

MGA
General Membership Meeting
January 8, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

The Minutes of the December 2012 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have 96 members
- Current balance is \$1037.39
- There are no bills outstanding
- \$250 was spent for food and drink at the Meet and Greet.

News from the Course:

President Brace updated the current status of the golf course and the handicap system.

- The new handicap system will be up and running by Friday, January 10. In order to post scores, members will need a GHIN number (available from Mike D) to post scores from a home computer and a current member number to post scores at the CC clubhouse. A smartphone app is also available.
- The golf course is currently undergoing extensive tree removal. It was recommended by experts in order to encourage grass growth.
- The golf course presently has too few golf carts to support healthy play. Therefore walking is currently allowed at any time. The course is hoping to have more carts available by February 1.
- Mr. McNair has been asked about having a "trail fee" for those who own their own golf carts. This issue has not yet been resolved. It was pointed out that the cart rules at the Aiken Golf Club and Cedar Creek Golf Club are different.
- Players Club members were invited to play in the annual "Tough Day" tournament at the Aiken Golf Club on Saturday, January 12.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brace also discussed the upcoming tournament schedule (posted on the MGA website at www.MGACC.org). The organization will try to have a couple of upcoming tournaments handled as true "tournaments" for handicap purposes. Members were also reminded to post all scores, as outlined in the recent letter from the Handicap Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to change the Saturday Dogfight Entry Fee from \$10 to \$5. After a discussion, the motion was approved.

Dave King presented information about the new MGACC website. Our previous website was shut down by Google for unknown reasons. Dave has obtained the url www.mgacc.org for 3 years at a cost of \$12 per year. No password is needed to log in. Simply go to the site. Dave entertained suggestions from the membership about what to include on the site besides tournament and membership information. He will put a link to the GHIN Handicap system on the site and may be able to link to the websites of the golf courses scheduled for upcoming MGA tournaments. Other possibilities include allowing Mike D and Beverly Baum opportunities to post information about the course (such as frost delays, rain closures,etc.) or grille food specials.

Terry Eckert asked from the floor if the Tuesday Dogfight can go back to being a shotgun start. No one has raised this issue with Mike D or Mr. McNair, so it remains unresolved.

Brace announced that the Cedar Creek Grille will be open for food for the Super Bowl. Alcohol, however, will not be available so participants must bring their own.

In light of the above, and to support the course and the grille, it was suggested that the MGACC try to arrange a happy hour at the grille on a regular basis. The happy hour would be open to everyone in the community. The MGACC board will investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
February 12, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by President Ken Brace.

The Minutes of the January 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have 112 members
- Current balance is \$983.39
- There are no bills outstanding

News from the Course:

President Brace updated the current status of the golf course.

- In response to a question about whether the Tuesday dogfight could revert back to a shotgun start, Brace reported that the course management replied that it was not possible at this time. It may be revisited later.
- The golf course's extensive tree removal is now complete. The current plan is for all stumps to be ground and all logs removed by March 1.
- New golf carts for the course are currently in production. Fifty-six new carts, plus some back-ups will be delivered sometime in March.
- No major new improvement projects are scheduled for the course this year. Planned improvements include: squaring up and/or rebuilding some tee boxes; perhaps moving some tee boxes forward; defining the roughs more distinctly; and working on greens to make the grass in them tighter and mowing fringes to make them shorter and more consistent.
- In response to a question about the irrigation system, Frank Beaty reported that all control units were being replaced.
- Drains in traps are also being worked on.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave King explained how to access the website and how to get information about upcoming MGA tournaments.

Ken Sabol presented info about the upcoming par 3 tournament scheduled for Feb. 16.

President Brace commented that most MGA tournaments will be equitable scoring, but actual scoring could be used for a couple.

Brace also outlined potential fees for the Member-Guest Tournament that will be held at Cedar Creek Golf Club and Aiken Golf Club in April. Total fee is estimated at \$50 per day per guest and \$180 total fee. Carts, golf, food and prizes will be included. Anyone who is not a member of Cedar Creek or Aiken is eligible to be a guest. Questions were raised from the floor about whether there would be gifts available for guests and whether there will be a pari-mutual.

Daryl Winefordner outlined the format for the March 14 tournament that will be held at Pine Ridge. The fee is \$33 and the format will be a scramble with ABCD ranked player equity on each team.

