

METRO ST. LOUIS SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – Kirkwood Community Center January 14, 2020

New President Larry Roth called the meeting to order at 9:59 AM, and appointed Dennis Black as Sergeant-At-Arms.

Roll call was taken, Board Members NOT in attendance were Frank Mantia, George Arft, Pat Britt, Tom Lefavre, Scott Bahno, and Glenn Young.

The minutes from the previous board meeting were accepted with revisions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER – (Dennis Carter) End of Year showed cash available of approximately \$53k. Treasurer report was submitted and accepted.

AUDIT- (Dave Wicks) Just beginning the Audit Report, preliminary will be completed in a few weeks, with the final report concluded by the March meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS– (Frank McLaughlin) All events are nearly all full or already have waiting list.

Division 9- (John Reinhardt) Signups are slow, which is normal and tend to pick up later in the year.

HANDICAP – (Bob Zaruba) Handicaps will be determined by each Course's per-hole handicaps. The highest handicap currently available is 54. Last year's ending handicap MAY NOT be this year's beginning handicap.

RULES – (Gary Brown) The Rule Committee has clarified previous rule changes on our website.

MEMBERSHIP - (Don Glenzy) Currently have 617 paid members in Divisions 1-5, as compared to 669 at this time in 2019, a reduction of 59 members, with 45 as yet undecided. There are now 32 NEW members for 2020, as compared to 94 new members in 2019. In 2020 four (4) members will be 90 y/o or older, and 23 will be 84+

NOMINATIONS – (Bill Molz) All completed for this year.

TOURNAMENTS – (Larry Roth) Going forward, Tony Ellebracht will be in charge. Will be putting together a manual to allow for better continuity between divisions. The 2020 Schedule is complete, with the Championship being held at Pevely Farms on Sept. 29th. Emails will be sent out to all new members.

PACE OF PLAY – (Tony Ellebracht) Nothing new to report. Going forward this will become a part of the Tournament Committee.

METRO PLUS – (Larry Roth) There are currently 164 members signed up to play 15 events and one (1) End-Of-Year Team event, with 22 volunteer members on the committee. Metro+ members will have lessons made available at The Legends for between \$25-\$35. Lessons would be on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The possibility exists to open this up to Metro Seniors in 2021.

HISTORY – (Bob Roderique) Not Present

OLD BUSINESS

Elections – No one ran for Div 3 or League Secretary. Clyde Farris has been appointed new Div VP for Division 3, and Mike Campbell has volunteered to serve in this position again.

Going forward, all Directors MUST serve on a committee. Currently openings exist on Rules, Membership, and Special Events. If you do not contact Larry Roth and volunteer, those individuals will be appointed to a committee.

2020 Budget–(Larry Roth) New budget shows a Net Income of \$491, with the budget being based on 670 members in Divisions 1-5. Motion made by Bob Zaruba to approve, seconded by Gary Brown. Motion to approve passed.

Apparel – (Larry Roth) A link has been sent to all members, which will be active until March 3rd, 2020. No orders will be manufactured until all orders are consolidated on that date. The supplier will also be available at our March meeting, and the link will then be operational again on March 23rd. All sales are final, no returns.

Going forward, Apparel will be a subdivision of the Membership Committee under Dan Glenzy.

Discount Cards – (Bob Zaruba) We will have discount cards available again this year

NEW BUSINESS

Pro-Am golf wishes to attend the March meeting. discussion surrounded competition with the existing apparel manufacturer. No conclusions made.

REFUNDS – A request made for Joe Lerch revising Refund Policy Section 2 to read “ There will be a non-refundable fee of \$2.00 per event / per person as a service fee for each refund to offset credit card transaction fees. The Policy manual will be changed.

A motion was made by Tony Ellebracht to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Bill Molz. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM

Mike Campbell – Secretary

REMINDERS: the next board meeting will be **Tuesday, March 24, 2020** at 10 AM, followed by General Meeting 1:00 – 3:00

2020 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday June 23, 2020 – Board Meeting 10:00 AM

Tuesday August 11, 2020 – Board Meeting 10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 10th- Meeting 10:00 AM followed by General Meeting 1:00 – 3:00

