



Free State Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 4, 2021

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on November 4, 2021, at Rolling Road Country Club. President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with board members Jim Foster, Mike Kurylo, Bruce Cowan, Bill Hoffman, and Carl Herbermann attending in person. Bill Parks, Mike Myirski, and Bob Linkous were participating by phone. John Blouse, Gary Kramer, Al DeLeon, Tony Errera, Gary Manion, and Web Master Ed Baur were not able to attend. A motion made by Mike Kurylo to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2021 meeting, was seconded by Bill Hoffman and approved unanimously.

Treasurer' Report

Gary Manion was unable to prepare a report at this time. It will be forthcoming.

Executive Secretary's Report – Jim Horn

Jim introduced new members Al DeLeon from Manor, and Carl Herbermann from Navy. Bill Hoffman was also introduced as a member filling the term of Charlie Mergler.

Officers and committee assignments will be sent out in the next few days

We had 88 players at Gettysburg. Good weather and the tournament ran smoothly. For the Holly Hills tournament, we had 44 players. For both tournaments we used the electronic scoring offered by the courses and it was very efficient.

Jim has not finalized the schedule for 2022. We have five definite competitions. Al DeLeon has been in contact with Raspberry Falls and we have a tentative agreement to play there in August. He has also reached out to Suburban and finally had contact with a course representative who is going to supply pricing we can evaluate. If we can get a good price and date from Suburban, it would be a good choice. Eagles Nest is also an alternative so we have a course in the greater Baltimore area.

Jim had in his records that we finished the year with 234 members. This does not match with what Gary has in his treasurer's report. Part of the discrepancy was lack of complete records after Bill Stricker's passing. This year we did add 10 new members for 2021-22 seasons. There were 25 members from 2020 who did not join in 2021. Eleven of those 25 did respond back to Jim and the primary reason was that they just were not able to play as much golf. Of the 234 members, 188 played in at least one tournament. Forty-six members played in no tournaments. Of the 188 who played in at least one tournament, 33 played in five or more tournaments. Eighty-four played in two or less tournaments.

A big concern is the fact that 50 people played at South River and never played again. There were some problems with the day being "cart path only", dinner being delayed, and a long way to travel. These are all factors we need to be aware of moving forward.

Golf Committee – Jim Foster

Jim Foster reported that of the 16 winners at Gettysburg, 2 did not post scores. An additional 5 did not post scores as competition scores.

The "Player of the Year" winner was Bill Dayton with 1300 points. Paul Beck finished second with 1000 points. It was decided that "The Bill Stricker Player of the Year" would receive a plaque only to recognize their accomplishment.

Wally Engle Committee – Jim Horn

No follow up report from last month.

Planning Committee – Mike Kurylo

Mike Kurylo and Al DeLeon are working with Manor to secure a date in 2023 for a Free State Tournament. Navy is also a possibility for 2023. We need some financial information from Free State to provide Navy in making their plans. Mike also suggested that we research with clubs how much the proceeds are for cocktail hour at our events. This would give us some negotiating information when dealing with clubs outside our normal course rotation.

Nominating Committee – Mike Myirski

No report.

Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Cowan

Bruce Cowan suggested that we increase the dues from \$60 to \$65. After some discussion, Bruce made a motion to increase the dues to \$65. The motion was seconded by Mike Kurylo and approved unanimously.

Distinguished Seniors Committee – Gary Kramer

No report

Audit Committee – Tony Errera

Tony Errera sent out his report. Two items of question were identified in the report: the ability of the Assistant Treasurer to use Quicken and transfer easily to the role of Treasurer; the online banking authorities of the Assistant Treasurer and Executive Secretary. Mike Kurylo, the Assistant Treasurer, stated that he did get a data file which is updated each month from the Treasurer, but would need assistance from the Treasurer to produce reports. Mike also reported that he is able to write checks in the absence of the Treasurer, but is unsure of his online banking authority. Jim Horn, the Executive Secretary, stated that he is able to go online to view the accounts, but does not have the authority to change them in any way. In the meantime, Gary Manion, the Treasurer is following up on both of these questions.

Gary Manion has developed a 5-year Plan. However, since the Potomac Challenge and our last tournament in November, those events have to be incorporated into the 2022 budget. Gary will be updating the 5-year Plan to reflect the changes. A motion was made by Bill Hoffman to accept the Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Bruce Cowan and approved unanimously.

Web Master – Ed Baur (not in attendance)

Old Business

Gary Kramer previously provided a report about age and index. In March, we will take up the topic of lowering the age for Super Senior status, and/or lowering the index number to qualify. We will also explore using tees which would be more user friendly for our membership. Another goal is to allow more of a selection of tees.

New Business

Mike Kurylo brought up the idea of having Free State belts to sell to our membership. We would have to order 6 dozen at a time and the cost would be \$40 per belt. Mike made a suggestion to send an email out to membership to see what type of apparel they would like us to provide.

A discussion about the Potomac Challenge took place. Seven players in the event who never played in a Free State tournament. These players are some of the top amateurs in the state for most of them their golf schedule revolves around USGA, MSGA, and Mid Atlantic events. The cost to play in the Potomac Challenge was \$93.24 per man. We paid for the meals for each player at \$13. The charge for golf was \$48 per man over two days. Other expenses included shirts and room rental. The total cost per man was \$196 per man and Free State subsidized \$62 per man toward the cost. A recommendation was made by Jim Horn to continue budget money toward this event.

A motion was made by Jim Foster adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Mike Kurylo and approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be March, 2022, at Rolling Road Country Club.