NEW BUSINESS:

A question was raised from the floor about whether Jim McNair would be invited to one of our meetings. The answer is yes, but we will only discuss golf and the state of the golf course. Beverly Burke will also be invited.

Following the business portion of the meeting, Bill Robinson and George Montgomery discussed USGA rules concerning water hazards.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
March 11, 2013

The MGA-CC General Membership meeting was called to order by President Ken Brace at 5:00 p.m. in the Grille Room at the Cedar Creek Golf Club.

The Minutes of the February general membership meeting were accepted and approved.

Membership/Financial Report: Don Kasper reported that there are currently 116 paid members. The organization currently has a balance of \$1442.31 with no bills scheduled to be paid this month. The financial report was accepted and approved.

News from the course:

Frank Beaty reported that it is expected that the front nine will be cleared of debris by this Friday and then it is on to the back nine. Gary is getting ready to begin irrigation of the course.

Gary is looking for volunteers to help pile up small debris so his crew can pick up the piles and remove them from the course. You will need just a rake, no heavy work will be required. The volunteers are needed on Monday, 3/17 at 8:00 AM and again on Tuesday, 3/25 at 8:00 AM. You can just show up on either or both dates.

Jim McNair has stated that Gary is in charge of the clean up – please give him your support.

Note: When the Cedar Creek Emergency Management Team needed help, the course was quick to lend saws and other equipment to help clear up trees and other debris to open up roads and driveways.

Dave King showed a video on how to properly use the driving range to minimize excessive divots. It will be posted on the Web Site if you missed it.

Tip of the Day:

Kenny Everson gave tips for getting out of both greenside and fairway bunkers. For hitting out of greenside bunkers you will need to hit twice as hard as if you were on the fairway the same distance away from the pin. A tip for hitting out of a fairway bunker you may want to consider using a hybrid vs a long iron if required.

Kenny's clinics for both men and women start this month. Be sure to take advantage of his expertise.

Houndslake Tournament:

The tournament will be held on Monday, 3/24 with a 9:00 AM shotgun start. The cost is \$40.00 which includes prize money of \$10.00. It has been decided (contrary to what is posted on the Web) to allow players to submit their own foursomes.

To date there is 21 men and 10 ladies signed up.

New Business:

One of our friends and golfing member Steve Van Deren passed away recently. Ken Brace suggested that we give a donation to one of the charities that Steve's family had indicated he wanted.

Don't forget the work days on the course – Monday, 3/17 at 8:00 AM and Tuesday, 3/25 at 8:00 AM.

Announcements:

Jim McNair has purchased new furniture for what was the "members room". There is talk of making the room into a pub room with dart boards etc.

Don't forget to post your scores. This makes it fair for both you and your competitors.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Naramore

MGA
General Membership Meeting
April 9, 2013

The MGA-CC General Membership meeting was called to order by President Ken Brace at 5:00 p.m. in the Grill Room at the Cedar Creek Golf Club.

The Minutes of the March general membership meeting were accepted and approved.

Membership/Financial Report – Don Kasper reported that there are currently 117 paid members. The organization currently has a balance of \$1,054.39. Upcoming expenses are \$250.00 to the Silver Bluff golf team and \$40.00 for Hook-A-Kid on golf.

News from the Course –

Tree removal on the course is complete with the exception of 2 trees on #8.

Stumps will be removed with no date known yet.

The water system controls have been updated. Water can be controlled remotely from Gary's Ipad.

An antenna has been mounted on the roof for communications with course workers.

The greens will be fertilized and sanded after Master's week.

Cart paths on #17 & #18 have been removed from tee to green and there is no plan to replace them.

There will be new unknown improvements to the course in the near future with the promise that we will like them.

With respect to ball washers on the carts – that is the way it is- it will not be changing.

Pine Ridge Tournament results-

The Pine Ridge tournament results are posted on the MGA web page.

Member Guest Tournament-

Several changes have been made to the tournament due to concerns expressed by some of the members. The tournament is now a member/guest – member/member. You may play with anyone you choose including other members (must be a male).

If you can not find someone to play with you can sign up as a single and you will be paired up with other players.

Food is no longer included in the cost, you may buy that on your own if desired.

Sign up for the tournament has been extended.

There will be more information available shortly on the web site and in an e-mail.

New Business-

None brought up.