Metro Seniors Ex Board Meeting Outline

Wicks Minutes for Exec Committee Meeting 5/4/2020

Attending – Larry Roth, Dave Wicks, Tony Ellebracht

- A. Roth will reopen Apparel sales as season reopens.
- B. Appointed Board positions. Roth appointed a new director to replace Dave Debeer, who resigned. Roy Migneco. 2-year term for Division 5.
- C. Division 9 – Riverside has expressed concerns about Division 9 operation following citation by STL County in recent league play. Roth will ask Reinhardt to discuss situation with Riverside to see how we can work out a process that meets their and our needs.
- D. Payments for contract to Our Golf Stats will continue at current rate, \$300 per month for basic services, website, database, handicaps. Data entry invoice and payments will start with the first weekly tournaments. Any changes future changes in operations or season schedule may dictate a negotiation with
- E. We are requesting a special Board Meeting via ZOOM to get Board Approval of Executive Committee proposed start of Weekly Tournaments during the first week of June 2020. Overview of key changes in weekly tournament operations will be presented as review.
- F. June Board meeting will remain on the schedule - same time/same place. If needed we will revise location or method (ZOOM). Key items - March and June info. Minutes updated, treasures report, Audit for last year. New report to Sec of State with officers has been issued.
- G. Special Events- Cancellation of Special Events through June will be announced ASAP. We will retain July, August and September events on the schedule for now. Must revisit this by July. Members will receive refunds for canceled events per policy – Payment less credit card fees. Refunds will be processed within 30/60 days of the announcement.
- H. Announcements to Members – Communications to members will use website and direct email. VP will be key communication point for weekly tournament messaging including weekly tee reservations, course requirements, and safety communications.
- I. Metro Plus –
 - a. Membership dues – April deadline for refund of membership dues (payment – cc fees) will be extended to June 1.
 - b. Metro Plus League to start in early June. Schedule will be modified. Illinois courses in April thru early June will be dropped (Annbriar, Rolling

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Hills (IL). MO Courses (Glen Echo, Lake Forest and Tapawingo may be rescheduled later or to replace other Illinois courses as needed.

- c. Prepaid events (Glen Echo for reschedule, St. Clair CC, Persimmon Woods, and Winghaven) will remain on the schedule.
- d. Refunds requested for schedule changes of pre-paid events will follow policy.

J. Weekly Tournaments

- a. Championship Tournament – Canceled for 2020. Not enough play dates, and too much uncertainty for remaining season.
- b. Membership refunds requested through the end of 2020 will be processed per policy.
- c. Current state policies for Illinois courses make play MS Tournament play impossible. When policies change for IL courses, we will reevaluate changes in future schedule.
- d. Current Missouri courses and local administrations have policies and facilities that will allow play with some limitations and strict social distancing requirements. These in addition to the following are to be used throughout weekly tournament play. Updates will be made and announced as needed throughout the season.
 - 1. Courses will allow reservation course for Metro Seniors for play date and time. Start times about 6:30 AM to about 8:30AM.
 - 2. Foursomes will be allowed
 - 3. Carts will be available for 1 person per cart
 - 4. A block of tee times will be reserved for Metro Seniors only that will accommodate foursomes with 8 to 15-minute tee start separations. Split tee starts #1 and #10 will be run.
 - 5. Metro Seniors through Division VP will manage all tee time assignments. Players CANNOT arrive no more than 30 minutes before scheduled start. Member reservation process will start Saturday before the events, first come first served. The final tee time sheet will be issued and posted on website by member of Exec Committee about 24 hours before event.
 - 6. A special team of Metro Seniors volunteers (around 6 per week) will manage the at course registration, starting, and scoring process. They will manage the process and supervise social distancing throughout

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- starting and scoring. Volunteers will be guaranteed play at the event for their service. Gloves will be provided. Volunteers must provide their own masks (and must be masked from parking lot through to the tees).
7. All MS members must follow social distancing and rules as established by the course and as directed by MS event volunteers. Violation of these rules may result in immediate termination of membership from all Metro Seniors operations without refunds.
 8. Weekly tournament capacity will be limited to a maximum of carts available at each course.
 9. Details of requirements for each course will be published in advance of tee scheduling by VP.
 10. Closest to Pins competition will be canceled for 2020 season. Too much touch, handling. Hole-In-One and Double Eagle prizes will remain as standard policy.
 11. Weekly flight positions and position prize will remain as current policy based on division membership June 1. Changes to positions or position prizes may be made later in 2020 season to adjust for changes including membership and tournament participation.
 12. Pace of Play data collection will be suspended for the start of the season. All members are expected to maintain pace targets.
 13. Play rules will be adjusted to meet course requirements (eg flagsticks, foam in hole). Details will be issued before the start of the season. Members MUST adhere to MS and course guidelines related to safety. (Handout on new pin rules in separate attachment)
- e. A special oversight committee to review volunteers' responsibilities, must that check things are happening the way we need to- no fight, get with VP later.
 - f. All Divisions 1 – 5 will be required to operate using these guidelines and processes to assure consistence for member and course safety.
 - g. VP's run the weekly tournaments after startup/set up. Listen to complaints deal with them division by division
 - h. Dave Wicks (Div 1 and 2) and Larry Roth (Div 3,4,5) will reschedule canceled IL events with selected MO courses.

