

VGA MINUTES FOR Q. 1 2024

Members present include: Rusty Silverman, Warren Meehan, Jim Cox, Tom Hebert (on Cell), Brian Dempster, George Kowalchik and Ben Huges. Members not in attendance: Lloyd Snively, Tom Hecocks, Jeff Currie and Dan Christiansen. *Proxy votes from these non-attending members were distributed to attending board members.*

First Note: Danny Campos and Ron Amstutz resigned from the board during Q 4 2023. Mark Always resigned during Q. 1 2024.

Meeting start time @ 7:10 PM, January 24, 2024, Ajo Al's on N. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ.

On-Going Business Items:

1. Treasury Report – Tom Hebert:

Account Balances - As of 1/23/2024

Account	12/31/2023 Balance	1/23/2024 Balance
Bank Accounts		
Desert Financial Checking -0400	6,855.56	6,587.56
Savings 14008567320000	25.00	25.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	6,880.56	6,612.56
Cash Accounts		
Hebert Holding Cash	0.00	-9.00
TOTAL Cash Accounts	0.00	-9.00
OVERALL TOTAL	6,880.56	6,603.56

All board members approved the Treasurer's report. Tom Hebert will be preparing a 2024 annual budget to determine prize money pay-outs for various club tournaments. Results will be reported to the membership.

2. George and Larry Q. 2 2024 Schedules are in work-in-progress. Once completed, schedules will be submitted to Harley and uploaded to Golf Genius.
3. Based on Danny Campos' resignation from all VGA responsibilities, George K. along with Larry Burton have volunteered to take over the Saturday course bookings.
4. Recruiting more members to help run Golf Genius (GG). Discussed. *Board will be actively seeking volunteers not just for GG but other responsibilities.*
5. *Tournament fee increase to \$15.00 that was approved by the Board during the Q. 4 2023 meeting was unanimously approved by the membership by nearly 2 to 1. A copy of the vote in an Excel spreadsheet accompanies this Agenda.*
6. Club Championship 2024 location and date. *Shelved until the next board meeting.*
7. Discuss the JPO (Memorial Weekend Golf Tournament). Per a conversation with Danny Campos, he is taking this tournament off-book or away from the VGA. George and Rusty to report results from Gold Canyon and Los Cab. Rusty: Contacted the hotel and their weekend policy is a 2-night minimum. We have plenty of time to book if the board wants to do 2 nights in Wickenburg. Basic rate information: Approximate All-In Starting Base Rates – Single Breakfast Only @ \$225 per night. Single Golf Package including golf and all meals @ \$400 per night. Double Breakfast Only @ \$240 per night divided by 2 or \$120 per person. Double Golf

Package @ \$600 per night divided by 2 or \$300 per person. More due diligence required. Golf: According to Greg at their golf shop, the superintendent wants to aerify the greens over the latter part of May and into June. The greens have been neglected over the years. We're in a holding pattern for a couple of weeks until they decide on what to do.

George contacted Gold Canyon just east of Apache Junction. *Event Dates: May 25th and May 26th. Based on George's findings, the board approved this venue for both accommodations and golf. The VGA golf tournament will be held at both of Golf Canyon's golf courses including Dinosaur and Sidewinder. There will be an optional practice round offered on Friday, May 24th. Club members will be notified of details once the Budget is completed, and prize fund money and pay-outs are determined.*

8. Establish dates for VGA special tournaments including quarterly 2-man best ball. *First quarter's two-man best ball tournaments will be held at the following golf courses: Saturday, February 17th @ Encanto and Wednesday, March 13th @ Aguila.*
9. Updating board on VGA status with the State of AZ and IRS. Rusty to report. *VGA is up-to-date with the State but has not received a TIN from the IRS as of the first quarter meeting date.*
10. Rusty Silverman took the AGA mandatory handicap quiz. Need AGA confirmation.
11. Update the new Big Dog Point rules and pay-outs. *Awaiting operating budget numbers from Tom Hebert. Once completed and following Board approval, the club will be notified.*

New Business Items:

1. Mark Alway resigned as a Vice President. Board needs to elect a new Vice President. *Board unanimously voted in favor of Ben Hughes as the club's new VP.*
2. Adding Net Skins to the Pay-Outs. Dave Dean recommendation. *Board voted unanimously against net skins.*
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? *Schedulers intend on booking tee times as early as possible per courses availability.*
4. How to distribute the \$5.00 increase for event prize funds? *Motion by Rusty Silverman to distribute the added \$5.00 tournament fee as follows: \$2.00 applied to net score, \$2.00 to gross skins and \$1.00 for special tournament funds to be re-distributed back to the membership. Seconded by Warren Meehan. All board members unanimously voted in favor of the motion. The increase is scheduled to take affect on Wednesday, April 3rd.*
5. How do we want to run the Memorial Weekend Tournament? General discussion. *Board decision: A meeting will be held among the board's executive officers to determine how the tournament will be structured and pay-out amounts. President will report results to the board for its approval and then the club will be immediately notified thereafter.*
6. From A Member @ Large: "I wanted to get something clarified since we are going in to a new year. This year, there were MANY events where the tee times changed on Friday before Saturday events. Is there an allotted time to drop out after a tee times changes. There were a few times where the tee times changed late in the evening and people may not have noticed until the next day. If this causes someone to drop out within like 24 hours, they probably shouldn't be responsible for the green fee." Discussion. *Board concurs and the problem is resolved to the very best of the tournament coordinator's ability.*
7. Remove Most Improved Golfer award. *Award stays in effect. No change.*
8. AGA requires a Handicap Chairman. Any volunteers. *Jim Cox will investigate but from times past, Neal Fisel is expected to take-on this role.*
9. Any new business items to be considered? *None.*
10. Meeting to adjourn at 8:10 PM. *Motion to adjourn by Brian Dempster Seconded by Ben Hughes. All members voted in favor.*

VGA Tally for Incr. Tourn. Fee	\$10.00	\$15.00	Participant No.	In Favor of \$10.00	In Favor of \$15.00
				20	38
Lovell Robinson	√		1		
Jeff Darbut		√	2		
Jim Foster	√		3		
Gary Vance		√	4		
Dwain Moore	√		5		
Darrell Ruehle		√	6		
Al Dan		√	7		
Dick Brooks	√		8		
Marty Wallace		√	9		
Alan Arndt	√		10		
Mike Roether		√	11		
Tom Hebert	√		12		
Dennis Sylva	√		13		
Craig McCoach		√	14		
Neal Fisel	√		15		
Dan Russell		√	16		
Doug Walsh		√	17		
Warren Meehan		√	18		
Joe Pilewicz		√	19		
Perry Variano		√	20		
Randy Smith	√		21		
Mark Andrews		√	22		
Jim Belanger	√		23		
Bryan Nelson		√	24		
Rusty Silverman		√	25		
Jim Cox		√	26		
Arn Angvik		√	27		
June Vutrano		√	28		
Ron Amstutz		√	29		
Jeff Coughran		√	30		
Lonny Rakes		√	31		
Bob Froelich	√		32		
Eric Bolles		√	33		
Bill Myers	No Vote	No Vote	34		
Bob Inman	√		35		
Tom Anderson		√	36		
Charlie Miller	No Vote	No Vote	37		
Fred Baldwin	√		38		
Bill Heller		√	39		
Dave Dean		√	40		
Kevin Haskew		√	41		
Harley Ewing		√	42		
Jeff Currie		√	43		
Randy Thomas		√	44		
Larry Burton	√		45		
Geoff Green	√		46		
Allen Bettin	√		47		
Jim Niblack	√		48		
Doug Patterson		√	49		
Gus Schweigert		√	50		
Rob Katzaroff		√	51		
Ron Landon		√	52		
Marc Caporrino		√	53		
Elmer Schmidt	√		54		
Dan Christiansen		√	55		
Matt Brogen		√	56		
Don Majors	√		57		
Stephen Jordan		√	58		
Mark Thompson		√	59		
Ed Kim	√				