Questions/Comments-

Jason Goings, the Silver Bluff coach is in his last year. He has been elected as Aiken County Treasurer. Do we want to invite him to one of our meetings to thank him for his work as a coach?

The vote was yes.

Sponsors – Steve Santos still has signs from businesses that were willing to sponsor our tournaments. Do we want to try to solicit them and others to buy advertising to help defray expenses for tournament.

The vote was yes.

It was brought up that the Wednesday Resident tee times have been revised for this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Naramore

MGA
General Membership Meeting
May 14, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

The Minutes of the April 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have 118 members
- Current balance is \$1064.39
- There are no bills outstanding
- Upcoming expenses include: donation of \$250 for Silver Bluff Golf Team and a donation to Hook a Kid on Golf, which will be at least \$40.

News from the Course:

Vice-President Frank Beaty updated the current status of the golf course.

- The course is currently in transition and is drying out for lack of the controller board for the new irrigation system. The board should be in by May 20.
- Maintenance staff will be working on the bunkers.
- Ball washers are in and will be put on the tee boxes.
- Maintenance staff will be aerating the greens on June 2 and 3. The holes will be 1/2 inch and the greens will be sanded immediately.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken Brace reported on the results of the member-member tournament held in April

Ray Naramore presented details of the May tournament that will be held on May 23 at Bartram Trail.

Ken Sabol presented details of the June tournament, which will be held at Cobblestone Park on Thursday, June 13. Fee is \$40, including \$10 prize fee; format is straight golf in 2 or three flights, depending on participation; starting time is 9:30 am. The deadline for sign up is Tuesday, June 11. If enough players want food, a hamburger and chips can

be available for \$5.00. Players are instructed to note if they want food when they pay their fee. Sabol must let the pro know by June 11

NEW BUSINESS:

Cedar Creek Golf Club's new teaching professional, Kenny Evensen, was introduced and gave his tip-of-the-month, which will now be a monthly feature of MGACC meetings. Evensen stressed the importance of maintaining a consistent rhythm in one's golf swing

Evensen also said that Jim McNair plans to build an indoor golf practice facility at the driving range. The facility will have video and other swing analysis tools. Construction is expected to start in May 2014 and be complete by November 2014

There will be a scramble for MGACC members and the Silver Bluff Golf Team on Tuesday, May 21 and a sign-up sheet is available now. It will be a 4:00 shotgun start and teams will be comprised of one Silver Bluff golfer and three MGACC members. Also, there will be another call for excess clubs to be donated to Silver Bluff. A date will be set up for this in the near future.

Cedar Creek is hosting Hook-a-Kid on Golf again this year in mid-June. Mike D can use some help again. A sign-up sheet is on the wall in the hallway.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol

Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
June 11, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice-President Frank Beaty.

The Minutes of the May 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have 121 members
- Current balance is \$804.32
- There are no bills outstanding. Several donations were made in May: \$250 to Silver Bluff Golf Team and a donation to Hook A Kid on Golf were among them

Mike D will need some help with Hook A Kid on Golf during the week of June 17. Sign up is on the board in the hallway.

News from the Course:

Vice-President Frank Beaty updated the current status of the golf course.

- The greens were aerated on 6/2 and 6/3; the sand dressing machine broke so the sand on the greens is uneven.
- Maintenance staff worked on and will continue to work on the bunkers. Waste bunkers are hardpan. New sand is coming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ray Naramore reported on the results of the Bartram Trail tournament held in May.

Golf pro Kenny Evenson gave his golf tip of the month

Dean Wood presented details of the July tournament, to be held at Golden Hills in Lexington, SC on July 25 at 9:00 am. The game will be straight golf, but players will have the ability to throw out one hole's score on each nine. No equitable scoring. There will also be an optional skins game at the tournament with par or better needed to win.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be another collection of used golf clubs for Silver Bluff High School. Ray Naramore will handle this. Members who have clubs to donate should contact Ray.

Jim Wilson raised the following question to the membership regarding the dogfight: Why is a rule in place that requires a player to requalify for a dogfight target if the player has

not played in the dogfight for 180 days? Especially in his case as the lapse was due to injury followed by surgery. Discussion followed. Bill Todd said that the original intention of the rule was to discourage people from dropping out of the dogfight. It was also said that if Jim petitioned the MGA board, the board could waive the rule for this particular case.

