



Free State Seniors Golf Association of Maryland, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 13, 2022

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on October 13, 2022 at Rolling Road Country Club. President Jim Foster called the meeting to order at 1035. Board members Mike Kurylo, Bill Parks, Gary Kramer, Carl Herbermann, Bill Hoffman, Jim Horn, Bruce Cowan, and Mike Myirski were in attendance. Bruce Cowan made a motion to accept the minutes of September meeting, which was seconded by Jim Horn, and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Neither Gary Manion nor Al Deleon were able to attend, but the Treasurer's Report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Jim Foster noted that we did not meet the budget for 2021, but the Association retains 1.5 years of cash on hand and remains on solid financial footing. Jim Horn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mike Kurylo, and was approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary's Report: Jim Horn

Jim reported that the Association ended the year with 194 members. This includes 10 new members who joined late in 2021 with dues funded for 2022.

Jim reported that 14 members have unused credit from the Worthington Manor cancellation. Two of those members are using the credit at Winters Run in October. The credit for the remaining twelve members will be applied to their 2023 membership.

Jim reported that 51 players are registered for Winters Run, which is 13 teams. Since this is a small field with a wide range of handicaps, Jim recommended, and the Board approved, that we will not have a clears pool for this tournament.

Jim reported that 68 members enjoyed the tournament at Chester River.

Jim discussed the possibility of ordering additional Free State clothing for sale to the membership. Currently, shirts, pullovers, and hats are available. Jim is also investigating the potential purchase of vests. A decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

The final Board meeting of the year will be held on 3 November. The 4 newly elected Board members will be invited.

Golf Committee: Mike Kurylo

Mike reported that every winner from Chester River posted his score in GHIN.

Gary Kramer led a discussion on changes to the Super Senior and Legends categories. Gary made a motion to change the Super Senior category to age (minimum 70 years) + handicap index to 85 (from 90) and retain the Legends category to minimum age 75 + handicap index to 90. Bill Hoffman seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously. The changes will take effect in 2023.

Wally Engle Committee:

A team photo for the winning University of Maryland team will be taken at Winters Run.

Gary Kramer led a discussion on potential improvements to the Wally Engle tournament with the goal of increasing participation. Gary reported that the two biggest issues seem to be the yardages played and the playoff format in the event of a tie. Gary agreed to provide specific recommendations to Bob Linkous for the November meeting, with the goal of any changes established for next year's tournament.

Planning Committee:

In the absence of Tony Errera and Al DeLeon, Jim Foster discussed the 5 year plan. The Board discussed the possibility of raising the membership fee by \$5, which would increase income by approximately \$1000. Mike Kurylo, Jim Foster, and Gary Kramer will meet on 2 November to develop a membership survey on desired courses to play, costs, and other considerations. The Board will re-visit membership costs after reviewing the survey results.

Nominating Committee: Mike Myirski

Mike reported the results of the membership vote for the four new Board members. Jim Horn will announce the names at the Winters Run tournament. Mike reported that the voting was relatively low (45 members), perhaps because voting was done by email and not anonymous. Membership participation may increase with online voting.

Membership and Publicity Committee: No report

Distinguished Seniors Committee: Gary Kramer

Gary reported on the status of the upcoming award for the newest Distinguished Senior. Gary Manion will receive the well-deserved award at the Winters Run Tournament.

Audit Committee: No Report

Webmaster: No report

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

Jim Foster will preside as President at the November meeting and transition to Mike Kurylo as President for 2023. Tony Errera will serve as First Vice President and Bob Linkous as Second Vice President. Committee assignments will also be announced.

The meeting will be held November 3, 2022, 10:30am at Rolling Road Country Club.

A motion was made by Jim Foster to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Bill Hoffman and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1145.