

VGA MINUTES FOR Q. 4 2023

Members present include: Rusty Silverman, Danny Campos, Warren Meehan, Tom Hecoeks, Jim Cox, Lloyd Snively, Mark Alway, Dan Christiansen, Ron Amstutz, Jeff Currie, Tom Hebert, Brian Dempster, George Kowalchik and Ben Huges. All members are in attendance.

First Note: Two new board members joined including Brian Dempster and George Kowalchik.

Second Note: John Adair resigned from the board.

As of the Q. 4 2023 board meeting, there are 14 active board members.

Meeting start time @ 7:02 PM, December 13, 2023, Ajo Al's on N. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ.

On-Going Business Items:

1. Treasury Report – Ron:

Valley Golfers Association					
11/30/23	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$307.38	\$182.00
Savings	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		
Checking	<u>\$ 6,701.29</u>	<u>\$ 4,283.31</u>	<u>\$ 4,925.60</u>	<u>\$ 4,494.04</u>	<u>\$ 1,514.87</u>
Total	\$6,726.29	\$4,308.31	\$4,950.60	\$4,801.42	\$1,696.87
Members	169	161	168	143	133
Hole In One Fund	<u>\$ 825.00</u>				
General Fund	<u>\$ 5,901.29</u>				

2. Larry and Danny's Q. 1 2024 Schedules are nearly completed. Schedules will be submitted to Harley and uploaded to Golf Genius prior to the end of the Extended Season.
3. How is each board member re-elected to the board?

3a. Rusty & Tom H. perspective: The membership votes every year for half the board members and the other half the following year per Article IV, Section 2 that states: "Directors shall be elected to staggered terms of two years duration, with up to one-half of the Board elected at each **ANNUAL MEETING**". Mark Alway objected stating that Board members vote on each board member. If the Board determines the former to be accurate, then shall we

establish a quorum number of members attending the annual meeting? For example, we may have had 20 to 25 members on Saturday, December 9, 2023's Encanto event. Consideration/Recommendation: Establish a quorum of 25% of the membership or 45 members (as of 12/13/2023) either attend the Annual Meeting or shall the Secretary send out a ballot to the membership in order to make quorum for a vote. If number of general membership vote is not met, then the ½ board members up for re-election occurs by default. Discussion.

3b. Also, which board members will be up for re-election to establish precedence moving forward? Recommendation: The oldest board members be re-elected first constituting the first 2-year staggered term. Discussion.

Motion by Tom Hebert: We have an annual meeting with 50% of the general membership comprising a quorum. If quorum is not met, then based on historical precedence and a lack of general membership participation, the board will continue "as is" until such time a board member decides to resign. Seconded by Ben Hughes. All board members voted in favor.

4. Election of Officers per By-Laws.

- a. President – *Jim Cox (See below)*
- b. Vice President – *Mark Alway: No Change*
- c. Treasurer – *Ron Amstutz resigned the position. Tom Hebert volunteered for the position without board objection.*
- d. Secretary – *Rusty Silverman: No Change*

Start with President and work down the procedural list below.

A. Procedure: Does anyone want to be nominated for any of the officer positions?

President: Danny Campos – Incumbent and Jim Cox was nominated by George Kowalchik. Jim Cox accepted.

B. Procedure: Please make a comment to the board regarding why you want to hold the position.

President: Both candidates presented their cases to become president, all of which were heard and considered by the board members

C. Procedure: Do any of the board members wish to speak or ask questions on behalf of one of the candidates?

President: Several members voiced opinions in support for both candidates, again all witnessed by the board.

D. Procedure: Vote on Officers with a show of hands.

President: By a vote of 9 to 5 Jim Cox was elected President.

5. Establishing Committees. Tournament Committee. Handicap Committee. Rules Committee. Reason: Avoiding our board to collectively making decisions for these committees. Hold an annual meeting the fourth quarter of every year and invite the entire membership. Members can offer their ideas on how to make the club better. Elect officers in front of the entire membership. Discussion: *Motion by Tom Hebert: Eliminate all committees in the By-Laws except the Handicap Committee as required by the AGA. Seconded by Ron Amstutz. All board members voted in favor.*
6. What to do with stagnant prize money. Our rule is keeping stagnant prize money for 30 days. Any monies held after this time is supposed to go to the treasury. Cash on Wednesday has been in the bag since April 2023. Does the club want to establish electronic pay-outs to the membership; Venmo, Apple Pay, Pay Pal or Zelle as options? Discussion: *The board has decided to extend holding member prize fund money from 30 days to 60 days. VGA will notify the player of owed prize money via Golf Genius or at one of our VGA email addresses. Prize funds can be sent to a player via Zelle or Venmo. Board also encourages its members to communicate with one of the tournament coordinators for owed prize fund monies.*
7. Review & Procedure: - Sign-Up Policy and Procedures in October 2023. Ways to sign-up consist of Golf Genius, In Person following an event, Jot Form on the Website and at either VGA email addresses. It is at the event coordinator's discretion if they want to give out their cell phone number. Do we want to put a procedure for sign-up in our By-Laws? *Secretary will submit to the membership its insistence that players sign-up for a tournament through Golf Genius or either VGA email addresses. Board encourages its members to not utilize Jot Form, phone call or text as these sources will not guarantee a player's entry into an event.*
8. Review change in Big Dog Points: Starting January 1, 2024, the following was passed: *Ben Hughes made the motion that Big Dog Points be applied to both A and B Flights starting on January 1, 2024. Seconded by Mark Always. All board members voted unanimously in favor.* Change to Big Dog Point Award / Tournament: Big Dog points will be cumulative starting in 2024 with points awarded to both flights. The top 6 players accumulating the greatest amounts of points (in either flight) for both Wednesday and Saturday will be eligible for prize money.