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Wicks Minutes for Exec Committee Meeting 5/4/2020

We discussed and agreed in consensus to review this to the Special Board Meeting. This will be our format for modifications to Policies and Procedures.

We will ask for Board approval to start Weekly Tournaments and Metro Plus as of June 1.

Items on agenda not discussed.

Rainout direction for remainder of 2020 season. I suggest that events are now more complicated. Trying to reschedule will be too much of a burden on all administration, especially volunteers.

Structure and makeup of the Weekly Tournament Oversight Committee. I think this is President's prerogative for committee assignment.

Minutes of Zoom Meeting on May 11, 2020

Meeting started at 10:00 AM. The following were not present at the meeting, John Reinhardt, Pat Britt, Scott Bahno, Frank McLaughlin, Joe Mroz, Rick Ellebracht, Roy Migneco, Glenn Young.

A discussion occurred regard the policies what changes were necessary to start the season, changes in registration and other matters. A summary of the Executive Board meeting held on 5/4/2020 was attached.

Motion by Frank Mantia, 2nd by Al Clark to approve starting the season on June 1st with the provision set in the attached documents.

It was agreed upon that Metro Senior membership refunds for 2021 would be honored until June 1st, in accordance with the refund policy and that members if they chose could roll over their membership till 2021. Dan Glenzy, membership chair agreed that he would collect the data and process all refunds and roll overs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

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Special Board Meeting – May 11, 2020

Background for Special Board Meeting – Please review in advance.

Notice

- A. Special Events Canceled through June. Events further cancellation as needed.

Requesting the Board approval of 2020 season start as of June 1 for Weekly Tournaments (Division 1 – 5 and Division 9) and for the Metro Plus League. Policies and Procedures and operations revisions as outlined below. Changes as and when needed as by Executive Committee:

B. Metro Plus –

- a. Membership dues – April deadline for refund of membership dues (payment – cc fees) will be extended to June 1.
- b. Metro Plus League to start in early June with schedules revised.
- c. Refunds requested for schedule changes of pre-paid events will follow policy.

C. Weekly Tournaments

- a. Championship Tournament – Canceled for 2020.
- b. Membership refunds requested will be processed per policy.
- c. Current state policies for Illinois courses make play MS Tournament play impossible. When policies change for IL courses, we will reevaluate changes in future schedule.
- d. Current Missouri courses will be played some limitations and strict social distancing requirements. Updates will be made and announced as needed throughout the season.
 1. Start times about 6:30 AM to about 8:30 AM. All Split Tee starts. Advanced reservations thru Division VP ONLY!
 2. Foursomes will be allowed
 3. Carts will be available for 1 person per cart
 4. A block of tee times will be reserved for Metro Seniors only that will accommodate players in foursomes. Tee separations will vary by course from 8 to 15 minutes. (course decision)
 5. Metro Seniors through Division VP will manage all tee time assignments.
 6. Players CANNOT arrive no more than 30 minutes before scheduled start.
 7. A special team of Metro Seniors volunteers (around 6 per week) will manage the at course registration, starting, and scoring process to

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- manage the process and supervise social distancing throughout starting and scoring.
8. All MS members must follow social distancing and rules as established by the course and as directed by MS event volunteers. Violation of these rules may result in immediate termination of membership from all Metro Seniors operations without refunds.
 9. Weekly tournament capacity will vary depending on number of golf cart availability on each course.
 10. Details of requirements for each course will be published in advance of tee scheduling by VP.
 11. Closest to Pins competition will be canceled for 2020. Hole-In-One and Double Eagle prizes will remain as standard policy.
 12. Weekly flight positions and position prize will remain as current policy based on division membership June 1. Changes to positions or position prizes may be made later in 2020 season to adjust for changes including membership and tournament participation.
 13. Pace of Play data collection will be suspended for the start of the season. All members are expected to maintain pace targets.
 14. Play rules will be adjusted to meet course requirements (eg flagsticks, foam in hole). Details will be issued before the start of the season. Members MUST adhere to MS and course guidelines related to safety. (Handout on new pin rules in separate attachment)
- e. All Divisions 1 – 5 (VPs) will be required to operate using these guidelines and processes to assure consistence for member and course safety.
 - f. Division 9 will operate with similar procedures as customized for Riverside Course.

