



**Board Meeting Minutes - January 18, 2023  
(Computer Room – Orchard Creek Lodge)**

**Present:** John DeWildt Rob Davies Bob Schoenherr  
Dan Guth Bruce Lyau Jim McGeough  
Jeff Warner Brian Fox Tom Horan  
Vince McCalla Douglas Krochak

**Absent:** Mike McGuire-Back

**Guest:** Chad Bennett – GM Lincoln Hills Golf Course

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

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

**2. APPROVE Previous Meeting Board MINUTES Jim**

- Submitted via email, the December 2022 Minutes were approved by the Board. Final version will be posted on our website this week.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT Bruce**

- Regarding the December 2022 report, Bruce emailed and presented the month-ending spreadsheet with a total balance of \$25,672 which breaks down as follows:
  - o MGCLH; \$16,443 – Hole-in-One; \$1,064 – CVS; \$8,165.
  - o The December 2022 Financial Report was approved by the Board.
  - o IRS Form 990 for 2021 was submitted by Jennifer Jensen CPA.
  - o Douglas K was reimbursed for \$216.34 for gifts to our sponsors.
  - o Tom advised that the end of year gifts to the High School golf teams were well received.
  - o Bruce also presented 2022 Actual and 2023 Budget numbers:

	2023	2022
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Cash Balances		
MGCLH	\$37,855	\$39,508
HIO	\$1,064	\$1,064
CVS	<u>\$8,155</u>	<u>\$8,165</u>
Totals	\$47,074	\$48,737

**4. TOURNAMENT REPORT: Vince**

- The December tournament went well
- The January tournament was postponed from January 17 to January 31 due to weather. As of today, there are about 120 registrations for the re-scheduled SloshFest.
- The 2023 Tournament Schedule has been submitted. Need to get it on the bulletin board and the web-site.
- Vince and Bob will compare the Master Membership Roster to the January Registration sign-up sheet to be sure all players are 2023 Members of the MGCLH.

**5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bob**

- We had 329 members in 2022
- Membership in 2023 is a little lower, but Bob anticipates we should get that back up to 2022 levels. Currently we have 307 members (284 renewals and 23 new).
- Bob, Bruce and Jim will work diligently this year to consolidate the Gmail Roster and the MemberPlanet Roster. Since the MemberPlanet roster is the collector of dues and is directly connected to NCGA, the MemberPlanet Roster must become the exclusive roster of our membership. There are many challenges to making this happen, including the collection of optional data (i.e., mailing addresses, phone numbers, waiver signing, etc). There is also a struggle in the renewal process as there have been several redundant payments by our members. Some members paid twice.....once by check and once by credit card. We need to work with MemberPlanet regarding the fact that they are utilizing the “auto-renewal” feature for several members, even after the member has already paid.
- It is highly recommended that we no longer accept checks for renewal payments. This needs to be decided on by September 2023.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Mike**

- No report

**7. SOCIAL REPORT: Dan**

- Vince confirmed that we have access to the tent for the lunch tournaments in June and October. We will go full-bore for the Member-Guest Tournament in September.

**8. RULES REPORT: Brian**

- Brian will be rewriting the “drop” rules. It’s all about semantics but he needs to clarify that our near relief rule includes a 1-club length. He will incorporate this change into the current local rules.

**9. HANDICAP REPORT: Rob**

- Now that all bunkers are out of play, there was some concern that the player handicaps will be going down. There is no easy way to prove this, but since it’s probably occurring to all our

members, it won't make a big difference at our tournaments. Playing in tournaments outside Lincoln Hills could be a different story and the existing handicap may not be indicative of the players' ability.

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

- Douglas delivered a nice bottle of wine to each of our sponsors and thanked them for their support. We have lost one sponsor for 2023 but Vince has a contact at another Golf Cart business. There were discussions regarding some other potential prospects. "Sponsorship Exclusivity" was discussed and if we find a "competitive" prospect, we will do the common courtesy of notifying the existing sponsor. We also discussed ways of thanking our sponsors and might consider presenting plaques/certificates that they can display.

