Metro St. Louis Senior Golf Association
Board Meeting
January 20, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10 am at the Sunset Hill Community Center. Attendees: Brent VanConia, Hurel Mann, Paul Olivo, Kurt Rupe, Bob Mantia, Frank McLaughlin, Bob Zaruba, Terry Janitch, Bill Molz, David Wicks, Chip Misko, Jim Drabelle, Todd Weis, Ben Lewin, Glenn Young, Bob Claywell, Homer Griffith, Paul Rother, Lie Lerch,Dan Arndt

Appreciation was expressed to Paul Rother for assistance in securing the meeting room for the board meeting and to Joe Lerch for posting an announcement about the February 27th general membership meeting and sending out an email to all members.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of the Board meeting held on November 4, 2024. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of the General Membership meeting held on November 4, 2024.

A motion was made to amend the meeting minutes from November 6, 2023 to state that Rick Hines was approved as a Legacy member and not "person of the year." Motion was seconded and passed.

Membership. Dan Arndt presented a report on the status of memberships in each division. As of 1-20-2025 the number of members in each division are: D1-113; D2 – 112; D3 155 with 3 on wait list; D4 – 155 with 5 on wait list; D5 – 155 with 6 on with on wait list; D9 – 82; MP – 153. There was a discussion on GUIDELINES for the maximum number of members for D3-5 and they agreed to D3 – 161; D4 – 160; and D5 – 161. MP currently has a guideline of 160. Any changes to these maximums must be approved by division VP AND the Executive Committee. It was emphasized that the maximum for any tournament is 30 groups and 120 golfers – this is a hard rule. There was a discussion of payment options and checks will continue to be accepted. Cash payments are not accepted.

Treasurer Report. Dave Wicks provided information on the 2024 financials. MSLSGA essentially broke even in 2024 consistent with the budget.

Tournament Committee. Hurel Mann provided an update on the 2025 course schedule. All courses are booked with about 4 dates still under assessment. We are adding Stonewolf and a second day at Cardinal Creek and dropping Quail Creek and Woodlands.

Special Events. Brent VanConia reported information provided by Dennis Black that all special events are confirmed for 2025. A schedule will be posted on the Metro Senior website shortly.

Metro Plus. Bob Zaruba reported that 12 events for 2025 are scheduled with contracts already in place for many. We are adding Norwood Hills and returning to Persimmon Woods and Forest Hills. We have dropped Old Hickory and Whitmoor.

Pace of Play. There was group discussion on POP which continued to improve in 2024. In general most tournaments averaged less than 4 ½ hours but routinely there were still significant gaps. DVPs need to continue following up with these groups to understand why these gaps occur and provide tips for maintaining POP. POP will continue to remain a focus in 2025.

Rules. Brent VanConia led a discussion on hitting the wrong ball. It is believed that this rule is inconsistently applied by the membership and not everyone is aware of the rule. Motion was made, seconded and passed to modify the USGA rule and make this a 1 stroke penalty and no requirement to return to the original spot of the mistake if subsequently discovered. A modified rule will be finalized prior to the 2/27/2025 general membership meeting.

New Business. A question was asked about when traps are in play and who makes the determination. This is usually the responsibility of the DVP in communication with the course. Standing water or lack of proper maintenance make traps unplayable. A motion was made, seconded and passed that traps will automatically be out of play / optional whenever the course is cart path only.

Emails. There continue to be problems with AT&T emails through GolfLeague.US. Members have been informed that they need to create a new non-AT&T email addresses to ensure there are no future problems.

MSLSGA is looking for new Treasurer, Secretary and Website manager.

NEXT MEETINGS:
Board Meeting -- February 27, 2025 @ 10:30, Kirkwood Community Center gym.
General Membership Meeting -- February 27, 2025 @ 12:00, Kirkwood Community Center gym.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

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