Special Vote of Board Members

On May 26th, I sent out an email to all board members to vote on a new policy change. Effective immediately:

“By participating in any Metro St Louis Seniors Golf Association event, I acknowledge that I hold Metro Seniors, and its officers and directors harmless in the event I am injured or contract any virus while playing golf.”

This was necessary due to possible litigation that member may invoke while playing any Metro Seniors event and possibly saying they contracted a virus or was injured in some way

In addition, we started on May 27th for all members who joined that day or in the future we added language to the membership applications form.

“All Metro Seniors members agree that they will hold harmless, Metro Seniors, its officers and directors in the event they are injured or contract a virus while playing golf in a Metro Seniors golf event.”

An electronic vote (email) was taken and at least a quorum responded affirmatively.

Submitted

Lawrence G Roth
President Metro St Louis Seniors Golf Association Inc.

METRO ST. LOUIS SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting - June 23, 2020
Aberdeen Golf Course

President Larry Roth called the meeting to order at 10:01 and appointed Dennis Black Sergeant-At-Arms for the meeting.

Members not in attendance were: Brent Vanconia (new secretary), Scott Bahno, Gary Brown, Glenn Young, and Joe Mroz

Minutes (Larry)

- meeting minutes from the 1/14/2020 were received with no revisions
- meeting minutes from the 5/4 2020 Executive Board meeting were received
- meeting minutes from the 5/11 Zoom Meeting were received with revisions.
- Meeting minutes from the 5/26 meeting were received which included waivers for all members so the organization was safe from any COVID-19 claims.

Treasurer report (Dennis Carter)

- transferred about \$100,000 to the savings account for better interest; then transferred some back due to the need for refunds (around \$10,000)
- There is a \$2.00 member fee for refunds (\$3.00 for Metro Plus)
- Many members just chose to roll their membership over to 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditor (Dave Wicks)

Dave explained the audit and mentioned the issue with one member paying for group for a Special Event, then one of said group needing a refund, but other than that, pretty straight forward. Larry was effusive in his praise of the job done by Dave. Dave mentioned that Dennis keeps good books. (see attached)

Special Events (Frank McLaughlin)

All refunds to date have been processed. July 14th is the next event at Missouri Bluffs (MB). MB will have partitioned carts and the meal is pre-packaged. Frank commented that we cannot do a special event without 2 golfers to a cart, so anyone not willing to ride two to a cart or walk must be issued a refund.

Division 9 (John Reinhardt)

Prize money is collected and paid out each week; if a golfer is not around to pick up his winnings, he can collect them the following week. They love the pre-registration that allows the golfers to have actual tee times. Approximately 50-55 golfers signed up with about 30 playing every week.

Handicap (Bob Zaruba)

All courses that had slope or rating changes have been updated in Our Golf Stats. Pins and bunker rules have been established, but will potentially change throughout the year as COVID-19 rules change. Discount cards have been disseminated via Division VP's. Unfortunately, at least two courses have changed their mind about the discounts due to the pandemic.

Rules (Larry) - no changes. Larry expects to combine the Handicap Committee and Rules Committee in 2021.

Membership (Dan Glenzy)

121 new members, refunds requested/given, 76 rollovers; current members 593, which includes Division 9. Larry complimented all Div VPs for continuing to bring in new members, despite COVID-19 concerns. Each Board member was given 10 business cards to hand out to get new members. In 2021 Flyers will be at all YMCAs, golf courses and similar places with information on tear off pads or perforated tear-offs. Larry mentioned there were over 40 Senior Scrambles in the two-state area. He suggested that we will market their scrambles, if they publicized our organization. Social media is also another venue for attracting new members. GENZ has over 26 million followers and its free, so the membership committee will look into social media opportunities. (see attachments)

Nominations (Bill Molz)

Brent Vanconia from Div 1 has taken over the Secretary position from Mike Campbell and will begin at the next Board Meeting.

Tournament Committee (Tony Ellebracht)

Tony has been talking to the Illinois courses with a new update coming Friday. The sign-up procedures were discussed with almost all of the members present hearing good, if not rave reviews, of the new sign-ups. Although most Divisions are doing something a little different, players are happy with knowing tee times, as well as the on-line sign-ups. Courses are looking to have straight tee times, with all starting off hole #1, as they know exactly how many MS groups will be playing and can schedule their normal players after us. All Div VPs or their reps wanted to continue the current methods of sign-ups.

