. Mike will prepare a solicitation email for Jim Horn to send to the membership. The election will be held in September or October. The by-laws restrict 2 members from the same club (excluding ex-officio positions). Depending on the interest received from candidates, the Board may re-evaluate this provision.

#### **Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Cowan - NTR**

#### **Distinguished Seniors Committee – Gary Kramer**

Gary reported that there are no candidates at this time.

#### **Audit Committee – Tony Errera**

Tony requested assurance, and it was provided, that Mike Kurylo has a copy of the software used by Gary Manion.

#### **Web Master -Ed Baur**

It was noted that neither the 2021 Board minutes nor 2020 Potomac Challenge results are posted on the website. Mike Myirski will provide Jim Horn with the PC results he has available and will provide the final minutes to Ed Baur for posting.

#### **New Business**

Gary Kramer provided an interesting analysis of the age comparison of the winning players compared to the overall membership. Of 220 members, the median age is 69 years and the average age 68. Of the 160 members who have played thus far this year, the median age is 69 and average age 68. However, of the 60 winning players, the median age is 64 and the average age 62. That lead to a discussion on the tees played/length of course. The Board will continue this discussion.

**Old Business - NTR**

A motion made by Gary Kramer to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Bruce Cowan, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

The next Board meeting will be held September 23, 2021.