



Free State Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 16, 2019

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on September 16, 2019, at University of Maryland Golf Club. President Gary Manion called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with board members Bill Stricker, Jim Horn, Tony Errera, Bruce Cowan, Mike Kurylo, Jim Foster, Gary Kramer, Tom Kline, Bill Parks, Mike Myirski and Charlie Mergler present. Board member John Blouse and Web Master Ed Baur were not able to attend. Bill Matton, former President, was an invited participant. A motion was made by Jim Horn to approve the minutes, as amended, from the July 11, 2019 meeting, was seconded by Mike Kurylo and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Manion

Prior to the meeting Gary provided spread sheets (Attachment 1).

Income Statement (Comparison of Current Year Actual results to Prior Year Actual results, as of the same time period) – Page 1 of 3

- The organization's actual bottom line through September 16, 2019 is a positive \$3,430 which is \$1,086 less than the \$4,516 results as of this same time last year. This year-over-year variance is primarily due to two items. Our current paid membership is \$3,035 or 21% or 52 members lower than last year's results as this time, while other favorable net variances total \$1,949. These other favorable variances primarily consist of a \$1,594 Tournament Gross Profit variance and \$425 of Office Supplies & Printing
- Income Statement (Comparison of Current Year Actual Results to Current Year Budget) – Page 1 of 3
 - This year's actual bottom line of \$3,430 as of September 16, 2019 is \$2,154 less than the current year's budget of \$5,584. This unfavorable budget variance is due to the current paid membership being 23% (\$3,365 or 56 members) less than the current year-to-date budget, offset by \$1,211 of other favorable net budget variances, including \$774 of Tournament Gross Profit, \$332 of Office Supplies and \$285 associated with Board Meetings.

Treasurer's Projected (Forecasted) Income Statement for the 12 months ending 10-31-19 (Comparison of Current Year Projected results to Prior Year Actual results – Page 2 of 3

- The Treasurer's current year projection assumes a total paid memberships of 188 or 52 (22%) less than last year's actual results. For the most part, all other forecasted revenues and expenses other than the Tournaments Gross Profit were assumed to approximate budget. It was assumed the current Tournament Gross Profit per golfer favorable budget variance would increase for the last two tournaments of the year. Hence, the forecasted bottom line result is a \$719 loss which is \$795 less than last year's actual bottom line results.

Treasurer's Projected (Forecasted) Income Statement for the 12 months ending 10-31-19 (Comparison of Current Year Projected result to Current Year Budget results – Page 2 of 3

- The Treasurer's current year projection assumes total paid memberships of 188 or 57 (23%) less than the current year's budget. For the most part, all other forecasted revenues and expenses other than the Tournaments Gross Profit were assumed to approximate budget or current spending levels (e.g., Board Meetings). It was assumed the current actual Tournament Gross Profit per golfer favorable budget variance would increase for the last two tournaments of the year. With that projected to occur the forecast's bottom line result is a \$719 Loss which represents a \$1,770 unfavorable variance in relation to the FY19 Budget.

Balance Sheet - Page 3 of 3

- The organization continues to maintain a solid balance sheet. Its Net Equity since the end of last year has grown as a result of its \$3,430 Income Statement bottom line as of September 16, 2019. However, please keep in mind that by the end of the current fiscal year (i.e., October 31, 2019) the FY19 Projection assumes the organization's current bottom line will decrease by \$4,149 over the remaining 1 ½ months of the fiscal year. The Balance Sheet major items are as follows:

- Cash and Investments:

With Cash and Investments totaling \$25,058 as of September 16, 2019 and average daily expenses (exclusive of tournament fees) approximating \$43 per calendar day, the number of calendar days of Cash on Hand equates to 583 days or 1.6 calendar years.

- Prepaid Expenses:

The organization has paid \$1,000 in deposits to reserve some of its 2019 golf tournament dates (October Tournament and Potomac Challenge). Once these tournament events occur these prepaid expenses will be recognized on the organization's Income Statement as tournament expenses and will be removed from the asset section of our Balance Sheet.

Summary

In summary, after 10 ½ months into the fiscal year, the Free State Seniors Golf Association of Maryland has achieved a \$3,430 favorable bottom line. Unfortunately, this result is \$1,086 lower than last year's actual results at this same time and also represents a \$2,154 unfavorable variance in relation to the current year's year-to-date budget. Additionally the Treasurer's 2019 full year forecast indicates the organization will end the year with a \$719 loss in relation to a 1,051 budgeted profit or a \$1,770 unfavorable bottom line budget variance.

