

Joint MGA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017

Attendees:

Al Angelone, Tony Delmonte, Dennis Knox, Tommy Lee, Bruce McKnight, Jack Nedorostek, Lee Pereksta, Lew Rice, Dave Rowland, Bill Schell and Bill Schieder.

President Delmonte called this meeting to order at 1:00 PM. He welcomed the new officers as follows: President – Jack Nedorostek , Vice President – Tommy Lee, Secretary – Lee Pereksta.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Rules Feedback to USGA:

- Bill Schell reported that he will send a letter to the USGA with our (MGA Rules Committee) input to the proposed USGA rule changes. Bill provided the attendees a copy of that report. President Delmonte will ensure that a copy will also be posted on our website.

Handicap Fee Payment by Officers/Chair:

- President Delmonte explained that our By-Laws exempts committee chairmen and elected officers from paying the yearly (\$40) fee. Bill Schieder explained how the finances are handled and what the fees are used for. He indicated that \$12.00 pays for the handicap fee. Last year a decision was made to have the exempt individuals pay the \$12.00 handicap fee. President Delmonte asked the group if they would like to request that exempt individuals pay the handicap fee again this year. Dave Rowland stated that if a change is made, the handbook would have to be updated to reflect that change. Dennis Knox motioned to postpone this item for a future Executive Committee meeting, and received a second from Dave Rowland. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Creation of an E-mail Distribution List:

- The Committee discussed creating an e-mail distribution list for all MGA members. However, it was agreed that a significant manual effort would be required to create/maintain such a list. The group decided to leave this item open.

Terrell Award Process and Criteria:

- President Delmonte told the committee that four of these awards were given out last year. He was asked to review the process to ensure the prestige/merits of this award were not being compromised. After some discussion, and the fact that none were give out this year, the group agreed to leave the process as it is, and publish the criteria and previous winners

in the handbook.

Appropriate Course Conduct; Gimme Putts, Dress Code, Accurate Scores:

Play Ball UP/Down.

- There was quite a lot of discussion regarding playing the ball **UP** or **DOWN**. Bruce McKnight suggested that the ball be played **DOWN**, unless the league is playing under "Cart Path Only" restrictions. Bill Schell commented that some members have indicated they will not play if they are required to play the ball **DOWN**. Some other course conditions such as areas devoid of grass, root obstructions, etc, were also raised as reasons for playing the ball **UP**. Bruce McKnight motioned that we "play by the rules of golf, and play the ball **DOWN** "unless car path only." Motion seconded by Dave Rowland. The motion failed by a vote of three in favor and four opposed. Bill Schieder commented that decision should be left to the Rules Committee.

Gimme Putts.

- Tommy Lee stated that we should putt everything out. That appeared to be the consensus of the group, however it was agreed the difficulty is to enforce it across our league.

Dress Code.

- Bill Schieder and Lew Rice suggested that we let the golf course determine the appropriate dress code.

How Can We Increase Membership:

- Al Angelone agreed to write an article and try to get it published in The Hometown News.
- Tony Delmonte will try to get a sign posted in the pro shop to attract others to join our league, and to see if he can publish an article in the Cypress Head HOA newsletter.
- Lew Rice encouraged the group to make a special effort to tell others about our league and to come out and join us.
- Lew Rice and Lee Pereksta agreed to try to get something published in a Water's Edge flyer that is distributed on occasion.

Pace of Play:

- The committee, agreed this is, and has been a problem. We were asked to recognize it and encourage others to try to pick up the pace.

Additional Comments:

Jack Nedorostek mentioned that the Hot Dog Luncheon will be held on November 2, 2017.

Before adjourning the meeting Tony Delmonte passed the gavel to Jack Nedorostek for future meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Delmonte', written in a cursive style.