



Free State Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

23 September 2021

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on September 23, 2021, at Rolling Road Country Club. President Jim Horn called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with board members Jim Foster, Gary Kramer, Bruce Cowan, Mike Kurylo, and Mike Myirski present, with Gary Manion, Al DeLeon, Bill Parks, and Bob Linkous present by telephone. A motion made by Mike Kurylo to approve the minutes, as amended, from the August 19, 2021 meeting, was seconded by Bruce Cowan and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Manion

Gary reported that the Association currently has 228 members, which far exceeds the fy21 budget of 180.

The organization bottom line through today is a positive \$2,982, which is an \$113 increase over the bottom line this time last year. The additional membership compared to last year accounts for \$3,960 in additional revenue. However, the additional revenue is offset by unfavorable tournament costs of \$1,913, additional trophy and award costs compared to the 2020 Covid year (\$1,957), and additional Board meeting costs (\$715).

Gary provided charts showing membership by year.

Cash and investments total \$19,906.

The organization has paid a considerable amount of tournament deposits (\$5,250) to reserve the remaining 2021 schedule. Once these expenses have occurred, these prepaid expenses will be recognized on the balance sheet.

Based on the current favorable financial results, Gary is forecasting the organization will exceed the fy21 budgeted bottom line results by \$1,360.

A motion made by Bruce Cowan to approve the Treasurer's report was seconded by Jim Foster and approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary's Report – Jim Horn

Jim reported on the tournament held at Prospect Bay. The tournament was well run with 79 members participating. The course played long and tough due to recent rain.

The September tournament will be at Norbeck with a noon shotgun start. To date, 76 players have registered. This will be a 2-man better ball (gross and net) tournament. Three sets of tees will be played. 45% of the players will play the white tees. Two of those tees will be moved forward. No player requested to play the back tees. Volunteers are requested to arrive starting at 10:30 for registration.

The October tournament will be played at the Links of Gettysburg, which offers four sets of tees. The re-scheduled tournament at Holly Hills is only two weeks after the Gettysburg tournament.

Jim Foster lead a discussion about a potential increase in annual membership fee in 2022 and whether to offer a discount to members who pay in 2021. The Board agreed to make a decision by the November meeting.

Golf Committee – Jim Foster

Jim reported that all 16 winners from the Prospect Bay tournament posted their scores as competitive rounds. Jim also reported on the current Player of Year standings.

Wally Engle Committee – Jim Horn

Jim reported that Piney Branch became a first-time winner, by defeating Montgomery CC in the finals. The match finished in a tie, and the tie-breaking match favored Piney Branch. Jim reported that four of the Wally Engle matches this year went to the tie-breaker, and all but one match was very close in score.

Jim reported that the Wally Engle trophy, awarded to each winning team for the year, cannot be located. A new trophy has been ordered. The website lists all winning teams.

Planning Committee – Al DeLeon

Al reported that five of the seven tournaments for 2022 are booked. The five clubs are Fountain Head, Greystone, Winters Run, Worthington Manor, and Woodholme. The dates to be filled are May (16 or 23) and August (15 or 22). Al is in touch with five clubs to fill these two spots. Three have responded thus far. Al expects to finalize the 2022 schedule by November.

Mike Kurylo suggested we track the cash bar expenses at each tournament, to be used as negotiations on price with future venues. Mike also reported that his home club (Manor) may not be able to accommodate Free State in 2022 in its centennial year, but 2023 is more favorable. A further complication is a potential change in management upcoming at Manor.

Nominating Committee – Mike Myirski

Jim Horn notified the Free State membership by email of the 5 open Board seats starting in 2022 and requested that nominees be forwarded. Jim received only one new candidate, Carl Herbermann (Naval Academy).

Jim led a discussion on the newly created Assistant Executive Secretary position and recommended this position be added as a Board position. After a review of the by-laws, the Board agreed that this position qualifies as a Board member under the existing by-laws.

The Board seat previously held by Charlie Mergler, who moved out of state, has remained empty. The term for this position expires in 2022. A motion made by Jim Horn to nominate Bill Hoffman (Piney Branch) to serve a one-year term, was seconded by Mike Kurylo, and approved. Bill has previously served as a Board member.

Tony Errea and Mike Myirski have announced they are both candidates for a second term. If no additional Board candidates are forwarded from the membership, the Board positions are then filled for 2022. If additional candidates are nominated, elections will be held for three seats.

Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Cowan

NTR

Distinguished Seniors Committee – Gary Kramer

NTR

Audit Committee

The audit is expected to commence in October.

Web Master

NTR

New Business

Gary Kramer lead a discussion on the membership age analysis initiated at last month's Board meeting. Much of the discussion focused on the Super Senior designation, which requires a minimum age of 71 and age + handicap equals 90. Gary reported that ~ 35 members (13%) meet this definition. Discussion included the proper sets of tees to be played for all members, consistent with the USGA Play it Forward campaign. Mike Kurylo suggested that we may need to re-define the definition of Super Senior. Continued discussion of this topic is expected at the next Board meeting.

Gary also reported there is approximately a 30% overlap in players between Free State and the Maryland Interclub Senior Golf Association (MISGA).

Old Business - NTR

A motion made by Bruce Cowan to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Jim Foster, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

The next Board meeting will be held October 14, 2021.