Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes – October 27, 2016

Attendees: President – Tony Delmonte, A. Angelone, D. Knox, B. Manson, B. Mcknight J. Nedorostek, L. Rice, D. Rowland, B. Schell, B. Schieder, R. Valorose.

Meeting Convened at 1:30 PM

President Delmonte told the committee that the purpose of this meeting was to re-vist our prior decision regarding the criteria for playing the ball **UP** or **DOWN**. He mentioned that the White Tee players expressed concerns requiring them to play the ball down, while the other players could play the ball up. There was some discussion about bringing the matter to the general membership for a vote. However, it was decided that it is the responsibility of this committee to reach agreement on which approach is reasonable and fair for all members of the MGA.

Bruce McKnight stated that the course is in good shape and everyone should play the ball **Down.** Bill Manson disagreed and stated that he believes the course is not in good condition and the ball should be played **Up.** Jack Nedorostek mentioned that it may be reasonable to play the ball up when the fairways lack grass and "Winter" rules may apply. Dennis Knox expressed a concern that the MGA will lose members if we don't allow them to play the ball **Up**. There was some discussion regarding the effect on our already declining membership when rules changes are being considered.

A number of options were discussed, including a motion made by Bill Schieder and seconded by Al Angelone to play the ball **UP** all the time. That motion failed by a vote of 4 in favor and 5 opposed. A motion was made by Tony Delmonte, and seconded by Bill Schieder to follow the rule in our handbook, which is: "The ball will always be played down unless announced otherwise...." That motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 2 opposed.

Bill Schell raised questions regarding the allocation of prize money for a player being used as a "blind" for another group. A motion was made by Bruce McKnight and seconded by Bill Manson that "the blind gets paid only when his team wins prize money". The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Bill Schieder expressed a concern with trying to keep an accurate record of prize money, if he is not made aware of exactly how much is being credited to the MGA account. Rich Valorose agreed to ensure Bill receives an accurate count each week.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Submitted:

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