



# Free State Seniors Golf Association

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 26, 2020

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on May 26, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, the first scheduled meeting in 2020 scheduled for March 17, 2020 was cancelled. This teleconference is the first 2020 Board meeting. Club President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 0900 with board members Bill Stricker, Jim Horn, Jim Foster, Gary Kramer, Ed Baur, Mike Myirski, Charlie Mergler, John Blouse, Mike Kurylo, Bruce Cowen, Tony Errera, and Bill Parks in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, as amended, from the October 17, 2019 meeting and was approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report – Mike Kurlyo presented information provided by Gary Manion prior to the meeting**

Prior to the meeting Gary provided a Treasurer's report. Following notes provide highlights.

The first Board Meeting of 2020 was scheduled for Mar 17, 2020. In light of the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was cancelled. There has been little financial activity since March 17.

In April Bill Stricker recommended his quarterly administrative support payment be suspended given the Coronavirus Pandemic's impact on Free State activities. Gary agreed with this recommendation until the Board and Bill felt it would be appropriate to resume. Administrative support payments have now been resumed.

The highlights associated with the financial statements are as follows:

- As of March 17<sup>th</sup> our bottom line was a positive \$1,767.
  - \$511 of the \$1,767 profit is attributable to the November tournament we held at Turf Valley
  - The paid membership was 114 and 4 greater than what we had achieved in the prior year at this same time. (remember last year's membership only totaled 192 and was 48 (20%) lower than the preceding year)
    - The 2020 paid memberships of 114 have yielded \$6,840 in dues (114 x \$60).
- As of March 17<sup>th</sup> we had \$17,414 in our bank accounts.

As the MISGA Treasurer and a MISGA Board Member Gary informed the Board that MISGA, recently cancelled their 2020 golf season.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approve the Treasurer's Report.

### **Executive Secretary's Report – Bill Stricker**

Bill reported that we currently have 131 paid members with 41 new members. Sixty Five (65) old members have not yet responded. Membership details will be provided in email to all Board Members and posted on the Free State website.

A Board decision is required today regarding moving forward with the scheduled June 22, 2020 tournament at Musket Ridge. Musket Ridge is in compliance with all Maryland safety recommendations for outside activities. The course will support the following modifications to Free State events to increase safety for all members.

*Individual starting times rather than shotgun start to reduce a gathering of a large number of people.*

*One player per cart.*

*Box lunches rather than a group dinner.*

*Be prepared to wear masks for tournament checking in.*

There was discussion regarding the impact of these changes that could cause challenges to running the tournament. Would the logistics of running the tournament (check in, post tournament scoring, birdie pool, extended time of completion, lack of camaraderie) cause members not to participate? It was felt these challenges could be overcome. Courses are seeing an increased number of players and the interest in returning to near normal playing opportunities would support a good response to the tournament. It was moved and seconded that we proceed with the Musket Ridge tournament using a 2 man team format. Board vote was 8 in favor and 4 opposed. Bill will continue with plans for the tournament and advise if any significant obstacles arise.

The next tournament is scheduled in July at the University of Maryland. U of Md has also instituted all recommended safety procedures.

#### **Golf Committee – Jim Foster**

NTR

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

We currently have 8 clubs that are able to play in the Wally Engle tournament. The reduced numbers of teams will allow a later tournament start than is usual. Jim will proceed with an anticipated start in July timeframe given conditions still support.

#### **Planning Committee – Mike Kurylo**

NTR

Jim Foster questioned if Piney Branch has agreed to the proposed Free State 50TH anniversary tournament in 2021. Plans are proceeding in that direction and Piney Branch is in agreement.

#### **Nominating Committee – Mike Kurylo (report presented by Bill Stricker)**

NTR

#### **Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Bowen**

NTR

#### **Distinguished Seniors Committee - Gary Kramer**

NTR.

#### **Audit Committee – Bruce Cowan**

NTR

#### **Web Master – Ed Baur**

NTR

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

Mike Kruylo questioned if, given the disruption of the pandemic on normal operation of Free State seniors, Board members should be extended in their positions for an additional year. This would result in Board stability when dealing with unexpected events associated with the pandemic. Discussion followed questioning if Free State by-laws supported this recommendation. The By-laws appear to support this recommendation but no immediate action is required. The by-laws are currently being amended to incorporate additional oversight of Treasury operations. When these amendments are incorporated we will also make a change that specifically allows extension of Board Members in the event of extraordinary events like the pandemic.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled Thursday, June 18.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded , and approved unanimously. Jim Horn adjourned the meeting at 0947.