

Metro St. Louis Seniors Golf Association

Board Meeting

January 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Brent at [10am](#).

Attendees were: Brent VanConia, Dennis Black, Dave Wicks, Joe Lerch, Chip Misko, Bill Molz, Roy Migneco, Tom Blood, Bob Mantia, Terry Janitch, Bob Zaruba, Paul Olivo, Mike Dersch, Rick Hines, John Reinhardt, Tom Weiss, Bob Claywell, Jim Drabelle, Homer Griffith, Glenn Young, Dan Glenzy, Ben Lewin and Hurel Manns.
Absent: Herb Walker, Kurt Rupe

The minutes from the November 6, 2023 meeting were approved.

Michael Dersch provided the Membership committee report. Memberships are running as expected with the Thursday divisions at or close to maximum of 160. D1 and D2 are close to 100 each. Metro Plus signup for new members starts next week with a maximum of 155. Membership reports is attached.

Dersch recommended that we open new and renewal signups for MP the same day and hold new memberships until January 1st based on date of application. This is considered a policy and procedure decision and referred back to the MP Committee and Membership Committee.

Dave Wicks presented the Treasurer and Finance committee reports. For 2023 MSLSGA finances had a loss of approximately \$5,000 which included a one-time expense of \$8,000 for the 50th anniversary giveaway. The current bank balance is approximately \$80,000. Copies of the financials are attached.

Wicks highlighted some recent changes that benefited the organization, including:

- changes made processing refunds through PayPal
- we have increased our payout for winnings (percentage is now over 70%)
- in the last 10-12 weeks have significantly reduced our cost of operations e.g. having BofA send out checks for prize money significantly reduces MSLSGA costs.

Bob Zaruba provided the Metro Plus report. 12 events are planned for 2024 with 8 fully confirmed: Winghaven (2), Bogey Hills, Lake Forest (2), Forest Hills, Franklin Co., Whitmoor w/ lunch, Glenn Echo, Old Hickory, St. Clair. MP will pay out 4 flights in 2024 (3 paid in 2023). There will be a \$3 PayPal ser charge. Guests will be permitted as space allows. A guest policy is being prepared by the MP Committee. Guest rate will be \$13 over the MP rate.

Dennis Black presented the Special Event Committee report. All SE are set for 2024. An optional skins game is being added to SE's next year with \$5 for 2 man teams and \$10 for four man teams. Skins will be paid out immediately by flight.

Rick Hines presented the Championship Committee report. Tournament is scheduled for [September 16th](#) at Crystal Highlands. Because we are off the week of July 4th there will be only 20 weeks of play included (21 in 2023). We were fortunate in 2023 with very few rainouts. Lots of rainouts result in modifying eligibility criteria. All decisions by committee are final.

Brent VanConia presented the Tournament Committee report.

- Effective 1/8/2024 Hurel Mann will chair the Tournament Committee.
- 2024 schedule is set, rates for 12 of 26 are finalized the rest done by March 1.
- All except 2 courses had a moderate increase. Far Oaks and Aberdeen went up to \$50 on Friday. Crescent Farms will be 50+ on Thursday.
- We are dropping Sugar Creek and adding Cardinal Creek.
- POP has improved significantly due to coaching and people playing from the correct tees. Goal is to shoot for 4 hours and 15 minutes.
- All committee chairs were verified.
- Mike Dersch wants to work with division 1 and 2 to get members of division 3-5 to play with them.
- Every board member was encouraged to be on a committee.

Next board and general meeting scheduled for [March 4](#). No definite location due to construction. Location to be announced.

Meeting was adjourned at [11:30 am](#)

UPDATE: Next Board meeting is February 29, 2024 at 11 am @ KWCC. General Membership meeting is also February 29th at 1 pm @KWCC.