The suggestion is NOT to reschedule rainouts, unless approved by the Tournament VP. Previous 20% participation rule for rainouts has been waived for this year. Regardless of membership in each division, there will be prize money paid out for places 1-6. At this point in time, we will

continue with NO CTTs; however, should the rules change for Illinois courses, this may change later in the season.

Pace of Play (Dave Wicks) - no report

Metro Plus (Larry Roth)

Currently 154 members; the season started June 8th and will conclude October 20th. The Legends Golf Course is offering group lessons for \$25 per person. IF you pay for this group lesson (or 5 lessons for \$100), you receive a free 1-hour individual lesson free.

Historian (absent) - question of the health of Bob Rodriguez.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance (Larry Roth)

It was determined that our insurance was not what we needed and we were not in good standing with the state for a Not-For-Profit organization. He has taken steps to ensure that all members are insured, tax exempt letters are available and we are back in the good graces of the state. We do have the need for a Registered Agent, potentially the same person/firm that does out accounting procedures at the end of each year.

Auditor (Dave Wicks) - will continue as the auditor

Apparel Shop - there are currently 112 orders. Probably will not open again until the November meeting. The proprietor may join us for the November meeting.

Photos - get any pictures to Craig Carothers for inclusion on Our Golf Stats.

NEW BUSINESS

Honorary Member - Bob Zaruba presented MSLSGA resume for nomination for Honorary Member status. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Bill Molz made a motion to award with a certificate, members from each division who had the lowest gross average. A plaque and for the overall winner for all divisions. 2nd by Roy Migneco. Motion made by Ken Hammond to amend previous proposal to make same award to be lowest handicap. 2nd by Clyde Farris. This motion failed. Did not have 2/3 vote to oversee first motion. Motion made by Dave Wicks to table the first motion until August meeting and have VP's and Bill Molz come up with agreed upon language. 2nd by Tony Ellebracht. First Motion was tabled.

George Arft made a motion to extend an additional year. Motion was ruled out of order for it conflicted with current Bylaws.

Refunds - Dan Glenzy requested that all requests for refunds go through him and he would disseminate as necessary. If any Div VP gets a request, they should just forward it to Dan. This would make it easier on the process and for auditing purposes. Request was to be made part of the policy manual. Boarded vote to approve the policy change. (see attachment)

By-laws (Larry Roth) - Larry had previously sent on May 22 a request for change to the Bylaws for vote on this meeting. Complete changes are attached. 1st Gives president with 48-hours' notice to the Board emergency power to hold a meeting electronically by any acceptable means. 2nd allows by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors (quorum present) to change Bylaws with the vote of the membership. Motion by Larry Roth, 2nd by Tony Ellebracht. Motion passed unanimously. (see attachment) These changes MUST be approved by at least 10% of the total membership at the next annual meeting (potentially November 2020).

New Programming Changes Committee - Larry created a committee to look into a scheduling alternative that is consistent for all Division. Dennis Black will run the committee. Are we interested in a Web-based alternative? Include:

- how do we integrate new members?
- must allow members to get their own tee times
- probably only need one starter
- eliminates long lines to pay
- more convenient for singles
- allows for mentoring new members
- must have pre-printed scorecards

It was suggested that all Div VPs (or their reps) participate for the best result. This committee will report on this topic in the August meeting.

Database (Larry Roth) - wants one created to back up Our Golf Stats. Proposal to be made before the end of the year.

Records Retention Policy (Larry Roth) - Will create within our website a secured all necessary records pertinent to Metro Seniors and with instructions on how to maintain it. He will report on this in the August Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Notes taken by Bob Zaruba

Metro St. Louis Seniors Golf Association (MSGA)
Board Meeting – August 11, 2020 @ 10:00
Kirkwood Community Center

President Larry Roth (LR) called the meeting to order at 10 am and appointed Dennis Black Sergeant-At-Arms.

LR introduced the new secretary, Brent VanConia (appointed to fill an open position).

Roll Call

Members in attendance: Larry Roth (President), Tony Ellebrecht (First Vice President), Brent VanConia (Secretary), Dennis Carter (Treasurer), Frank Mantia, Clyde Farris, George Arft, Dennis Black, John Reinhardt, David Wicks, Pat Britt, Al Clark, Scott Bahno, Joe Mroz, Rick Ellebrecht, Homer Griffith, Joe Lerch, Frank McLaughlin, Roy Migneco, Bill Molz, Dan Glenzy

Members not in attendance: Bob McNamee, Tom Lefavre, Vince Weber, Ken Hammond, Gary Brown, Bob Zaruba, Glenn Young.

