



**Board Meeting Minutes - November 17, 2020**  
**Pete Saco's garage and ZOOM**

**Present:** Pete Saco                      Jim McGeough                      Jeff Warner  
(2020 Board) Roger Val                      Doug Hinchey                      Bruce Lyau  
Mike Munro                      Bob Schoenherr                      Jesse Reuter  
Rob Davies                      Roger Cummings

**Absent:** Steve Beede                      Jack Dillon                      John DeWildt                      Phil Steinbock

**Guests (including new 2021 Board):** Rich Henrikson                      Brian Fox  
John Garfein                      Michael McGuire-Back

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** President Roger Cummings called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm. Thank you to Pete for hosting this meeting!

2. **APPROVE OCTOBER 2020 MINUTES** Previously submitted via email, the October 2020 Minutes were approved by all Board Members present as submitted via email.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT** Bruce

- Regarding the Actual September YTD 2020 report, Bruce emailed the month ending spreadsheet with a total balance of \$25,767.78 which breaks down as follows:
  - o MGCLH; \$18,138.26 – Hole-in-One; \$1,064.03 – CVS; \$6,565.49.The October 2020 Financial Report was approved.

The discussion of whether we should require 2 signatures on the check ensued. Currently, the two authorized signatures for MGCLH checks are Phil and Bruce. We will need to add another signature as Phil is leaving the Board. But, should we require two signatures on every check? Discussions were tabled for a future date.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bob S**

To date, we have 95 member renewals for 2021 and 10 new members. There is still some hesitation by current members to renew. The Board has determined three main reasons for this hesitation:

1. 2021 Waiver
2. Lincoln Hills Golf Club 2021 Membership Rates
3. Conditions of the two courses

We will continue to pursue renewals and posting on the website and Lincoln Hills eNews.

#### **5. SPONSOR REPORT / UPDATES: Pete**

Pete reported that all the sponsors are paid for 2020 and most of them have expressed a desire to continue into 2021. Pete mentioned that there are a couple other prospects out there but a committee will need to be formed to discuss the existing policies. There are some businesses that would like to be sponsors but they compete with existing sponsors. Pete will create a committee to address these policies. Since Mr. Pickles did such a great job on the November Tournament, we will present sponsorship opportunities to them. Also looking for insurance companies, etc.

#### **6. TOURNAMENT REPORT: Mike**

- Mike reported that the November tournament went very well. Pace of play was good and the format was well received. Adding the box lunch was a great touch to one of our most-participated tournaments of the year.
- The December 8<sup>th</sup> "Holiday Challenge" tournament registration has been emailed to the members.
  - o The format is a 2-man team Pinehurst event
  - o Expect 160 registrations
  - o Both courses will be used.
- Mike announced the dates for the 2021 Tournaments:
  - o Jan 19
  - o Feb 16
  - o Mar 16
  - o April 13
  - o May 18
  - o June 15
  - o Jul 13
  - o Aug 10
  - o Sep 13 & 14
  - o Oct 11 & 12
  - o Nov 16
  - o Dec 14
- Mike also expressed a desire to re-start the President's Cup Match Play Tournament in 2021. More to come on this event.

#### **7. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Doug**

November Linksletter was sent out last week.

**8. SUNSHINE REPORT: Jim**

No report

**9. WEBSITE REPORT: Jeff**

Jeff reported that the task force has held some discussions and there are 4-5 items that will be addressed. The one item right now is determining the best format/provider for our website. We have been testing providers such as GoDaddy (current provider), MemberPlanet (NCGA-endorsed), and Golf Genius. The task force will continue to investigate these tools and report back with findings and recommendations at a future date. Security of intellectual data is still of utmost concern.

**10. HANDICAP REPORT: Rob**

Rob reported that the NCGA has some new membership policies in place for 2021. One of the items of concern will be the requirement that every GHIN Member must have a personal and unique email address. Without a personal and unique email address, the member can only post scores at the Pro Shop kiosks. Starting in January, access to NCGA and GHIN sites will require a cross-reference between email address and GHIN#. The login requirements will appear differently in 2021. Rob said that we only have a handful of members that fall into this category.