**11. CVS REPORT: John**

- John reported that we have 56 members for 2023. That's a very large number. He will submit the roster to Bob S to be sure that all of the CVS members are also members of the MGCLH.

**12. SUNSHINE REPORT: Jim**

- MGCLH Member Kenneth Northgrave passed away on December 23, due to complications with COVID. A sympathy card was mailed to the family on behalf of the MGCLH Membership.

**13. WEBSITE REPORT: Jeff**

- Most pages and documents are currently updated.
- Board Member photos have been updated on the website and the Bulletin Board.
- Some links to our sponsors have errors and they mostly entail the Google Maps section. It would take a professional developer \$\$ to update those links. It would probably be better, and cheaper, to just delete the Google Maps references with the links.
- Jeff will post the roster of new 2023 members as soon as he gets that list from Bob.

**14. COURSE CARE COMMITTEE: (Bob, Tom, Brian, Dan)**

- No report (see report by Chad Bennett under New Business)

**15. 2023 MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT: (Bob, Tom, Dan)**

- The scheduled date is September 12 for this event. There was concern of participation numbers. A quick survey of attending Board Members indicated a difficulty of identifying a "guest".
- Bob will head up the implementation committee but this will require "all hands on deck".
- Vince will work on a flier (from John Dewildt) and will email the members in the March timeframe. Registration will close in June and then we will determine whether the event should go ahead. If not enough Guests, maybe make it a Member-Member or JFF tournament.

- Collection of money for the tournament was also discussed, especially if we cancel the event: Collect checks and not cash them? Take credit cards only and do refunds (cc fees both directions)? Not require payment until we know the event is a GO? Etc.

#### **16. OLD BUSINESS: All**

- Tom delivered the donations to the Lincoln Hills Golf Teams

#### **18. NEW BUSINESS**

- Thank you Chad for attending our meeting. Here is a report of his presentation:
- New for 2023 is a Private Golf Car License Agreement. LHGC will require every golfer that uses a private cart to sign the Agreement and provide an insurance certificate.
- The main reasons for this are
  - o To move the liability over to the driver
  - o To make the driver responsible for his/her actions
  - o With a “licensed” cart, LHGC can monitor the behavior of the driver and cart.
  - o Since the public carts are now geo-fenced, LHGC would like the private carts to adhere to the same requirements (par-3’s, greens, bunkers, tee-boxes, etc)
  - o LHGC will ease into these requirements and give the owners some time to sign the Agreement and produce the insurance certificate.
  - o Starter and Marshalls will monitor the carts looking for the non-expired stickers.
  - o The check-in counter will promote the distribution and return of the Agreements.
- Chad advised that they have dozens of signed Agreements already
- Chad will write an article for the upcoming Linksletter.
- Chad reported that the bunker refurbishment is pretty much on schedule. Currently, ALL bunkers (included newly covered and sodded bunkers) are out of play. We will probably start playing out of the sand bunkers before we can play on the sodded areas.

#### **19. OPEN ACTION ITEMS**

- Consolidate Rosters to MemberPlanet only – Bob/Jim/Bruce
- Facebook member portraits – Mike/Jim
- Course Care Initiative – Bob/Tom, Brian, Dan
- Launch Member/Guest Tournament – Bob/Vince/Tom/John/Dan
- Compare SloshFest Registration names with current 2023 MGCLH Roster – Vince/Bob
- Compare 2023 CVS Membership Roster with current 2023 MGCLH Roster – John/Bob
- Submit new “drop” rules into our local rules document – Brian
- Wall Certificates for Sponsor display? – Douglas/Jim
- Pursue more sponsors - all

Meeting was closed at 4:27pm.

The next Board meeting will be at the Multi-Media Room at Orchard Creek on Tuesday February 21 at 3pm.

Minutes recorded, compiled, and distributed by Jim McGeough – 2023 Secretary