A motion was then made from the floor to amend the rule as follows: If the player's absence from the dogfight was due to "legitimate" medical reasons, the 180-day rule would not apply in that circumstance, and the player would not have to requalify. The motion was seconded and then passed by voice vote. Dean Wood agreed to draft the new rule and send it to the MGA membership.

Dave King reminded the membership that the "Course News" section of the website has all of the emails sent out to the membership

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
July 9, 2013

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

The Minutes of the June 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have 123 members
- Current balance is \$824.39
- The only remaining expenses are the entry fee for the Rally for the Cure Tournament, which the MGA donates to annually, and the fee for the bagpiper at the annual memorial service on the morning of the Crystal Cup

News from the Course:

Vice-President Frank Beaty updated the current status of the golf course.

- The course is so wet from the abundant rainfall that the maintenance crew is having difficulty keeping up with grass growth, especially in the rough. It is simply too wet in spots to support the weight of a mower.
- The green on the 4th hole has been tested professionally and has been found to have damaging nematodes, which are eating the roots of the grass. As there are no longer any chemical treatments for nematodes on the market, Gary is trying to use a natural cure--encouraging the growth of beneficial nematodes--to solve the problem.

Several questions from the floor were raised about various issues on the golf course:

- When is additional sand going to be put in the bunkers on the course--especially on the ninth hole? Answer to come.
- Why are the greens so slow at this time and why are the mowers leaving ridges on the green? Answer: the course is aware of the problem and is having the blades sharpened.
- Are any of the tee boxes going to be redone in the near future? Answer: yes, but this has been delayed by the wet weather.
- When will the stump removal be completed? Answer: the course is trying to get the contractor to come back to complete the grinding, but has not been able to get an answer about timing.
- Will something be done about the eroding cart paths on holes 17 and 18? Answer: Yes the course is aware of the problem and will be addressing the situation.
- Are the cart paths on holes 17 and 18 "ground under repair" (GUR)? If not, they need to be declared to GUR as the current course rules call for playing the ball off of these dirt paths if it lands there. The MGA will speak to the course about this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken Sabol reported on the results of the Cobblestone tournament held in June.

Golf pro Kenny Evenson gave his golf tip of the month, the importance of a good weight shift.

Dean Wood presented details of the July tournament, to be held at Golden Hills in Lexington, SC on July 25 at 9:00 am. The game will be straight golf, but players will have the ability to throw out one hole's score on each nine. No equitable scoring. There will also be an optional skins game at the tournament with par or better needed to win. The fee is \$37 and 80 percent handicap will be applied.

Ray Naramore presented details of the August tournament, to be held on August 23 at Cedar Creek. It will be an ABCD tournament, with each team having 4 players ranging from equivalent low to high handicaps. Fees are \$10, \$27, or \$38, depending on the players membership level at the course. Details are on the MGA website.

Ray Naramore is still collecting used golf clubs for Silver Bluff High School. Members who have clubs to donate should contact Ray. The MGA has been supporting the Silver Bluff golf team for several years. Dean Wood noted that the team could use some assistance from MGA members and will contact the new coach to see how the MGA volunteers can assist the team in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have the MGA again support the Rally for the Cure by sponsoring a team of MGA members for the tournament. As in the past, a drawing of attending MGA members will be made at the next meeting. The first four names drawn will be the team members; the next four will be alternates.

President Brace made the first call for nomination of new MGA officers. The hope is to have a slate of candidates at the August meeting, with the election to be held at the September meeting.

It was brought to the board's attention that there have been several violations of the Cedar Creek Golf Course' dress code recently. President Brace inquired about current policy and was told by Mr. McNair that the dress code is the "typical" dress code for golf courses: no tee shirts or cutoffs, no blue jeans, golf shoes are required, players must have a collared shirt. Exceptions may be made for special circumstances, however. MGA will speak to course about more rigorous enforcement of the policy.

A question was also raised to board about handicap issues. It was felt that some handicap manipulation was contributing to unfair results in MGA tournaments. Dave

King reviewed the money winners of all past MGA tournaments and no pattern emerged. There were many different money winners and very few repeat winners.

Many questions have also been raised about the action taken by the MGA membership at the June meeting to amend the Dogfight's 180-day absence rule by being able to waive said rule for "legitimate medical reasons." A vigorous discussion among the membership ensued, centering on: the legality of having had a membership vote on the amendment without having given the membership 30 days notice that a vote was to be taken about a Dogfight rule change; and whether the new rule would even be enforced as most players in the Dogfight opposed the change.

