



Free State Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 24, 2022

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met 10:30am on March 24, 2022 at Rolling Road Country Club. All Board members and invited attendees were present except for Ed Bauer (who has said he will not be attending Board meetings in the future), Tony Errera and John Blouse. Jim Foster opened the meeting by thanking Jim Horn for all his efforts last year following the sudden passing of Bill Stricker. Jim also mentioned that we are in our 6th decade as an organization. The November Board meeting minutes were also approved, seconded by Bill Hoffman, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Manion

The motion to approve the current year year-to-date financial statements was seconded by Bruce Cowan, and unanimously approved. Of note, there will be a \$3000 budget for prize payout. It was also announced that all Free State Seniors flags have been sold. There will only be a trophy for the Bill Stricker Player of the Year award.

The financial statements showed the Association to be in good financial shape, despite the fact we are down in our current membership numbers from last year. Our strong balance leaves us with 485 days of cash on hand. Our Current Actual year to date shows us with a profit of \$5044. The financial statements compiled and presented by the Treasurer were unanimously approved.

Executive Secretary's Report: Jim Horn

All committee assignments were approved by the Board. All were asked to check their personal data information and send in corrections. Membership is at 155 total, with 27 new members. Ten (10) of these new members joined at the end of 2021, taking advantage of the previous annual dues rate of \$60. Twenty (20) previous members from last year have informed Jim Horn that they were NOT returning this year. Seventy-six (76) have not responded. Club representatives have been asked to contact their respective non-responders. An announcement was made that various types of clothing will be available this year for sale. The golf shirts sold very well and we have a new yellow shirt color for this year. Jim recommended the purchase a portable table to facilitate the set up at each tournament, thereby not relying on the host course which has caused some delays in the past. The motion was seconded by Jim Foster and approved by the Board. Jim also reported that the Raspberry Falls tournament will be a 9AM start (the only other option was 2PM.) Traffic was mentioned as the major concern for participants. The September tournament will be held September 27th at Chester River Golf and Yacht Club, replacing the Fountainhead CC venue.

The cost for the Woodholme Tournament April 18th will be \$130 per player since they only have 40 carts and we have agreed to add 10 more golf carts at the additional expense of \$1000. A recommendation was made to include a statement in the Entry Form notice, asking players to contact the course regarding cart path decisions due to possible inclement weather.

Golf Committee: Mike Kurylo

The decision was made to have the first tournament be a two-man event at Woodholme CC. There will only be one individual tournament this year, which always facilitates the tie breaking procedures for the Player of the Year determination. A decision was made to eliminate the regular Closest to the Pin (CTP) event and change to a separate voluntary event for all Par 3s. Any participant can voluntarily contribute \$5 per man to the CTP pool. The total pot will be divided by the number of Par 3s and awarded to the CTP winners. This will also increase the prize money available to Flight winners. We are looking into the availability of courses that utilize Golf Genius, which will aid in the scoring of tournaments. Bob Linkous noted that Prospect Bay CC utilizes this App and it has been well received and efficient. Scorecard validation is still necessary.

Wally Engle Committee: Bob Linkous

We have the top 4 seeds from last year. An announcement will go out shortly to inquire as to how many teams are participating in the Wally Engle Match Play this year. Match play will begin in June. Various clubs have until the end of April to notify Bob of their intention to participate. The bracket will be submitted at that point to the Webmaster for inclusion in our website.

Planning Committee: Tony Errera (not in attendance)

Tony he will be contacting Navy, Cannon Club and Cress Creek as possible venues for 2023.

Nominating Committee: Mike Myirski

All Board positions have been filled. It was announced that Bill Parks will not be returning to the Board in 2023.

Membership and Publicity Committee: Bruce Cowan

Bruce will look into some publications that might be interested in including our previously written Free State Seniors article. Bruce will contact Golf Styles and gauge their interest in including an article about Free State Seniors Golf Association of Maryland.

Distinguished Seniors Committee: Gary Kramer

No report at this time. Gary asked for any recommendations the Board might have.

Audit Committee: Bill Parks

No report at this time. Audit procedures are planned to initiate in several months.

Webmaster: Ed Baur (not in attendance)

The newly approved Mission statement will be sent to the Webmaster for inclusion in our website. The Mission statement will read: “ *Promoting fellowship while providing senior men (age 50 and older), of all skill levels, the opportunity to participate in a competitive program from April to October tournaments at premier golf courses.*”

Old Business

The motion was unanimously approved to create a new LEGENDS qualifying group. The participant must be at least 75 years of age and the participant’s age plus handicap index must be at least 95. This group will play from the shortest yardage selected for the event, should they choose to do so. Only those that qualify can play these tees. Criteria for SUPER SENIOR qualification requires that the participant must at least 70 years old, with age plus

handicap index equal to 90 or greater. If the participant is not eligible for either group, he can play these tees but will not be eligible for gross prizes.

New Business

A motion was made by Jim Horn to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Bob Linkous and approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held April 14, 2022, 10:30am, at Rolling Road Country Club.