



MEN'S GOLF CLUB  
OF LINCOLN HILLS

**Board Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2022  
(Multi-Media Room Orchard Creek and ZOOM)**

**Present:** Dan Guth  
Mike McGuire-Back  
Mike Munro  
Rob Davies  
Tom Horan

Bruce Lyau  
Jeff Warner  
John DeWildt  
Jim McGeough  
Brian Fox

Rich Henrikson  
Jack Dillon  
Bob Schoenherr

**Absent:** Jesse Reuter

**Guests:** None

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Jack**

- President Jack Dillon called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm with a quorum present.

**2. APPROVE February 2022 MINUTES Jim**

- Previously submitted via email and amended, the February 2022 Minutes were approved by the Board. Final version will be posted on our website this week.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT Bruce**

- Regarding the February 2022 report, Bruce emailed the month-ending spreadsheet with a total balance of \$37,402 which breaks down as follows:
  - o MGCLH; \$28,077 – Hole-in-One; \$1,064 – CVS; \$8,261.
  - o The February 2022 Financial Report was approved by the Board as reported

**4. TOURNAMENT REPORT: Mike Munro**

- Today's tournament (March TOC and JFF) went quite well. There were 120-130 golfers. There were a couple of glitches regarding the return of the par-3 tapes and placards, long drive placards, and the signs. Root cause will be determined .. for future improvement. The established BoD "Backup Plan" handled the situation.
- The shoot-out today went well. See Sponsor Report for more details.
- Mike announced that he is resigning from the Board and Tournament Director effective tomorrow, March 23, due to personal health reasons. He will work with the Board to identify

and train the next Tournament Director. Mike will send an email to the membership soliciting interest in the position. In the meantime, the Board will have to make plans for the upcoming April and May tournaments. Mike will assist in that as much as possible.

- Mike re-stated and reinforced the major reasons for, and the importance of, continuing to run our tournaments with tee-times instead of shotgun:
  - o COVID restrictions originally prevented congregating so shotguns were banned
  - o The biggest complaint in prior Tournaments was very long playing times as well as big backups at known trouble spots (several par-3's, and a couple of other holes eg #6 Orchard).
  - o MGCLH Shotgun full fields (128 Players) are/were typically 5-1/2 to 6 hour rounds
  - o With Shotguns .. the line at the pro-shop always got very long as everyone needs to check in at the same time.
  - o Using Tee-Times has provided much improved playing times .. 4.0 to 4-3/4 hours. Most Members have confirmed that this is a major overall Tournament improvement
  - o Since going with Tee-Times - we have significantly increased Member participation in our Tournaments to 150-180 players .. especially for our 4-Man Team events
  - o Current Tee-Time usage now enables the Pro-Shop to clearly articulate and sell earlier access spots for other non-Tournament golfers.
  - o The Pro-shop would likely have to book both courses for a full 6-hours to accommodate our tournament sizes.
  - o Some folks have expressed concern that there is now a lack of additional “camaraderie building opportunities” as a result of the Tee-Time assignments over a 2-hour period, since there is no apparent reason/incentive for people to stay/gather after their Round. Of course anything that can be done to further improve this aspect should definitely be investigated/implemented. Dan Guth suggested a couple of potentials .. eg. Beer in Tent, MGCLH Tournament-specific Happy Hour Pricing in Meridian’s Sports Bar. Bottom-line however .. Mike believes that a 4-hour Tournament round is more desired than congregating in the tent or bar after the round.
- Mike reminded the Board of the importance of continuing with waivers. The existing MGCLH waivers are good until cancelled, so will not need to be submitted again each year. Only future new Members will be required to sign new waivers. This will simplify the future Renewal process.
- One member that did not sign a waiver tried registering for the March tournament and was refused participation. If you don’t sign the waiver, you can’t play in the tournaments.
- Mike reminded us to be sure we cater to, and be sensitive about, the membership demographics regarding events, preferred-lies, post tournament events, and technology (i.e., online payments, rosters, emailing, websites, texting, etc):
  - o Average age of MGCLH Members: 76
  - o Average age of 2022 New Members: 71
  - o Percent of members over 70 years old: 85%
  - o It would be interesting to also understand our Member Handicap Index spread (Rob Davies?)
- Mike also reminded the Board that while last year’s effort to further utilize NCGA/Memberplanet capabilities and features was successful re. enabling Online Dues Payments, it was a failure re. enabling the use of a Single Membership Roster for all MGCLH purposes. Therefore some future effort should address MGCLH ongoing needs for improved Security and Usage of our current “Systems”.
- Regarding the June 6 and 7 Memorial Tournament:
  - o Bob S will work on the tee-prizes. The budget is around \$2,400 for tee-prizes. Jim

volunteered to look into getting a quote for MGCLH-logo'd VICE Golf Balls (estimated about \$20/dozen)

- o Dan will work with caterers regarding box lunches, and/or dinner in the tent.

**5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bob**

- Bob reported that we have 280 returning members and 30 new members for a total of 310.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Mike**

- Mike will look into creating a “pocket book” containing the local Club Rules. Brian will edit the latest rules and get them out to Mike.