Dean Wood made a motion that the amended rule be rescinded and that the old rule be reinstated. The motion was not seconded and did not come up for a vote. Instead, the discussion shifted to the MGA's role in governing the rules of the Dogfight. Many members think that the MGA should have no role in the Dogfight, as most Dogfight players are not MGA members; other members weighed in that the MGA inherited the Dogfight from the old CCGA and that there is no other organized body to govern the Dogfight. (The MGA purchased a new Dogfight computer a couple of years ago as there was no other body available to fund the purchase). Although the discussion was heated, none of the issues were completely resolved, as no votes were taken--or proposed. The board, at its next meeting, will appoint a subcommittee to examine all of the issues involved with the Dogfight and will report back to the membership with its recommendations.

Ed Sabo requested that he MGA contact the Cedar Creek Golf Course's Rules Committee to review the current local rules. Because of current course conditions, they may need to be modified. The board agreed to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA-CC General Membership Minutes

13 August 2013

The MGA-CC General Membership meeting was called to order by President Ken Brace at 5:00 p.m. in the Grille Room at the Cedar Creek Golf Club.

The Minutes of the July general membership meeting were accepted and approved.

Membership/Financial Report:

Ken Brace filled in for Don Kasper for the Membership/Financial report. He reported the current membership is at 123 and the balance in the treasury is \$787. Anticipated future expenditures are for a bouquet of flowers at the Memorial Service for those who have “played through”. Also outstanding is an undetermined amount to help cover the cost of the bus for the Cobblestone leg of the 3 day tournament to be held in September.

News from the course (Frank Beaty):

The course is finally drying out enough to let the grounds crew cut the roughs to the intended 1 ½ inches.

Question: What is the plan for the cart paths on #17 & #18. Where the blacktop was removed there is a great deal of erosion now.

Answer: I don't know but will find out.

The Golden Hills Tournament results were reviewed by Ken Brace. The results can be found on the MGA website.

Cedar Creek Tournament: The next MGA tournament will be at Cedar Creek on Friday, 8/23. It will be a shotgun start beginning at 9:00 AM with teams made up from an A, B, C & D flight based on current USGA handicaps. Cost of the tournament including \$10.00 prize money is as follows:

\$10.00 for CC and Players Club Members with cart plan

\$27.00 for CC and Players Club Members w/o a cart plan

\$38.00 for Non Cedar Creek or Players Club Members

Make checks payable to MGA-CC and place in the box at the pro shop or give them to Roger Mutch or Ray Naramore.

The scoring format will be:

Lowest 2 net scores on par 5's

Lowest 3 net scores on par 4's

Lowest 4 net scores on par 3's

Sign up will end by end of day on Monday, 8/19. Payout will be to at least 33% of the players in the field.

If you want food at the end of the tournament sign up before going out to play. A sign up sheet will be at the bar in the grille room. This will avoid a long wait when you expect to be served and will let the course know how many employees to have available. The menu will consist of the following:

Burger/Cheese Burger with chips or fries -	\$8.50 (the regular menu price)
BBQ Pork with chips or fries -	\$7.50
Turkey Club Sandwich -	\$7.95
<u>Drinks are extra</u>	

There will also be a skins game (optional) similar to the one at Golden Hills with a \$5.00 entry fee to be paid at the course. It will take a gross score of par or better to win a skin with ties eliminating that hole. The pot will be divided between all skin winners.

Pro's Tip of The Day (Kenny Everson)

Kenny gave a tip to control rhythm and tempo for improved driving consistency and accuracy. The swing should start at the ground (legs and hips) and then at the top (arms). Don't worry about the hands, they will take care of themselves.

Club Fitting (Bill Robinson and Dick Leach)

This session was aimed at "Lie and Loft" of your clubs and will be one of many sessions given by Bill and Dick.

Bill and Dick generously agreed to measure your club set for lie and loft free of charge. There was a sign up sheet provided and they will contact you to arrange a time that is convenient for everyone. If you want your clubs adjusted to correct them to fit your swing it will be \$5.00 per club.

New Business:

Deletion of the Dogfight references from the MGA bylaws.

