

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2024 BOARD MEETING

Attendees: David Schwartz—President
Ann Schneider—Vice President
Alan Kundtz—Secretary
George York—Treasurer
Don Roettger—Tournament Chairman
Kim Matthews—Social Committee Chair
Lee Nightingale—Tournament Coordinator
Four (4) GACC members

The meeting was called to order by David at 4:00 PM. The minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting were approved as written.

The only item of old business was the revision of the GACC Inclement Weather Policy to include pre-tournament cancellation protocols. Don and Alan have discussed some changes to the existing Policy and Alan will email a draft document incorporating those changes to Board members for comment. Dave confirmed that the GPS messaging system on the golf carts can be utilized to advise tournament players on the course of impending weather conditions.

This Saturday's upcoming Crystal Cup (October 19) was discussed:

- The only payouts will be for CTPs. Skins and mulligans will not be available. In addition, there will be a 50/25/25 raffle, and two gift certificates will be awarded at the dinner.
- A suggestion to have coffee and donuts available at the Memorial Service preceding tournament play was rejected by attendees.

David presented the flyer for the GACC Cup tournament to be held November 23, 2024. George questioned why the entry fees as shown on the flyer were different from previous tournaments. David acknowledged the inconsistency and will revise the fee structure for the Cup to match our other tournaments.

A postmortem on the recently concluded season long Match Play Tournament was conducted:

- The most important item was the overall excessive timing of matches.
 - Scheduling difficulties between match participants and failure to strictly enforce stated deadlines resulted in the tournament extending over a longer period of time than originally contemplated. If this tournament is repeated in 2025, this problem has to be addressed, possibly including enforced forfeiture of matches if necessary.
 - An effort should be made to conclude all tournament play around the same time.
- Ann and Kim reported that the ladies who participated "really enjoyed it". A push to get more ladies involved should be a priority going forward.
- The "Losers Bracket" should be renamed the "Consolation Bracket".
- Since this was a double elimination event in which the original intent was to pay out first and second places in each bracket, there was some confusion at the end of the Men's division play. It was decided that the loser of the last match in the "Winners Bracket" would receive second place money, and not drop down and continue play in the "Losers Bracket".
- David gave kudos to Webmaster Dave King for his tournament coverage on our website.
- Don showed the group the trophies to be presented to the Men's winner (Chuck Kenney) and the Women's winner (Kathy Cornforth).

Kim passed out the final versions of the Officer Job Descriptions and asked that current Board members review their respective write-ups and advise her of any changes. A discussion was had regarding how to disseminate these to the GACC membership and how to make revisions to them in the future. Rather than making them a part of the GACC Bylaws (which would require a membership vote to amend if necessary), it was decided to develop a “GACC Policies” section on our website into which these descriptions could be placed. It was also decided to place the “GACC Inclement Weather Policy” into this section as well. Establishing this “Policies” section would allow any necessary changes to be made simply by Board action. Dave King will be consulted to help implement this concept.

The slate of Officer candidates and Committee Chairs for 2025 has been finalized:

- President—Barry Cox
- VP—Jim and Diann Moreland
- Treasurer—Tom Gialloredo
- Secretary—Alan Kundtz
- Tournament Director—Dave Smith
- Social Committee—Ann and Ed Schneider (co-chairs)
- Sponsor Committee—Linda Leblanc & Jim Beasley (co-chairs)
- Workday Committee—OPEN

Alan was directed to work with Dave King to send out the ballot to the membership electronically on October 18, with a deadline for responses of October 25. Winners will be announced at the Season Finale Dinner on November 4.

Beta testing of the 2024 Year End Survey has been successfully completed. Alan was directed to work with Dave King to send out the survey to the membership electronically on November 18, with a deadline for responses of November 22. The results of this survey will be provided to the new Board for their use.

George presented the September Financials:

Opening Balance:	\$ 9250.47
Expenditures:	437.70
Revenue:	0.00 (no tournaments held in September)
Closing Balance:	\$ 8812.77

George suggested that the \$20 annual dues not be changed in 2025, and that the “\$5 early bird discount” be offered again. This suggestion was approved unanimously by all attendees.

Kim reported that all details for the Season Finale Dinner have been completed. David reported that, working with the Pub management, several additional couples were able to be accommodated (over the initial 80 maximum). It is hoped that good weather will allow the buffet tables to be placed outside. Attendees agreed that the raffle to be conducted at the dinner be split four ways (25/25/25/25), with one 25% portion given to the Pub staff.

David brought up the previously-discussed concept of preparing a “Handoff Document” that would detail thoughts/ideas/recommendations of current Board members on various topics, to be given to the new Board for their consideration. Possible subjects included grooming a Webmaster replacement, making changes to the GACC Constitution regarding elected officers and service tenures, increased photographic coverage of tournaments, making changes to expedite the delivery of tournament results, establishing minimum requirements for eligibility to attend the Season Finale Dinner, and enforcement of tournament due dates. Attendees were requested to bring additional suggestions to future Board meetings so that the new Board could benefit from as much insight as possible.

All attendees were encouraged to provide “Member Highlights” to Alan for inclusion in the monthly GACC Newsletter. Alan was directed to review the results of the “Aiken Seniors” group tournament recently held at Cedar Creek and include any notable results of GACC members in the next newsletter. David reported that Debbie Wallner and Corrie McCorkle replanted the circular flag bed in front of the clubhouse and requested that GACC reimburse them for the plant costs. This was unanimously approved by all attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Kundtz, Secretary
October 17, 2024