**7. SOCIAL REPORT: Dan**

- The first box-lunch tournament will be the May 17 event. Dan will go out for bids and choose the best deal.
- Dan will start the process of investigating a possible post-tournament dinner on June 7. Players and significant others typically attend this function. Dan will give Meridians a shot at this event as well.
- With the new golf-course ownership, a new liquor-license needs to be approved. The new owners are looking to get a beer-only permit (no wine or liquor). This is also the reason we don't see beverage carts on the course recently.

**8. RULES REPORT: Brian**

- Based on some recent suggestions, Brian will edit a couple paragraphs on the local rules document. It was stressed that these rules should be followed by all MGCLH Members, even during open play. Brian will update the verbiage and then send to Mike McGuire-Back for pocket-book creation. The latest update will be posted on our web-site.

**9. HANDICAP REPORT: Rob**

- The Golf Course scorecards do not identify the slope and rating for men playing the Red Tees. Rob checked with GHIN and NCGA and the online posting venues do have the correct ratings and slopes. The Golf Course scorecards will be updated for the next printing. Here are the correct values for the Red Tees – Men:
  - Orchard Course: 66/107
  - Hills Course: 64.8/112

**10. SPONSOR REPORT / UPDATES: Rich**

- Penny Carolan attended the Shoot-out this morning. There were 20 qualified players and 17 attended. Tim Howard qualified twice so he took two shots from 150-yards out. His first shot was 5'-8" from the pin, giving him First Place. Tim's 2<sup>nd</sup> shot placed him in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Congratulations Tim! Thank you Penny Carolan for sponsoring this event!

- Rich is always open to new sponsorships. We would like to have 18 sponsors. Any prospects? Send them to Rich.

**11. CVS REPORT: John/Jesse**

- The first CVS event is just around the corner: April 18 at Sierra View Country Club. Although we have been allocated 12 player slots for the morning shotgun and 12 player slots for the afternoon shotgun, we had 27 members sign up for the am event and 12 for the pm event. Once all the Golf Clubs submit their registrations, then we will see how many of our members can play.
- John mentioned that several of the CVS Clubs are balking at the \$50 per player. They would like to see it raised to \$60 so they can provide a better lunch/breakfast offering.

**12. SUNSHINE REPORT: Jim**

- No News

**13. WEBSITE REPORT: Jeff**

- Jeff updated the website with the current listing of sponsors

**14. OLD BUSINESS: All**

- The consideration of changing the October 25, November 15, and December 15 meeting dates was discussed. Jim has talked to the SCLH Scheduling desk and was advised that all 70+ SCLH Clubs are going full-tilt. This makes scheduling and rescheduling of meeting rooms more difficult. It might be easier to change the time of the Board meeting than it would be to change the date. Jim advised that in 2021 we kept the October date, skipped the November date, and held the December meeting at Jack's house. We still have time to discuss this before making any changes.
- The Inter-Club Tournament will be held on April 25. This is a shotgun format. We are still looking for volunteers to help with sign-up table set-up, golf bag valets, scoreboards, etc. Participants will check-in at the Pro-shop and pay for their round. Then they will check in at the Tournament desk and pay their \$20. George Pozzio will set-up the score-boards and will collect and scribe the scores on the board as the 4-somes complete their rounds. The Board also approved \$80 to go into the prize fund. Invitations for this event will go out to the MGCLH membership tomorrow or Thursday. The first 42 MGCLH Members to respond will participate.
- The Annual "It's The Lifestyle EXPO" will be held on Tuesday March 29 in the OC Ballroom. This event provides an opportunity for all 70+ Clubs and other non-profit organizations to promote their club and solicit members. Jim reported that we are assigned to Table #28 in the Ballroom. The event starts at 10am and ends at 1pm. Set-up opens at 8:30am. Jim said that we will display the "Championship Trophy", some "SWAG", and distribute copies of the 2022 Tournament Schedule, Membership Applications, Waivers, etc. Bob mentioned that he has a sign that we have used in the past and he will get that to me. John and Tom will help work at the table.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- Solicit, Identify, and Train new Tournament Director

- Jack brought up the topic of a MGCLH Course Care Committee. This is a committee formed in the past with various objectives. There appeared to be some interest among the members but a better definition of the role and objectives would be more informative. Jack will work on this and present in a future meeting.

## **16. OPEN ACTION ITEMS**

- Local Rules Document update – Brian
- Local Rules Document printed in “pocket-book” format or tri-fold? – Mike McGuire-Back
- Send survey out to members regarding attendance to Annual Meeting – Jack/Jim
- “Update and Clean-Up” existing Go-Daddy web-site – Jeff/Mike MB and offer to assist.
- Finalize details for April 25 Inter-Club Tournament – Jack and Rob
- Annual Club & Community Expo (March 29) – Jim/John/Tom
- Change meeting dates for October, November, and December? – Jack
- Solicit, Identify, and Train new Tournament Director – Jack
- Creation of Course Care Committee - Jack

Meeting was closed at 4:17 pm.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26 at 3pm in the Multi-Media Room at Orchard Creek.

Minutes recorded, compiled, and distributed by Jim McGeough – 2022 Secretary