The Dogfights are now run by the golf course golf committee consisting of Mike De, Dean Wood, and Greg Pasco and not the MGA.

Deletion of the Dogfight references from the MGA bylaws was presented to the membership.

Nomination of new officers for the 2013/2014 year was opened to the membership. None were nominated.

It was announced that the current officers are willing to serve another year including our resident IT expert Dave King.

Announcements:

There will be a workforce, headed up by Bill Todd, to trim trees along the cart paths around the course. Contact Bill if you are willing to help out.

The fund raiser for the City Amatuer Championship held at the club was excellent.

The tournament directors will now have the option to announce preliminary winners of their tournaments with the final winners posted as soon as possible after reviewing the results for accuracy. This was implemented to reduce errors that have occurred in the past.

MGA events played and scored as official "tournaments" must be posted as tournaments with ESC scores.

The upcoming 3 Day Tournament in September was announced. A bus will be used to provide transportation to Cobblestone.

The Results of the Club Championship were announced and can be viewed at the club house.

A special thanks to Dave Beverage for posting the Golden Hills tournament scores that had been forgotten and sending an e-mails to inform the players of the action.

Please remind everyone to post scores. It helps to make the game fairer to both yourself and other players.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Naramore

MGA
General Membership Meeting
September 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

The Minutes of the August 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have 123 members
- Current balance is \$767.39
- Recent and upcoming expenses include: a \$50 donation in memory of Dick Griffis; \$160 for flowers and a bagpiper for the Crystal Cup Memorial Ceremony; and \$450 for the bus to Cobblestone for the upcoming tri-course tournament.
- A get well card was sent to George Patterson, who is recovering from surgery.

News from the Course:

Vice-President Frank Beaty updated the current status of the golf course.

- The greens have been sanded.
- The course will be overseeding the greens this winter, with a spreader. Fairways and tee boxes will not be overseeded.
- Stump grinding has been taking place on a sporadic basis.

Several questions from the floor were raised about various issues on the golf course:

- There is a rumor circulating that the front nine will be closed and renovated in the spring of 2014. Beaty could confirm that there is a plan to rebuild the greens, tee boxes and bunkers, and also to add a few new tee boxes. However, at this point, no approvals have been given to proceed. The new practice facility, planned for the driving range, is still on the books for 2014.
- In response to questions about weed growth and the dry condition of some of the fairways, Beaty said that the greenskeeper is still working on the watering system and is putting pre-emergent weed control down all over the course. The previous owners did not do this in the fall of 2012, so weed growth is heavier than usual this year.
- Bill Todd added that all flags have been taped with reflective tape to aid in the use of rangefinders.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ray Naramore presented the results of the Cedar Creek tournament, which are posted on the website.

Ben Peppard described the upcoming tri-course tournament to be held on September 25, 27, and 30 at, respectively, the Aiken Golf Club, Cobblestone Park, and Cedar Creek. Fees and details are posted on the website.

Dean Wood announced that the next tournament would be the Sammie Hawkins tournament, to be held at Cedar Creek on October 26. Details are on the website.

A final vote of the membership was taken on the motion made at the August meeting to remove the responsibility for governing the Dogfight from the By-laws of the MGA. The vote was taken in accordance with the by-law that 30 days notice be given before any amendment of the by-laws can be voted on. A motion was made, seconded, and voted upon to approve the August motion. The relevant Dogfight clauses will be stricken from the by-laws and governance of it will now pass to Golf Committee of another organization.

Nominations were made and votes taken to elect the MGA officers for 2013-2014. No new nominees came forward or were nominated for the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All current officers: President Ken Brace; Vice-President Frank Beaty; Treasurer Don Kasper; and Secretary Ken Sabol, were re-elected by a vote of the membership.

Bob Kistler, Paul Sheiman, and Terry Eckert volunteered to be tournament directors for 2014. President Brace thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Brace confirmed that a Memorial Service honoring members who have passed on will be held at the 7th green at 8 am on September 20. Frank Beaty and Ray Naramore will be cleaning up the area prior to the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Brace thanked Bill Robinson and Dick Leach for their clinic on measuring loft and lie angle. For those that missed the original date, another session is being planned.

The greenskeeper needs four additional volunteers to assist in trimming vegetation interfering with the cart paths. Bill Robinson, Joe Nicewarmer, Byron Vanier, and Ray Naramore volunteered.