The determination of prize funds will be published at a later date. The new Big Dog Point system will be communicated to the membership via Golf Genius.

9. Valley Golfers will be reverting to a Calendar Year accounting system starting January 1, 2024. Question: How will VGA pay winners for 2023 including hole in one, big dog (Wed. & Sat.), most improved golfer and lowest net score? For the latter two, does G.G. provide this information? *Golf Genius provides adequate information for those members who qualify for these awards and its prize money.*
10. Establish the number of times a guest can play prior to a mandatory joining of the club. I believe the number is 5 times. Do we want to drop the total to 3 based on the current number of players in our league? Decision from the board will be inputted into our By-Laws. *Discussion: Board determined that this is not a By-Law matter but a benefit to guests that want to play in a VGA tournament and eventually join the league. VGA website and Jot-Form is a resource for guests to play golf and eventually become a member. No action taken.*

New Business Items:

1. Formalize rules for the Club Championship (C.C.). Establishing policy and procedure on how the Club Championship will be run. Note that during Q. 1 2023, the board passed the entry fee for the C.C. to be \$15.00 per person for the two-day event. An individual tournament is open to the general membership with a mandatory \$10.00 per person fee (a.k.a. – day money). Members electing to play in each individual tournament do not have to play in the Club Championship (C.C.) and therefore not be required to pay the \$15.00 fee. Any member playing one individual tournament cannot enter into the two-day C.C. tournament. George Kowalchik Recommendation: No additional tournaments will be played during the C.C. event with the exception of the two mentioned above. Rules determined by the Board will be inputted into the By-Laws and must be strictly enforced by the coordinator of the event. Discussion: *Board decided that the C.C. rules are standardized among 2 tournaments including the C.C. and Day Money both Saturday and Sunday.*
2. Do we want to start penalizing players who cancel at the last minute prior to a tournament? Jim Cox to discuss. Discussion: Motion by Jim Cox: *At the tournament coordinator's discretion, a player may be penalized for 1 round if the player cancels at the last minute.*
3. Based on a horrifically hot summer in 2023, do we want to consistently attempt to start our tee times earlier than 8:00 AM during Q. 2 and into Q. 3? *Shelved to the next board meeting.*
4. Adding Pay-outs to the By-Laws. Examples are Most Improved Golfer. Lowest Net Score for the Year. Hole-In-Ones. Big Dog Points. Eagles. Double Eagles. *Shelved to the next board meeting.*

5. Pace of Play. This issue was shelved until this meeting. Any ideas??? *Secretary will communicate this issue to the membership at an appropriate time. No action taken.*
6. Establishing standard protocols on utilizing Tom Hebert's cashflow system without exception unless changes or revisions are made during the calendar year. If changes are made, then the new cash flow system/app will prevail and must be utilized without exception. Recommendation: Board vote on establishing standardization of utilizing Tom Hebert's current and future revised cash flow methods following each tournament. If approved, do we as a board want Tom Hebert's cash flow application with G.G. to be a requirement by all tournament coordinators. If so, do we as a board want this procedure added to be VGA By-Laws? Discussion – *Low net will be divided by 2. If there are 19 players or less, only one flight will prevail with 3 places paid. If there are 20 players or more, two flights prevail with 3 places paid per flight.*
7. Establishing standards for paying places based on the number of players in each flight. Tom Hebert's application is defaulted to paying 3 places. Discussion. See Item 6 above.
8. Notation Issues: Score card neatness has become an issue. This needs to be communicated to the league. Shall we establish narrative here to submit to the membership? *Secretary will send communication out to the league with President approval.*
9. Communication Issue through G.G.: Membership will be asked to input last names on score cards and proper tee designations. *Secretary will send communication out to the league with President approval.*
10. Recommendation: Jot-Form will not take priority over the Golf Genius sign-up. Board to communicate to the membership that it highly encourages all its members to sign-up using G.G. as a matter of a communication trail for tournament coordinators. Do we want to submit this communication to the league? *See On-Going Business, Item 7 above.*
11. Recommendation: Coordinators must hold score cards a minimum of 5 days following the event. Discussion. *No action taken.*
12. Eliminate Article III, Section 6 of the By-Laws that states, "Memberships in the club are for a calendar year only, with all memberships expiring on December 31st." AGA changed its membership procedures after this section was established. Discussion. *Board approved removal of this section in the By-Laws. Secretary removed them on December 14, 2023.*

13. Research a new software to run our tournaments versus Golf Genius. Discussion. *Shelved for the next board meeting.*
14. Increasing tournament entry fee. *Motion by Tom Hecoeks to increase the tournament entry fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 starting Q. 2 2024. Seconded by Mark Alway. All board members voted in favor. Secretary will communicate this change to the membership and we chart membership responses over the next 3 months. Motion will be further discussed at the Q. 1 2024 board meeting.*
15. Meeting to adjourn at 8:45 PM. *Motion to adjourn by Lloyd Snively. Seconded by Ron Amstutz. All members voted in favor.*