Rob also reported that the NCGA has recently inspected both our courses and we might experience a change in Slope and Rating. The process is quite intricate and results will only be shared with the Course Management. There is still some concern that there are many tee-boxes without official yardage markers. The course doesn't appear to adhere to the USGA rules of moving pins and tee-boxes within the allowed yardage (i.e. +/- 10-yards). It is evident that the members' handicaps can be affected by these situations. Not playing out of the bunkers is another handicap-affecter and is addressed in the Rules Report below

**11. SOCIAL REPORT: Jack**

Jack was absent from the meeting, but the group expressed that the sandwiches at the November tournament was a good touch. We hope to do this a couple times in 2021

**12. RULES REPORT: Roger V/Brian**

Since the NCGA has visited both courses and we are starting to see that handicaps are being affected because of our local rules (i.e., bumping, bunkers are GUR, etc) discussion ensued about possibly changing some of the local rules to adhere closer to NCGA/USGA rules. Discussions included the poor conditions of the bunkers, Dallisgrass (aka Paspalum dilatatum) etc so the Board voted and approved the following:

1. Player must play out of the bunker.
2. No requirement to "play it down"

Roger will write new local rules pertaining to these two items and submit to the Board for verbiage approval. Hopefully, we can get these new local rules in place in time for the December 8 tournament.

### **13. CVS REPORT: Jesse/John**

The 2021 CVS Schedule has been released:

- 4/19 Sierra View CC
- 4/26 Timber Creek GC
- 5/10 Valley Hi CC
- 5/24 Yolo Fliers CC
- 6/14 Stockton CC
- 6/28 Lincoln Hills GC
- 7/12 El Macero CC
- 7/19 Woodbridge CC
- 8/2 North Ridge CC
- 8/16 Rancho Murieta CC
- 8/30 Cameron Park CC

Jesse reminded everyone that any current 2020 members will not be required to pay dues for 2021. Membership Application Forms are in the Pro Shop.

### **14. OLD BUSINESS: All**

- Voting of the 2021 Board was held the past couple weeks via email to the membership. The following 2021 Board has been approved by the voting members:
  - President: Pete Saco
  - VP: John Garfein
  - Treasurer: Bruce Lyau
  - Secretary: Jim McGeough
  - Tournament: Mike Munro
  - Membership: Bob Schoenherr
  - Communications: Mike McGuire-Back
  - Social: Jack Dillon
  - Rules: Roger Val
  - Handicapping: Rob Davies
  - Sponsors: Rich Henrikson
  - CVS Representative: Jesse Reuter
  - Asst CVS Representative: John DeWildt (non-voting)
  - Rules Committee Assistant: Brian Fox
  - Web Master: Jeff Warner (non-voting)
- Along with the invitation to vote for the 2021 Board, the email included the opportunity to express any concerns that a member might have. Of the 155+ responses, there were 55 “comments”, of which 25 required a response. Mike consolidated the responses/concerns into 5 categories:
  - Players of the same flights playing from different tees
  - If LHGC does not have SWEEPS in 2021, would MGCLH consider adding more tournaments?
  - Why no long drive and closest to the pin contests?
  - Would like to see a minimum of one MGCLH Tournament per month.
  - Course Conditions

Roger C will address the first 4 points (with Mike's input) and Pete will address the Course Conditions after a meeting with Course Management. Some of the discussion topics will include bunkers, sand, Dallisgrass (aka Paspalum dilatatum), yardage markers at tees, general conditions, etc.

- Next Board Meeting will be at 4:00pm on December 15 and will be held via ZOOM only.

#### 15. **NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business

#### 16. **OPEN ACTION ITEMS**

- General Membership Meeting dates for 2021 – Mike
- Website Provider Investigation and Overall upgrade of online tools Committee – Jeff
- 2 signatures required on each check? – Bruce
- New local rules regarding bunker play and bumping – Roger V
- Promote 2021 Renewal Memberships – all
- Form a Sponsorship Policy Review Committee – Pete
- President's Cup Match Play Tournament - Mike

Meeting was closed at 4:36 pm

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 15 at **4:00 pm**. It will be held via ZOOM. Jim will send out the ZOOM connection information a few days prior to the meeting.

Minutes recorded, compiled, and distributed by Jim McGeough – 2020 Secretary