



# Free State Seniors Golf Association

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

5 November 2020

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on November 5, 2020, at Rolling Road Country Club. President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with board members Bill Stricker, Jim Foster, Tony Errera, Charlie Mergler, Gary Kramer, John Blouse, Mike Kurylo, Ed Baur, and Mike Myirski present. A motion made by Gary Kramer to approve the minutes, as amended, from the October 15, 2020 meeting, was seconded by Mike Kurylo and approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report – Mike Kurylo**

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

The organization's actual bottom line after 12 months is a positive \$1,442, which is \$2,114 more favorable than the \$671 negative bottom line result as of this same time last year. After 12 full months the bottom line is a positive \$1,442 which is \$630 better than the \$812 Budget. The organization's Net Equity has grown by \$1,488 to \$22,749. This increase in Net Equity has occurred due to the \$1,488 positive bottom line results that have been achieved in fiscal year 2020. It is important to note that without a strong liquid balance sheet the organization would not have been able to provide deposits to reserve future monthly golf tournament dates.

The current membership is 162, with 25 new members and 9 returnees. Since the August promotion of membership through 2021 if paid this year, 34 members have joined Free State. Gary previously reported these membership dues will be booked in 2021.

A motion made by Tony Errera to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Charlie Mergler was approved unanimously by the Board

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

Bill reported that the tournament at Woodmore CC was successful with 94 players. The course played difficult due to wet conditions and long rough. Comments have been received that the course has too many doglegs and the setup was too long (particularly for the wet conditions). Bill reported that the outside patio bar was a big hit and the \$150 fee for the bartender was money well spent. This was the last tournament of the year.

Bill reported that we have 14 new members from Montgomery CC and at least 4 from Prospect Bay.

Bill reported that Free State beat the Northern VA Senior team in the Potomac Challenge for the third consecutive year by a score of 17 ½ - 12 ½. The venue was Trump National in Sterling VA.

During a discussion of the bag tags to be issued for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, the Board preferred yellow as the primary color. Bill and Gary Kramer will select the language to be printed on the bag tag but will include some variation of "celebrating 50+ years".

Bill reported that planning events for 2021 is quite difficult due to the virus uncertainty, with only two events confirmed: the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at Piney Branch and Norbeck CC. The Board discussed several course options, to include a PA course.

In all, Bill reported that 2020 was mostly successful despite the virus impact, with 5 events played. By comparison, MISGA chose not to play any events in 2020.

### **Golf Committee – Jim Foster/Gary Kramer**

Jim reported that 26 of 32 winners from the Woodmore tournament posted their scores, with only about half posting as a tournament round. Jim will email a reminder to those who have not yet posted their scores.

Gary Kramer reported on the Player of Year final results. Not surprising, Gary reported a tie due to all events being a team event. Douglas Strouse and Frank Weinstein will be acknowledged at a future date.

The Board had a discussion on whether it was important to have only a single POY, but decided that since team events generally draw a higher turnout, multiple winners are acceptable.

Gary reported that we had 166 different players during 2020 (not including guests). 81 players cashed a prize. 15 members played all 5 events (5 Board members), 29 played 4 times, and 75 played at least 3 events.

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

Jim is hopeful that we will have more teams next year, since this year's participation was limited by COVID.

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

Much of Planning is focused on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. The Board discussed the possibility of selling pin flags and pre-ordering anniversary golf shirts.

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

All Board memberships are extended through 2021. But we have an opportunity to re-evaluate the Board's composition.

### **Membership and Publicity Committee**

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

Prior to the meeting, Gary summarized the merits and achievements of a nominee, Jim Wilcox. Jim has 16 years of exceptional contribution and participation in Free State, including 6 years on the Board, serving as President in 2016, and for his sportsmanship, devotion, and stewardship advancing the game of golf. A motion made by Mike Kurylo, and seconded by Tony Errera, was approved unanimously by the Board to name Jim Wilcox the 18<sup>th</sup> Free State Distinguished Senior. Jim will be formally recognized with a plaque and certificate at the next Past Presidents tournament.

### **Audit Committee – Tony Errera**

Tony recently completed an audit of the Treasurer's Report. Tony reviewed every transaction for spending and revenue with the Treasurer and reported there are adequate controls in place and no irregularities. A draft written report has been prepared and included two recommendations: how expenses less than ~\$200 are reported and assurance that files are backed-up with the Assistant Treasurer. After some discussion amongst the Board, the first recommendation will be deleted. A motion made by Bill Stricker, and seconded by Jim Horn, was approved unanimously by the Board to accept the Auditor's report.

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

Ed reported that the webpage content is current. Ed also reported that the server automatically backs-up data daily. Ed will re-send Bill Stricker the web address and password used by the Web Master.

### **New Business**

Bill Stricker reported that several Free State members have requested establishment of a Venmo account to pay for fees. Since any fees associated with payment are incurred by users, the Board approved a Venmo account for Free State.

Jim Horn thanked the Board for its efforts this year acknowledging the difficulties of planning with COVID, and was particularly grateful to Bill Stricker.

### **Old Business**

Bill provided a copy of an email exchange with the captain of the Northern VA Senior Golf Association regarding the different age minimum (50 vs 55) accepted by the two golf associations and the impact on the Potomac Challenge. The Board offered several options for Bill to consider as we negotiate the future playing of the Potomac Challenge. Bill will followup by phone with the opposing captain and report back to the Board.

Gary Kramer requested the status of any articles promoting Free State in local and regional golf magazines and was informed that Bruce Cowan was handling.

A motion made by Mike Kurylo to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Gary Kramer, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

The next Board meeting will be held in 2021.