Metro St. Louis Senior Golf Association (MSLSGA)

Board Meeting – August 3, 2026 – Minutes

Kirkwood Community Center

President Dennis Black called the meeting to order at 9:55am with a quorum present.

Board Members present: Dennis Black, Paul Rother, John Cordeal, Brent VanConia, John Westrich, Bob Claywell, Glenn Young, Dan Arndt, Frank McLaughlin, Joe Lerch, Bob Zaruba, Chip Misko, Ben Lewin, Terry Janitch, Joe Chapin, Kurt Rupe, Todd Weiss, Rick Hines, Charles Moret

Meeting Agenda:

March Meeting Minutes Approval (All)

- A motion was made, seconded and approved regarding the March 2, 2026 Board Minutes.

Treasury/Financial Report (John Cordeal)

- Overall Operations continue running very stable with adequate cash to cover expenses.
- Income and Expenses are very in line with the last 2 years.
- Balances within $3K to $4K over the last 3 years.
- Overall Good Shape Financially.

Membership Report (Dan Arndt)

- Membership numbers are in great shape.
    - Division 1 - 148 Total
    - Division 2 - 125 Total
    - Division 3 - 146 Total
    - Division 4 - 153 Total
    - Division 5 - 151 Total
    - Division 9 - 91 Total
    - Metro Plus - 161 Total

Handicap (Joe Lerch)

- The last set of score cards were from 2023. Joe has collected the latest cards and will compare yardages after the season.
    - Ratings/Slopes will be reviewed for any tweaks in March.
- Combo tees were discussed but have not been considered in the past.
    - There remains 3 tee boxes to play from and it is important for a member to play the appropriate tee distance based upon their abilities as this has a direct affect on POP.

Tournament (Paul Rother)

- Courses for 2027 were reviewed.
    - Would like to go back to Eagle Springs
        - In the process of securing their confirmation as there is currently a Ladies League on Thursdays.
    - Country Lakes is an option at this point and there is a commitment from them for 2027.
    - Targeting a Third addition.
        - Fox Creek, Birch Creek, Sugar Creek, Oak Valley, Quail Creek, Crystal Highlands are considerations.
        - Fox Creek highlighted as they were acquired by the Woodlands
            - Under renovation
            - Would consider the same or similar rate as the Woodlands.
    - Division 2 would like Crescent on Thursdays but keep Orchards GC on Fridays.
- A 4th Division (Division 6) will be started for 2027 to be played on Thursdays
    - Divisions 3, 4 and 5 are maxed out each year.
    - Typically lose about 10% for each Division each year and then players from D1 and D2 move to Thursdays and fill those up.
    - With the number of players playing POP comes into consideration and has a direct impact on the Course Rates that we secure.
    - May consolidate both Friday Divisions as Plan B ONLY. The Plan REMAINS to have 2 Divisions play on Friday.
        - Courses will be booked for 2027 based upon the additional Division 6
    - Joe will publish announcements of the planned Division and the DVPs will also convey to their respective Divisions.
- Looking at ways to grow the overall League.
    - Consider the Golf Expo to bring new awareness to the league
    - Consider Social Media paths

- The St Louis Area Golfers Site and Facebook as well as NextDoor

Metro Plus (Bob Zaruba)

- 13 Events this year vs 12 with The Legends addition.
- Norwood Hills will likely be replaced next year with The Legends.
- Will try to replace Glen Echo next year with Fox Run.
- Some concern over players participating in MPlus and not in their respective Divisions. Will screen this in prep for 2027.

Championship Committee (Rick Hines)

- D1 had 3 rainouts and will have to play 11 rounds vs 12 to qualify.
- Giveaways will be logo caps (navy and khaki).
- Will consider making the caps available to the general membership ($10/member).

Special Events (Dennis Black)

- Booking dates for 2027.

Pace of Play (Brent VanConia)

- POP going well albeit not perfect.
- If there is a group that's a problem Brent is will to play behind them to observe/coach them.
- Will continue to coach players on the tees to play and to move it along.
- If a member is not responding to coaching, then the League can impose rules if not responsive. For example, not accept their renewal for the following year.
- Players need to watch where each player hits their balls off the tee to assist locating the shots.
- Cart management is a problem at times – players need to go to their balls and not as a group.
- Play Ready Golf.
- Will discuss POP at the March Membership Meeting.

The Next Meeting will be held at the Kirkwood Community Center on November 2, 2026

MSTLSGA Board Meeting - 10:00am

General Membership Meeting - Noon

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.