



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 15, 2024

Attendance: Steve Crooke, Dave Romano, Steve Rowe, Brent Colby, Scott Rowe, Marc Zirolli, Steve Migneault, Tim Berger, Steve Hilliard.

Absent: Aaron Morrison

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Brent Colby.

Brent C. – Approval of Minutes & Updates:

- Request to approve minutes of the December Board Meeting, with two minor edits, motioned and unanimously approved.

Brent C. – Pro Shop & Golf Course Updates:

- Two are still outstanding to finish settling their 2023 Pro Shop payments.
- Jeff was supposed to meet with Joe to discuss rates but meeting has been postponed until Jeff gets back from Florida.
- Jeff is receiving GHIN and Golf Genius payments, but those are currently not matching with those who have renewed for the Men's Club.
- Topstone is up for recertification for Handicap; only one needs to take the test. Since Tim B. is on Handicap & Rules, he will focus on the main portion to represent Topstone Men's Golf Club. Brent is asking the Board to each take the other exam. Due by June 4, 2024.

Tim B. – Handicap and Rules Report:

- Nothing new to report.

Steve C. – Treasurer's Report:

- Ended 2023 with just under \$18,000.
- Final reconciliation with Pro Shop shows a \$176 credit balance going into 2024.
- 2024 dues received in 2023 totaled 82 returning Members = \$7,922.84.
- \$2,450 favorable versus budget.
- 2024 Budget proposal is to keep it aligned with major items from 2023, which still leaves the TMGC with \$750. Need to identify incremental spend to decrease excess cash cushion.
 - Added \$1,500 incremental spend for May shamble.
 - Kept \$1,750 for staff holiday gratuities.
 - \$1,000 for Greenskeeper's Revenge.
 - Trophy costs were \$300 lower.

- \$500 increase to tournament payouts, assuming more rounds played.
- \$200 lower PayPal fees.
- \$175 more for social events to account for inflation.
- Reflects \$1,075 to help with decreasing excess cash.
- Proposal: Increase payouts by .50 from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per round to reflect a \$2,800 incremental payout subsidy, budgeted loss to about \$2,000 bringing excess assets down to a projected \$4,878.
 - Board unanimously approved, with one Member abstained.
- Tax Return is due May 15.
- Review of TMGC Financials would be between \$5,000 - \$10,000 and a tax return would be \$1,500.

Brent C. & Scott R. – Membership Report:

- Aaron is working with Scott and the current renewals to date are 183. Per Steve M., we are three Members less, but two days more, than this time in 2023. So we are about on pace.
- Membership will remain open to current Members until January 31. Then, it will open to the public on February 7.
- Regarding a cap for 2024, Steve M. reports that 201 Members responded to the question regarding increasing the cap to Membership.
 - 36 agreed to 405
 - 123 disagree 62.4%
 - 38 no opinion 19.3%.
 - Votes with an opinion – 159; 36 agreed.
 - Votes with an opinion – 123 disagreed or 77%.
- Scott recommends having a cap of 375 but that we review at every Board Meeting to review the waitlist, if applicable.
 - Board votes in favor, with one Board Member abstained.

Steve M. – Communication Report:

- Fourth email confirmation went out on the morning of January 15 regarding 2024 renewals. Final renewal reminders will go out on January 22, 29 and 31.
- On February 7, Men's Club membership will open to the public with a cap.
- Brent is inquiring how difficult it would be to change the look of the TMGC website. Look at the budget to see what we can do. Steve will do some research.

Scott R. – Tournament Chair:

- Scott will have a proposal for Flights and Gold Tee discussion and the February meeting.

Brent – Old/New Business:

- Nothing to report, other than an award presentation to the Board's past president, Dave Romano.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:01 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rowe Household. Minutes respectfully submitted by Marc Zirolli.