A motion was made by Jim Horn to approve the Treasurer's Report, was seconded by Mike Myirski and approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary's Report – Bill Stricker

Bill reported we had 90 members that participated at Elkridge in July and 86 members that participated at Rolling Road in August. Both tournaments went well and players seemed to enjoy the venue and the food.

We will have 17 participants for the Past Presidents tournament on Monday, September 16. It looks like we will have between 80 and 85 players for Fountain Head on September 19.

Bill will have dates and destinations for 2020 at our October meeting.

Golf Committee – Jim Horn

Jim started with a report that a member of Free State (who shall henceforth be referred to as Member A) was identified as committing several violations which resulted in his winning of two tournaments. The violations committed by Member A were two: Improper posting of scores; not presenting a proper handicap index when entering a tournament.

The Golf Committee reviewed a recent history of Member A's posted scores in both the MSGA and GHIN handicap systems. In addition, the committee analyzed the slope and course ratings of those reported scores, and what scores were posted as tournament scores. After careful analysis, it was determined that Member A incorrectly posted several scores from Free State events, and did not post all scores to both GHIN and MSGA handicap systems. The results of the miss-posting and non-posting of scores provided Member A with a faulty handicap index. Furthermore, Member A should have provided his lowest of the two handicap indexes on his Free State entry forms and did not.

The Golf Committee, after a significant and substantial review of the above mentioned information, presented a recommendation to the Free State Board of Directors to suspend Member A from Free State events for the remainder of the 2019 season and all of the 2020 season. As part of the recommended action, Free State would have the right to reevaluate the status of Member A if, or when he might reapply for membership in 2021 or later.

The recommendation from the Golf Committee to suspend Member A for the remainder of the 2019 season and all of the 2020 season, with the right to reevaluate Member A's reapplication was put as motion to the board. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. The motion was approved by a majority of the board.

President Gary Manion made a motion, as a separate action related to the suspension of Member A, to inform the handicap committees at the clubs where he is a member of our action. The motion was seconded and approved by the board.

A motion was made to reject the approved motion to suspend Member A, and instead place him on probation and inform him that his reported scores and handicap indexes used for application to tournaments will be monitored for accuracy. The motion was seconded. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made to reject the approved motion to suspend Member A for the remainder of the 2019 season and all of the 2020 and to reduce the suspension to six months or for four tournaments. The motion was seconded. The motion was defeated.

President Gary Manion will compile a certified letter to inform Member A of his violations and the action taken by the Free State Board of Directors. Also due to the timing of the board action and less than three days from the September Tournament being held at Fountain Head, Executive Secretary Bill Stricker will contact Member A immediately to inform him that his entry into future tournaments is denied.

Jim also reported that after Elkridge, two winners had not posted their scores. They were sent a reminder email and have since posted their scores.

Wally Engle Committee – Jim Horn

We are now down to the final two teams. Manor and Prospect Bay are scheduled to play October 3 for the championship.

Planning Committee – Jim Foster

Jim reported that a number of board members traveled to River Creek Golf and Country Club and experience the golf course. The course was in great shape and looked to be a worthy venue. However, there were concerns about distance, and traffic. Furthermore, there were five holes that were permanently "cart path only" in addition to the par threes. Jim suggested that if would desire to travel to this location Raspberry Falls might be a better choice.

The five year plan was presented. The planned budget was based on an increase of five members per year. Also included were suggestions for managing budget shortfalls.

Nominating Committee – Mike Kurylo

Mike reported we now have a candidate to replace our outgoing board member, Tom Kline. This gives us a slate of four candidates to fill four positions. Bill will email ballot to members in the next couple of weeks. Voting will take place with results to be announced at our October tournament.

Membership and Publicity Committee – Tony Errera

Tony had no additional comments from the July meeting.

Distinguished Seniors Committee - Tom Kline

No report.

Audit Committee – Bruce Cowan

The Audit Committee has had a preliminary meeting with Treasurer Gary Manion. Another meeting will take place between our last tournament and our November meeting. A report will be given at the November meeting.

Web Master – Ed Baur (not in attendance)

Ed was not present to provide any report.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business

A motion was made by Jim Horn to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Bill Parks. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 by President Gary Manion.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 am Thursday, October 17, at Rolling Road Country Club.