

# MGA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

## Attendees:

Jack Nedorostek, Tommy Lee, Lee Pereksta, Bill Schieder, Dennis Knox, Bill Schell, Tony Delmonte, Ron Dillon, Dave Rowland, Bruce McKnight

## Agenda Items:

### 1) **New Member not meeting minimum handicap requirement:**

Background: A new member has played enough to establish a handicap, that is currently over 40. The minimum requirement for the MGA is 36 from the white, 33 from the gold, and 31 from the red stakes. We discussed how to handle this.

After much discussion, we decided to discuss with the member and allow him to start over his 5 rounds needed to establish a handicap. Per MGA requirements, he can only be a member if he meets the minimum handicap requirement.

### 2) **Weekly Prize Money Distribution Method:**

Background: Tony heard complaints from people about not being able to use money won for restaurant purchases. This is a problem because several members paid annual membership dues and only pay a few dollars to golf each week. Cash would be preferred as these members do not spend very much in the clubhouse. Tony said this would also be a benefit for the restaurant, as more people would be spending money in the restaurant.

We discussed paying winnings in cash. The issue with that is that we would need to do a lot of bookkeeping for those that do not golf every week or leave for several month's each year.

Dennis made a motion that Tony do more follow-up to see if there was any way to use MGA won money in the restaurant. The motion was approved, and the issue was tabled until a later meeting.

### 3) **Giving putts and playing the ball down:**

Background: Not all members putt the ball out, and some members have a preference to play the ball down instead of up.

After discussion we decided to break this into 2 separate issues.

**Putting the ball out:** The MGA has a rule that we should Putt the ball out. If someone in a group, or ahead or behind a group makes a complaint, the MGA rules committee would then give a warning to the person picking up the ball. A second offense during another round would result in the golfer being disqualified from that tournament.

Lee made a motion that the rules committee go over that rule and the penalty with the MGA prior to the next tournament, and that we follow that rule. The motion was voted on and approved.

**Playing the ball down:** The MGA rules book says that we will play the ball down, unless the rules committee directs that the ball be played up. Discussion of course conditions and rules of golf followed. Bruce said his preference was to play the ball down all the time. Bill Schell made a motion to follow the current rule and allow the rules committee to make the decision on when it is best to play the ball up or down. That motion was voted on and approved.

#### **4) John Terrell Award Display:**

Background: The John Terrell award is currently maxed out. We either need to add a new display or extend the current display.

Bruce made a motion that we extend the current display after Tony checked it to be sure there was room to do that. The motion was approved.

#### **5) Player of the year Criteria added to handbook:**

Background: The criteria is not currently in the book.

We agreed to add the player of the year criteria to the MGA rulebook for next year.

#### **6) Members turning 90 years of age:**

Background: A member asked if the board would consider allowing 90-year-old MGA members to not pay the annual MGA \$40 dues.

We discussed the proposal. Because the \$40 is used to pay for the handicap system each year, and for banquets, we decided to table this proposal for now.

#### **7) Nominating Committee:**

We discussed the status of the Nominating committee. Two people had volunteered to be on that committee. One had bailed, and there was only one left. Mike Bagnato will be considered the chair of that committee. Tommy asked Jack to put something on the bulletin board asking for members to nominate people to run for office.

#### **8) Other:**

- A) Bill Schell said the new USGA rules would be followed next year. However, the rules committee would continue to review those and would reserve the right to not follow those that we thought the MGA should not follow. An example was that we currently do not allow moving impediments from the ball in a red stake area. The new rule would allow that, and our preference would be to not adopt that rule. After some discussion, Bruce made a motion that we should follow all the new rules. We decided to do that and follow all the new rules.
- B) Lee brought up complaints he has heard about members entering scores from other courses and having handicaps not consistent with Cypress Head golf only. We discussed the possibility of using Cypress Head scores only to determine handicaps. We would need to

abandon the current handicap system to do that. Bruce said he would go over the handicap process and some of the entered scores with Lee after the meeting. (He did that after the meeting and no issues were found.)

**Adjournment:**

Tommy Lee made a motion to Adjourn. Dennis Knox seconded the motion and it was approved by all present.

Respectively submitted:

Lee Pereksta, MGA Secretary