Metro St. Louis Senior Golf Association (MSLSGA)

Board Meeting - January 5, 2026 – Minutes

Kirkwood Community Center

Outgoing President Brent VanConia called the meeting to order at 10:00am with a quorum present.

Board Members present: Dennis Black, Brent VanConia, John Westrich, Dave Wicks, Jim Drabelle, Frank McLaughlin, Dan Arndt, Paul Rother, Homer Griffith, Joe Lerch, Kurt Rupe, Ben Lewin, Terry Janitch, Paul Olivo, Bob Zaruba, Gary Maule, JC Hagen, Chip Misko, Joe Chapin, Bob Mantia, Todd Weiss, John Reinhardt, Glenn Young.

Opening Discussion:

- Brent VanConia announced that Hurel Manns had provided his resignation as the 2026 incoming President for personal reasons.
    - The recommendation for the Officers is as follows:
    - Dennis Black moves to President from his incoming First VP position (via the by-laws).
    - First VP open position will be filled by the end of the week.
    - Brent VanConia becomes the incoming Member at Large as planned.
    - John Cordeal becomes the Treasurer as planned.
    - John Westrich becomes the Secretary as planned.

- NOTE: One January 9th Dennis Black provided a follow-up announcement to the Board members that the First VP position will be filled by Paul Rother with the vote of acceptance by the Board to take place at the March 2 meeting.

Meeting Agenda:

November Meeting Minutes Approval (All)

- A motion was made, seconded and approved regarding the November 3, 2025 Board Minutes.

Membership Report (Dan Arndt)

- Renewals are strong
    - Divisions 1 and 2 are running at 77% and 68% respectively. Both Divisions typically have late renewals.
    - Division 3 is at 96% with 14 new members.
    - Division 4 is at 96% with 17 new members.
    - Division 5 is at 100%.
- Total Membership is capped at 760. Current membership is at 666 members.
- Member ID change.
    - Last names now have their Player ID behind it to uniquely identify them.
    - This will help with prize payments and Division management reports as well as the Treasurer's activities.

Financial Report (Dave Wicks on behalf of John Cordeal)

- The Final 2025 Income Statement is solid with only a $1286 loss.
- Overall Operations are running very stable with consistent Membership - similar to previous years.
- Costs are very stable with low expenses.
- Refund levels continue to be low.
- All accounting is handled in Quicken and available for inspection if interested.
- IRS filings will be in the next 60 days.
- NOTE: A new Email account has been established for the Treasurer (John Cordeal)
    - New email address: Atreasurer@goflstlseniors.org
    - This will eliminate the use of individual emails and provides a more fluid process for utilizing the appropriate approval channels.
    - Every Expense will need 2 approvals.

Tournament Committee (Dennis Black)

- Dennis will coordinate emails with DVPs.
- Key takeaway - Communication will be the rhythm for this Committee.
- DVPs will receive a book regarding prices.
- 2 Books will be made available for the Starter Case (Course Price and Course Contact Info).
- The Starters will need to review to ensure that the prices at a given Course are still in play.
- The Plan is to Start April 9th and 10th.
- No Play on July 4th.
- No consensus to date on Course drops/adds. The Tournament Committee needs to come up with the recommendation for drops/adds BEFORE bringing those before the Board for Review/Vote.

Championship Committee

- Looking at Crystal Highlands for September with the same Rules as last year.
- Committing to 80 Players.
- If the 80 Player number is not met, Board Members who otherwise didn't qualify will be invited to bridge the gap to 80.

Special Events

- All Dates have been booked and published on the Metro Seniors website. Tourney Leaders and Pricing are TBD and will be reflected at a later date.
- Birch Creek was added for 2026 and Mo Bluffs was dropped.
- Looking for a New Director to replace Dennis.

Metro Plus (Bob Zaruba)

- 12 Courses are secured with 9 having deposits and contracts.
- If anyone has a Course suggestion and Course/Clubhouse contact, please provide to Bob.

Other/New Topics

- Bunker Play: Bunkers remain in play 100% of the time unless the DVP/Course decides for that given day that conditions are poor.
- A motion of No Bunker play when CPO was made, seconded and approved by the 6 DVPs.
- The Trap Play Rules will be revised with this change and the DVPs will provide notice to each of their Divisions.

- POP generally improving. Division 3 is particularly effective at playing “ready golf”.
- POP importance is tied to the Course pricing and start times.
- DVPs will need to start the tee sheet practice again this year logging start/finish times.
- The Tournament Committee will manage POP and work with those slow individuals before simply terminating them.

The Next Meetings will be held at the Kirkwood Community Center on March 2, 2026

MSTLSGA Board Meeting - 10:00am

General Membership Meeting - Noon

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.