Guests/Others: Michael Dersch

Minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting were presented and accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Dennis Carter)

- Moved \$20,000 from savings to checking.
- Refunds for special events and other reasons are being processed upon cancellation of events (rainouts are not being rescheduled in 2020).

Treasurer's report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditor (Dave Wicks)

No report.

Special Events (Frank McLaughlin)

Committee working on 2021 dates.

Founders Day is August 24, 2020. There will be 2 to a cart with dividers. Lunch will be provided.

Division 9 (John Reinhardt)

Reviewed spreadsheet report. Key comments:

Overall membership has trended down since 2017 with a decline in division 1-5 members also playing in division 9.

Rounds are up however in total rounds over 2018 and 2019, and rounds per member.

Handicap (Larry Roth on behalf of Bob Zaruba)

Initial discussion on changing envelope requesting smaller and without clasp. This was referred back to the Handicap or other appropriate committee to assess.

Handicap Committee recommends we keep rules as they are for the rest of the year, i.e., don't play traps and leave pins in.

Rules (Larry Roth on behalf of Gary Brown)

Committee will email new drop zone list which has not been updated on line since 2018. There are relatively few changes however.

Membership (Dan Glenzy)

Dan has requested a replacement after 6 years leading this committee. LR provided a thank you to Dan for his outstanding leadership with round of applause from the Board.

Dan Duvall and Michael Dersch will immediately take over this committee as co-chairs. (report reviewed)

For 2020 MSGA has had 62 refunds and 78 rollovers related to Covid-19.

Nominations (Bill Molz)

(report reviewed)

Communication to go out soon soliciting nominations for 2021 Division Board members. Although this is starting later than normal due to Covid-19, the committee is confident they can complete the process on time. Nominations need to be submitted by September 15th with candidate statements. Ballots are scheduled to go out by second Tuesday in October (10/6) and returned by first Monday in November (11/3). Division VP's to inform winners and losers.

LR commented that MSGA goal is to have more than 1 candidate for open Board positions so there is a true election. All Board members serve on a committee.

Tournament (Tony Ellebracht)

All Division VPs are emailing tee time lists rather than directing members to the website. Membership surveys also indicate that they prefer having tee times vs the pre-Covid policy of simply showing up and getting in line.

There was additional discussion on relatively low utilization of the website and how to improve it. Tournament committee will discuss and get back to the board.

Pace of Play (Dave/Tony)

In Division 1 there have been some complaints about slow play primarily related to one group. However this group is playing at 4 hours and 20 minutes. Anything less than 4 hours and 30 minutes is considered acceptable. We need to remind members of this.

Metro Plus (Larry Roth)

(report reviewed)

To date Metro Plus has played 5 of 14 total events with 2 rainouts. Discussion on new scheduling program. More details will follow to Metro Plus member shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

Registered Agent -- Still looking for a Registered Agent in order to be state compliant. Prefer someone not part of MSGA. Larry Roth currently the stand in for Registered Agent.

Motion made by Dave Wicks and seconded to use a service costing \$99/year to serve as Registered Agent. Motion passed.

Tournament Committee – No motion was made and proposal for certificates and awards to be removed from old business listing

D & O insurance – receiving refund of \$59.00.

Auditor – still looking. Dave Wicks will continue for 2020.

Data Base for MSGA -- Working to get everything in one database.

Records Retention – Records retention will be built before November meeting. This will aid members in searching for information.

Scheduling -- Dennis Black presented information regarding meeting with VP's and others regarding scheduling. Membership appears to prefer tee times. Metro Plus is doing a trial. More info to come.

NEW BUSINESS

Tee Boxes. Pat Britt initiated a discussion regarding use of red tee boxes as the forward tee box. After some discussion the issue was referred to the Tournament/Handicap committee's.

Website (this is in addition to the above discussion). LR took a straw pole of the board where the majority confirmed the website needs to be more user friendly. Larry formed a new committee to work on this. Suspects they will need to hire a professional. Michael Dersch, J.C. Hagen and Larry will compose this committee. He is looking for someone to help and to get a cost estimate and will report back in November. Any improvements will most likely be in March 2021.

