

MGA Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023

Board/Committee Members Attendance

Mike Reyome, President	Fred Saxine, Member
Joe Cervoni, Vice President	John Flood, Ex-Officio
Greg Langan, Treasurer	Bill Collier, Ex-Officio
Mike Cofer, Member	Ron Nisun, Tournament Director

Harbor Hills Attendance:

Tom Leimberger
Harding Vance
Steve Henne

The meeting was called to order by Mike Reyome at 8:57 AM

Secretary Report: Cliff Murphy

- A motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2022
- A motion was made by Joe Cervoni and seconded by Fred Saxine. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Greg Langan

- The Board reviewed the 2022 Fiscal year-end financial statement and the Financial Report dated February 7, 2023. Current balance is \$7,024.17.
- The Board discussed the MGA 2022 expenses of \$6,741 and the 2023 projected income of \$5,700 at current membership levels. That leaves a deficit of over \$1,000. Balance at end of 2022 (after deducting 2023 dues payments) was approximately \$1,245, so there is enough in “surplus” to cover the deficit. It was noted that the MGA usually recruits 10-12 new members during the year so the actual revenue (from existing and new members) may actually exceed the projected expenses for the year. No action on deficit reduction was taken at this time.
- A motion was made by Joe Cervoni, seconded by Mike Cofer to accept the Treasurer’s Reports. Motion passed.

Golf Course Report: Harding Vance John Flood

- Greens are better this year than last, despite the wet conditions that occur during this time. Only watering greens every third day but water comes up from the ground overnight.
- Cutting dead pine trees this week.
- Looking for railroad ties for steps on 12. Hard to find. Has a vendor working on it.
- Goose grass much better this year and Harding’s crew will spray as weather warms
- Board and Harding discussed rough condition of some cart paths and discussion turned to whether the effect of single golf cart riders verses double rider carts made the rough cart paths worse. Ultimately, it was suggested by Harding that the club wait until summer to work on rough cart paths when there will be less traffic and better conditions for growth of replacement sod (over smoothed paths).

Golf Pro Report: Tom Leimberger

- The speaker is set for the Annual Meeting. Speaker understands 15 minute maximum and is submitting an outline to Tom.

- There are temporary “Don’t Be A Turtle” slow play signs at the first tee. Permanent signs and ceramic turtles will replace these temporary signs. It is an attempt to humorously get the message across to members, guests and outside players.

General Manager Report: Steve Henne

- Ordered 3 new carry-alls for Harding; delivery will be 3rd or 4th quarter this year.
- Purchased a used carry-all for Harding. The old drink cart (Frankenstein) will be fitted with a cage and used for the practice range. This “new” used cart will replace Frankenstein in Harding’s fleet of carry-alls.
- MGA Board suggested that Steve establish hours when the driving range will be closed for the ball picker and other maintenance. This will help members know when the range is open.

Committee Reports:

Handicap Joe Cervoni

- Everyone seems to be doing well with posting. The Handicap committee has to work with Mancuso and Karp to get their handicaps listed as H.H. MGA members. The committee also decided to wait until next year for Karp to be certain that he comes back to H.H. at that time.

Tournament: Ron Nisun

- President’s Cup tournament is February 22, 24 and 26.
- Tournament calendar is being worked on by Cofer and Nisun
- The Inter-Club golf team is doing well in competition this year. More on that as play continues.

Web Master: Mike Cofer

- Will change HHMGA Local Rules regarding the steep face on the green-side of the bunker on 16 since that bunker has been filled, removing the steep face.
- Local Rules will continue with “no relief” from hard-pan golf cart unless marked as Ground Under Repair with white outline. The local rules have also been amended to do away with any relief from bushes and flower beds. Balls must be played as they lie.

Membership-H.I.O.: Cliff Murphy

- New Member - Jay Descamp
- MGA now has 98 paid members
- Six hole-in-ones during MGA events last year. No hole-in-ones yet recorded in 2023.

Nomination Committee: Joe Cervoni

- Cliff Murphy, Bruce Dow and Joe Cervoni are the committee members
- Slate of nominees: Ken Bishop, VP; Bill Bogert and Larry Coburn, voting Board Members
- With two members leaving the Board and these three joining the Board, the Board will consist of seven members, leaving room for another Board member (maximum of eight Board members)

- The Board discussed whether to nominate another person to fill out the Board to eight members and decided that no additional nominees were needed at this time.

Old Business

- **MOTION:** Mike Reyome has received assurances that St. Timothy's Church would like the defibrillator; they plan to use it in their Lazarus Clinic, a medical facility for economically disadvantaged persons. A motion to give the defibrillator to St. Timothy's was made by Greg Langan, seconded by Mike Cofer. The motion passed. Mike Reyome will handle the transfer.

New Business

- Yellow Tee players competing in MGA events: An email letter was sent to a number of MGA members citing the perceived inequity and unfair advantage that Yellow Tee players have in MGA events.
- The Board discussed the issue and noted (a) the yellow tees were never intended to be competitive but recently the MGA has relaxed its rules to allow yellow tee players to compete in select events.
- The Board reiterated that yellow tee players cannot compete in any MGA alternate shot events or scramble events (although the MGA does not sponsor any scramble events).
- Fred Saxine presented results from his study of eight MGA Wednesday events. In those eight events, there were payouts to 35 teams. Of those 35, 20 teams had a yellow tee player. And in those eight events, of the 32 closest to the pin holes, four yellow tee players won CTP. Neither Fred nor the Board were suggesting that this study was conclusive of any determination.
- At this point, the Board agreed to continue to allow Yellow Tee players to compete in Wednesday MGA events, the President's Cup and Match Play tournaments.
- At this point, the Board will not permit Yellow Tee players to compete in Stroke Play tournaments or the Sider Cup. Yellow Tee players may compete in those events if they play from the Red tees.
- **MOTION:** The Board recognizes the handicap system often provides an unfair advantage to players who have recently moved to the yellow tees. Responding to that inequity, the Board passed a motion requiring players who choose to move to the yellow tees to re-establish their handicap by posting eight yellow tee 18-hole rounds before they will be eligible to compete in MGA events. They can play in MGA events; their scores won't be eligible for prize money until after they have re-established their handicap by playing and posting eight yellow tee 18-hole rounds. Moved by Langan, seconded by Reyome. Motion passed.
- Discussion about changing Sider Cup tournament day formats will be tabled until a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Greg Langan, Secretary Pro Tem
acting for Cliff Murphy, Secretary