

MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2024 BOARD MEETING

Attendees: David Schwartz—President
Ann Schneider—Vice President
Alan Kundtz—Secretary
Lee Nightingale—Tournament Director

David called the meeting to order at 3:58 PM. The minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting were approved as written. David reported that he did not see these minutes posted on the GACC website. Alan will follow up with Dave King to correct that omission.

David reported that Chuck and Betsy Kenney have replaced all the labels on the sand rakes, and that CCGC Superintendent Gary Frazier has received the previously ordered 9 sprinkler heads. He had no update as to when the heads would be installed.

A “postmortem” of the Masters Tournament was conducted:

- A total of 27 men split into two flights participated.
- The embroidered tee shirts were all mistakenly ordered size XL and none of them fit any of the winners. No discussion or decision was made regarding correcting this error; however, larger tee shirt sizing will be strongly considered for future events. Size adjustments for the jacket winners are being made directly with the vendor at no additional cost.
- An issue involving slow play was discussed. This apparently occurred because several allegedly “low handicap” players were playing from the back tees. Going forward, the Tournament Director in conjunction with Mike D in the Pro Shop will make sure that handicaps and tee boxes to be used are “correct” for all players. In addition, NO CHILDREN will be allowed to ride with any participants.
- One of the sponsor signs was noticed to reference “2022 Tax Preparation Services”. This should be changed for future events or a new sign made with no year specified. Linda Leblanc will be consulted on this.

Lee raised a question about why 2nd Place Gross winners are not awarded anything at many of our tournaments. This topic was discussed by attendees, but it was felt any decision should be made at a future meeting where more Board members are present.

The upcoming “Bring on the Bling” Tournament in May was discussed:

- 22 ladies have signed up so far.
- On-course snack & drink stations will be established on Hole 9 (off fairway left side) and Hole 16 tee box. In addition, a “rolling” beverage cart will be available for the enjoyment of all players.
- The prize for the “most blinged out” lady player will be a \$50 gift certificate to Vicki’s Boutique. David offered to approach Tom Watt to see if his daughter (aka Vicki) would consider donating the certificate.
- Enough men have volunteered to handle the event. Report time will be 8:30 AM. All volunteers will be advised to wear white shirts and dark shorts.

The upcoming Edward Watts CTP Shootout in May was discussed:

- All 32 names have been drawn to fill the “free side” of this event. There is still a considerable number of openings on the “buy-in” side. Alan will email the current sign-up list to all GACC members and make a pitch to encourage more players to participate.
- There has been some blowback received due to the perceived advantage between the more accomplished players (who may use a wedge) versus higher handicap players (who might need a mid-iron) at the published yardage of 140-155. It was therefore proposed that two tee boxes be established for the men, with a forward tee for 16+ handicappers at 135 yards, and a back tee of 155 yards for “15 and under” handicappers. All attendees approved this proposal, but absent Board members were going to be consulted before final action was taken. NOTE: Following up with absent Board members, this tee box change was unanimously approved. Alan was therefore directed to send out an email blast detailing this change ASAP in the hopes it would encourage more “buy-in” player commitments. It will also be posted on the GACC website.

Ann asked whether the cancelled Par 3 Tournament could be rescheduled this year since it was one of the most popular events in years past. Suggestions by attendees included replacing either the year end “BUBBA” Tournament or the fledgling Sponsors Tournament (which would not be a full field event open to all GACC members and at this writing we do not know how many sponsors we have on board). This will be discussed at the next meeting.

David proposed that a “newsletter” be distributed to all GACC members on a monthly basis, recognizing “significant on-course accomplishments” and including other noteworthy items (such as most recent tournament winners). Alan indicated that he could put this together but would rely on input from all Board and GACC members to gather the relevant items for inclusion.

Alan reported that Janet Murfey sent an email to him advising that several Three Runs golfers were going to be playing Cedar Creek and she was hoping someone from GACC could reach out to them. Unfortunately, the email came too late for any GACC action, but Alan was directed to contact Janet to gauge any reaction the golfers may have had with our course and suggest how we may pursue communications with them and others for future collaborations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Kundtz—Secretary
April 30, 2024