Reinstatement. Division 5 suspended a member for inappropriate language and rule compliance. There was discussion to reinstate the member provided he: (1) acknowledged his mistake; (2) had an in-person meeting with the Division VP (Dennis Black); and (3) provided in writing a promise to follow all MSGA rules in the future.

A motion was made and seconded to approve reinstatement of the member conditioned on satisfactory completion of these 3 requirements. Motion passed.

Division 3 rescheduling issue. The Division 3 VP (Clyde Farris) presented a motion regarding rescheduling a rainout.

A motion was made by Clyde Farris and seconded by Al Clark: That any Executive Committee's decision that Division of Metro Seniors not be permitted to reschedule tournaments in 2020 is hereby nullified, and in 2020, [and thereafter,] tournaments that have been cancelled because of the weather may be rescheduled in compliance with Article IV, Section 3 of the Metro St. Louis Seniors Golf Association's Policy and Procedures.

The motion was the result of a rainout for Division 3 at Eagle Springs and subsequent rescheduling by the Division VP. Although the P&P's of MSGA permit rescheduling rainouts, because of Covid-19, on June 23rd the Board decided not to allow rescheduling rainouts without the approval of the Tournament Committee chairperson for the remainder of 2020.

The original motion was amended dropping the [and thereafter] to only apply to 2020.

The amended motion failed.

Payment. Effective immediately MSGA is not accepting cash for payments. We will only accept check or credit card.

Good of the order:

- Congratulations to Bob Zaruba who shot his age!!!
- Appreciation and thank you to all the MSGA members that have stayed with the association through the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Goal next year is 750 members.

- Thank you to the Board members in attendance and be safe.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 10 am at Kirkwood Community Center. The general membership meeting is at 1 pm on November 10th.

Board meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

Metro St. Louis Seniors Golf Association (MSGA)
Board Meeting – November 11, 2020 @ 10:00
Kirkwood Community Center

President Larry Roth (LR) called the meeting to order at 10 am with a quorum present.

Guests/Others: Michael Dersch

Minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting were presented and accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Dennis Carter)

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Credit card transaction fees are \$2 for Metro Seniors and \$3 for Metro Plus. In 2020 credit card fees and credit card expenses were roughly equal.

Comment was made that we need to change wording on mailed envelopes and eliminate "Return Receipt Requested."

Appointments (Larry Roth)

Terry Janitch replaced Clyde Farris as Vice President of Division 3 and will serve the remainder of his term. .

Bob Zaruba resigned as Division 3-director and chairperson for the Handicap Committee. Michael Ashurst was appointed to fill the Division 3-Director position and complete Bob's term. We are seeking a new chair for the Handicap Committee. LR expressed the organization's appreciation for the significant contributions Bob has made to the organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditor (Dave Wicks)

Audit is underway.

Special Events (Joe Lerch)

Committee report presented. All six 2021 dates have been set with pricing received for 4 of the 6.

Division 9 (Glenn Young)

Committee report presented

Handicap (Dave Wicks)

Committee report presented. Most red tee boxes played by MS are rated for men and if not MS makes an adjustment.

Rules (Gary Brown)

Committee report presented. Gary Brown announced he is stepping down as the Rules Chairperson effective immediately. MS is seeking a new Rules Chairperson.

Membership

No report (more from Membership Committee below)

Nominations (Bill Molz)

Newly elected Board member is John Schroeder for Division 4. Remaining Division Directors ran unopposed and will be motioned in January:

- D1 James Victorian
- D2 Dan Glenzy
- D3 Steve Tighe
- D4 John Schroeder
- D5 Frank McLaughlin

Tournament (Tony Ellebracht)

2021 schedule for the most part is set. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on course profitability due to increased expenses along with increased demand. Consequently virtually every course is increasing prices from \$2-\$11 per round in 2021. MS is still getting a discount off the going senior rate. Some courses are also charging more for Friday's. Other courses are dropping MS on Friday which has resulted in MS dropping them entirely (e.g., Crystal Springs Quarry). As a result MS may pay different rates on different days at each course.

Pace of Play (Dave Wicks)

Committee report presented.

Metro Plus (Larry Roth)

Committee report presented.

OLD BUSINESS

State Registration – This issue has been resolved and we are in good standing.

Contracts – contract with Our Golf Stats for MS has been renewed.

Insurance – Currently we have separate General Liability and D & O insurance. There's an opportunity to combine policies and lower premiums approximately \$800 in 2022.

Honorary Member – Herb Walker was named honorary member and recognized.

Refunds and Carryovers – Because of Covid MS members had an opportunity for a refund or role over dues to 2021. There was some discussion on two specific circumstances/questions that arose as we move into 2021:

(1) members that did not request a refund but did not play in 2020. The policy is that Members cannot receive a refund simply because they did not play in any tournaments. No Covid related exception is being made.

(2) A motion was made by Brent VanConia and seconded by Bill Molz that members that received a refund in 2020 can renew for 2021 at the member renewal rate. Motion passed.

(3) A motion was made by Frank Mantia and seconded by Al Clark, members who rolled over their dues to 2021 have until January 31st to request a refund. Motion passed.

Check Signing –MS bylaws currently require 2 check signatures. Banks are no longer honoring this requirement. A change to the Bylaws is necessary along with changes to the MS Policy and Procedures to ensure the appropriate fiscal procedures are in place. A change will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Metro Plus/Special Events – there are some complications related to refunds for players who were registered and paid for by another member. The committee is addressing these issues to find an appropriate solution.

Third tee box – Pat Britt made a motion and Bob McNamee seconded to add the red box as a third tee box at every course. The motion was amended so that only members with a handicap of 20+ could use the red tee box. Motion failed.

Top Gross/Top Net member – there's been ongoing discussion to recognize the top gross and top net member at the year end annual meeting and present a trophy. This was again discussed with no action taken.

Member termination – Earlier this year the Executive Committee terminated a member for inappropriate behavior. This action was inadvertently taken inconsistent with the MS Policy and Procedures.

Larry Roth made a motion and seconded by Al Clark to support the Executive Committee's decision to terminate the member. Motion passed.

(for confidentiality the members name has been omitted)

NEW BUSINESS

Online Tee Times -- For 2021, tee times for Divisions 1, 4 and 5 will be done in GolfLeague.us. Division 2 has not yet decided if they will do likewise. Division 3 will use a program design from OGS for tee time selections.

Website -- A bid has been received to edit the MS website to make some front end changes without changing the back end of the system.

Tony Ellebracht made a motion and seconded by George Arft to allocate \$6,000 for improvement/redesign of the website. Motion passed.

Meeting dates for 2021 – see calendar. Next Board meetings are January 12, 2021 and March 10, 2021, both at 10 am at Kirkwood Community Center. The 2021 spring general membership meeting is also on March 10, 2021 at 1 pm at KWCC. General meeting date was moved to Wednesday because the large gym is not available on Tuesday.

Bylaws – security of information. Group discussion concerning security of MS information on our websites, including sensitive data and financial information. Due to time constraints, discussion will carry forward to our next meeting.

Motion by Frank Mantia and seconded by Al Clark to Adjourn. Motion passed

Metro Senior Golf League
General Membership Meeting
November 11, 2020

Larry Roth called the meeting to order at 1 pm. A quorum was established.

President's comments

Introduction of Officers and Division Vice Presidents.

Due to Covid-19 the organization moved tournament start times from 1st come to specific tee times. This will continue for 2021.

Some of the procedures and processes are division specific. For example not all divisions use the same process for establishing tee times.

Price of golf for 2021 is going up from \$3 to \$11 per course in 2021. This is directly tied to changes in course expenses and increased demand due to Covid-19.

Discount Card – presented by George Arft

The organization is working to expand use of the MS discount card to include driving ranges, 9 hole courses, Dick's Sporting Goods and Golf Galaxy, as well as restaurants. Check the website for specific information.

Honorary Status

Herb Walker was recognized with Honorary Status for his long time service and support for the organization. Past president's in attendance were also recognized (Walker, Wicks and Zaruba).

Bylaws Changes

Two bylaw changes were presented:

(1) Changes to Constitution and Bylaws that are unanimously approved by the Board are effective immediately and do not require general membership approval. Motion passed .

(2) President can call an emergency meeting of the Board. Motion passed.

Tournament Committee Report (presented by Tony Ellebracht)

Report presented

For the Championship Tournament you must play in at least 7 tournaments and the best 11 of 18 scores are used. Scoring average is taken out to 6 decimals.

Special Events (presented by Joe Lerch)

Report presented

Six special events have been set with pricing set for four.

Metro Plus (presented by Larry Roth)

Report presented

Renewal registrations are from December 1st to 31st New members can register as of January 1st.

Lessons

MS has contracted with Chris Scott, PGS professional from The Legends Country Club to provide discounted group and individual lessons to MS members and their families. Check the website for more information.

Net meeting is Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Kirkwood Community Center West Gym.