There have been complaints recently about the availability of adequate cups and drinking water on the course. President Brace explained that he has discussed the situation with course owner, Jim McNair and that Mr. McNair pledged to improve the water situation. Brace also reminded the membership the Cedar Creek Grill is no longer part of the golf course and that the owner is providing the cups, ice and water, along with the space for our meetings, at no charge. Brace said that all will be working together to improve the water situation.

Brace also commended McNair for his continuing efforts to improve the course and clubhouse.

President Brace expressed appreciation the MGA membership for its continued support of our programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
November 12, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

The Minutes of the October 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

We currently have 89 members

Current balance is \$1244.14

News from the Course:

Vice-President Frank Beaty updated the current status of the golf course.

Greens have been over seeded.

Plans for continuing course improvements are pending.

OLD BUSINESS:

Results of the Match Play Tournament

Overall Champion - Dean Wood, Runner Up - Terry Eckert

Flight Winners

1st - Terry Eckert

2nd - Dean Wood

3rd - Don Kasper

4th - Jim Campbell

The Match Play will be an annual event - A winners plaque will be place in the club house

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave King announced plans for the Gordon Lakes Tournament.

Date - Friday, Dec 6, 10 am shotgun

Price \$45 (\$35 + \$10 prize fund)

Green Fees

Cart Fees

Range Token

Burger Buffet

For more info check the website

Bill Robinson explained the official rules concerning "Local Rules". Emphasis was on a "root rule". By rule a root is part of a tree. Relief is granted by assessing a 1 stroke penalty.

Pro Kenny Evenson gave his golf tip of the month focusing on putting. The key to remember is that a putting stroke should take 1 sec.

Dave King showed a short video on how to repair a ball mark on the green.

Upcoming Tournaments for 2014 include

Jan - Par 3 at Cedar Creek

Feb - "Ice Bowl" at the Reserve Club

A complete list of the upcoming tournament will be posted on the web site.

Announcements

Please keep John Englehardt, Gary Hawley and Roy Wright in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from recent surgeries and illness.

The MGA will donate \$50 to former club waitress Christina on the birth of her twins.

Don Kasper will track event participation fro MGA Tournaments with the most active members have a greater chance to win prizes at the end of our golfing season.

Rumors about a lighted driving range were discussed. There is no truth to the rumor despite Dave King's pictures to the contrary!!

Our next meeting will our Holiday Event. Refreshments and gifts will be shared. Details to follow. Meeting date is Tues, Dec 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Brace

MGA
General Membership Meeting
December 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm by President Ken Brace.

The Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Kasper gave the Treasurer's Report:

- We currently have 99 members
- Current balance is \$1294.14

Recent expenses included \$50 for a gift for Christine (a former worker at the Grille)'s baby shower, and the cost of the plaque for the annual Match Play Tournament.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Vice-President Frank Beaty updated the current status of the golf course.

- Members are encouraged to fix ball marks on the overseeded greens and to rake the bunkers when necessary.
- Stump grinding and clean-up is proceeding on the back nine. This work has been completed on the front nine.
- The driving range has been overseeded. Members are advised to stay between the ropes and hit toward the range, not the chipping areas. There are no plans to add lights to the range; this is only a rumor.
- The main issue raised by Cedar Creek members from the survey conducted by Jim McNair is that there needs to be more communication from the owner to the membership about his plans for the golf course. Currently, Mr. McNair is waiting on a go-ahead from his bank to fund the re-do of the front nine. If this plan goes forward, the front nine would close in May and re-open in October. The plan includes all new greens, all new grass for the first cut of fairways, new, larger tee boxes, and a rebuild, with new drainage of all bunkers. The aim is to make the course more senior friendly and more enjoyable to play. If this plan goes forward, Mr. McNair would make the Aiken Golf Course available as an alternate and would block tee times there for Cedar Creek members. Players club dues would be adjusted accordingly.

President Brace also announced a change in the root rule. Bill Robinson informed him that the USGA has announced that relief from roots is now permissible if the condition occurs in a closely mown area and is deemed to be an abnormal ground condition.

OLD BUSINESS:

Results of the Fort Gordon Tournament were presented. They can be found on the MGA website. Ken Sabol announced details of the Par Three Tournament that will be held on January 18 at Cedar Creek. Details are on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm and was followed by an exchange of Christmas gifts among the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary