



Free State Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 17, 2020

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on June 17, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. Club President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 0905 with board members Jim Horn, Bill Stricker, Jim Foster, Gary Kramer, Mike Myirski, Charlie Mergler, Bruce Cowen, Tony Errera, and Bill Parks in attendance. Jim Foster moved and Bruce Bowen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Information provided by Gary Manion prior to the meeting

With just over 7 months into the current fiscal year, the Free State Seniors Golf Association of Maryland has achieved a \$2,325 favorable bottom line. Unfortunately, this favorable bottom line is \$2,514 lower than last year's actual results as of this same time, as well as \$3,184 lower than the current year-to-date budget.

The Treasurer believes future financial results will continue to deteriorate if membership revenues don't significantly increase and/or golf tournaments are unable to be played that generate on average a \$285 tournament gross profit per tournament for the five monthly golf tournaments that had been budgeted to occur in June 2020 through October 2020.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Charlie Merger, seconded by Jim Forster and unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Secretary's Report – Bill Stricker

We currently have 146 paid Free State members. With the uncertainty and concerns surrounding the COVID 19 virus, sixty (60) members from the 2019 season have not responded. Bill has reached out to these members encouraging them to join for the 2020 season.

There are 84 members representing 25 clubs registered to play in the Musket Ridge 2 man team event on June 22, 2020. This is a solid turnout given current conditions. In light of restrictions to ensure the health of all players, we will not have a closest to the pin competition at Musket Ridge. We will continue with the traditional Birdie Pool competition. The pro shop at Musket Ridge will be open at the end of the tournament to redeem gift certificates. Additionally, the gift certificates will be valid for four (4) years.

Gary Kramer reported the University of Maryland Golf Course is open for play and is ready to host the Free State tournament on July 27, 2020. There will not be a shotgun start. Individual tee times will be assigned and, due to cart limitations, two participants will ride in each cart. Distances between greens and tees at the University of Maryland course are in keeping with older style courses and walking will be possible. The course has picnic tables appropriately spaced for social distancing.

We have four (4) events remaining in 2020 following Musket Ridge tournament. Those tournaments are scheduled July 27, August 24, September 16 and October 19. Bill questioned if the Board wanted to pursue the possibility of

rescheduling in November an event cancelled earlier in the year. After discussion the Board asked Bill to move forward with planning a tournament in early November.

Golf Committee – Jim Foster

The Musket Ridge tournament will be played in a two man better ball format. Each player must post a tournament score. Each player's index for Musket Ridge will be established on Friday. The administrative burdens will preclude using the Monday index.

We will have multiple two man events this year but a player of the year will still be selected.

Wally Engle Committee – Jim Horn

We currently have 8 clubs able to play in the Wally Engle tournament. The tournament's first round will be completed in July, round two will be completed by the end of August and the championship round will be completed by the end of September. Best of luck to all teams.

Planning Committee – Mike Kurylo

NTR

Jim Foster noted 2021 will be the return of the 17 year locust. It will be less disruptive if the 50th anniversary tournament is played later in the year after the peak for the locust reemergence.

Nominating Committee – Mike Kurylo

There was no formal report but a discussion ensued regarding Board membership. At the last Board meeting a point was raised regarding the possible need to extend Board Member's tours to provide continuity through the COVID pandemic. Our By-Laws support extending board membership for one year if required. The consensus was this will allow us to work through any unforeseen issues. If any additional issues arise they will be addressed during an in person Board meeting.

Bill Stricker noted we are currently one board member short and we must work to identify a replacement from a club that is not now represented on the Board.

Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Cowen

We discussed the vital importance of increasing our membership from the current total of 146. Sixty (60) members from 2019 have not renewed their membership. Bill Stricker has reached out to individuals to encourage them to join in 2020.

Distinguished Seniors Committee - Gary Kramer

NTR.

Audit Committee – Tony Errera

NTR

Web Master – Ed Baur

NTR

Old Business

The Board discussed proposed changes to our by-law language regarding the Enhanced Internal Financial Controls. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the language.

New Business

We anticipate the Board Meeting in July will be in person, not via ZOOM.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Jim Horn adjourned the meeting at 0951.