



Free State Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

15 October 2020

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on October 15, 2020, at Rolling Road Country Club. President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. with board members Bill Stricker, Bruce Cowan, Gary Manion, Jim Foster, Tony Errera, Bob Linkous and Mike Myirski present. Jim welcomed Bob Linkous (Prospect Bay) as the newest member. A motion made by Bruce Cowan to approve the minutes, as amended, from the September 23, 2020 meeting, was seconded by Tony Errera and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Manion

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

Gary reported that through October 7th the organization has a positive \$2131 balance from the YTD actual-prior year. Even though membership is down (\$1675 fees) and additional office supply expenses incurred, the favorable result is due primarily to the voluntary declination of \$2500 rental expenses, along with reduced costs for trophies/awards, board meetings, travel, and insurance. As of October 7th, the bottom line is \$383 greater than the current YTD budget. The 2020 forecast shows a profit of approximately \$1500.

Gary reported that we have a net equity of approximately \$23,000, with ~ \$22,000 in cash and investments. This represents 1.4 calendar years of cash on hand.

The current membership is at its lowest level: 17% less than last year and 28% less than the previous 5-year average.

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

Executive Secretary's Report – Bill Stricker

Bill reported that the tournament at Montgomery CC was successful with 81 players.

Bill reported we have 97 players scheduled for the Woodmore CC tournament. Using a 10:00 shotgun start, box lunches will be provided at the turn after 11:00. Scoring should be easier with a 4-man team event and a birdie pool will be operated. Due to COVID restrictions, the facility will be unavailable for indoor use. Golfers will be permitted to congregate outdoors. After some discussion, Bill Stricker made a motion, as seconded by Gary Manion, to hire a bartender (rate \$150), which was approved unanimously by the Board.

Bill reported that we have 22 new members and 8 returnees since August, whose membership extends through 2021.

Bill reported that he has assembled a strong team for the Potomac Challenge to be held on 20-21 October at Trump National, Sterling VA. The Northern Virginia team very recently became aware that Free State members have a minimum age of 50 years, while the NVa minimum age is 55 years. After discussion with the NVa captain, it was agreed that no change in roster is necessary for this year's event. However, going forward, the minimum age between the two organizations will need to be addressed.

Golf Committee – Jim Foster

Jim reported that 15 of 20 winners from the Montgomery 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. Jim reported on the Player of Year standings - a Board member is currently in the lead (but is ineligible for the prize as a Board member) and a 4-way tie exists for second place with one tournament to play.

Wally Engle Committee – Jim Horn

The Wally Engle tournament has concluded. Jim (reluctantly) congratulated Prospect Bay on their victory over Piney Branch, following a 9-9 tie with the tie-breaker favoring Prospect Bay. This is the fourth consecutive title for Prospect Bay.

Planning Committee

NTR

Nominating Committee – Mike Myirski

With the addition of Bob Linkous, all Board seats are now filled.

Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Cowan

It was noted that we have no members from the three western-most counties. Bruce suggested we send flyers to those club houses.

Distinguished Seniors Committee – Bill Stricker

The Committee has one member under consideration. The Board is expected to vote at next month's meeting, with the potential to award at next year's Past Presidents tournament.

Audit Committee – Tony Errera

Tony recently completed an audit of the Treasurer's Report and reported there are no irregularities. A written report is forth-coming and will include two recommendations: 1) how expenses less than ~\$200 are reported and assurance that files are backed-up with the Assistant Treasurer.

Web Master

NTR

Old Business

Bill reported that he will coordinate with Gary Kramer on the wording to be used for the commemorative bag tag to be issued at the 50th anniversary tournament.

New Business

Based on a suggestion of Gary Kramer, the Board discussed the possibility of publicity for Free State in general, and the 50th anniversary specifically. Golf magazines such as *Golf Styles*, *Washington Golf Monthly*, and the MSGA newsletter are possibilities.

A motion made by Bob Linkous to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Gary Manion, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5th at Rolling Road CC.