

# MGA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Nov 14, 2024

**Attendees:** Mike Bagnato, Lynn Rill, Lee Pereksta, Jim Walsh, Jack Narhi, Bill Schell, Tim Hill, Bruce McKnight, Dave Rowland, Dennis Knox, Dan Ritchie, Kevin Hannah

Mike Bagnato called the meeting to order.

## Agenda Items

- Pace of play:
  - When the pace of play is too slow, it delays finalizing tournament results and causes complaints from other golfers and the golf course management. We discussed ways to speed up play, such as a rule of 40 seconds to play after reaching your ball, and penalties for a group turning in their score card beyond a certain time. It was also suggested that cards turned in late be disqualified. We voted on issuing a warning or giving an immediate penalty. Giving a first-time warning received the most votes.
  - Since we normally start prior to 8:30, and the course recommend playing time is 4 ½ hours, we decided to add 15 minutes to that and require all cards to be turned in by 1:15 on Thursdays. Late cards will cause the group to be issued a warning, and players will be kept on a warning list. If they are late again in another group, the player or players will be assessed a stroke penalty. A motion was made to this effect and voted on and passed.
- Code of conduct:
  - Bill brought up our need for a MGA Code of Conduct, as most organizations do have such a code.
  - After discussion, we decided that our rules of conduct are pretty much covered in our by-laws and our operational procedures and rules in our handbook. Bill will review our handbook to recommend updates prior to printing the new book for next year.
- Printing the MGA handbook for 2025.
  - Dave Rowland brought up the printing of our handbook for 2025, and the effort and great job by Tony Delmonte each year to create it.
  - Dave had discussed being a back-up for updating the book with Gary Brideau, and Gary said that if needed he would be available to update the book for us and create the flash drive needed to print the book.
  - Jim Walsh said one of the updates needed was to the tournament schedule for 2025. He usually gives the new schedule to Tony to add to the book.
  - Kevin Hannah discussed the printer used to print the book each year and said a printing company he uses for his restaurant would be able to print it at a more reasonable cost than our current printer.
  - We also discussed the sponsorship fees we solicit each year for advertising in our book. We decided that the \$200 fee was still adequate as the book costs around \$400 to create each year.
- Kevin Hannah brought up the possibility of holding our luncheons at an outside location. Bill Schell noted that it would be difficult to get a number of attendees, as some of our members would just head home instead of traveling to an outside location after golfing. We decided to leave our location at Cypresshead for now.
- Dave Rowland brought up the 2025 MGA Application. Dan Ritchie noted that handicap fees had gone up to from \$17 to \$20 this year. We decided that our \$45 membership fee was still adequate for 2025.

- Bill Schell nominated two members for the John Terrell award to be presented at our annual membership meeting. Tim Hill nominated one additional person. All three were voted on and approved.
  - Dave Rowland said he would order the plaques for the awards.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Lee Pereksta, MGA Secretary