

VGA MINUTES FOR Q. 2 2024

Members present include: Rusty Silverman, Warren Meehan, Jim Cox, Tom Hebert, Brian Dempster, George Kowalchik and Lloyd Snively. New board members: Doug Walsh, Bob Froelich and Eric Neiland. Members not in attendance: Dan Christiansen and Ben Hughes.

Meeting start time @ 7:00 PM, April 3, 2024, Ajo Al's on N. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ.

First Note: Tom Hecoeks resigned. Jeff Currie passed away.

On-Going Business Items:

1. Treasury Report – Tom Hebert:

3/30/2024	Account Balances - As of 3/30/2024		Page 1
	Account	12/31/2023 Balance	3/30/2024 Balance
Bank Accounts			
	Desert Financial Checking -0400	6,855.56	7,003.51
	Savings 14008567320000	25.00	25.00
	TOTAL Bank Accounts	6,880.56	7,028.51
Cash Accounts			
	Hebert Holding Cash	0.00	-27.00
	TOTAL Cash Accounts	0.00	-27.00
Liability Accounts			
	Winnings Held for Players	0.00	-50.00
	TOTAL Liability Accounts	0.00	-50.00
	OVERALL TOTAL	6,880.56	6,951.51

All board members approved the Treasurer's report. Tom Hebert 2024 annual budget:

VGA 2024 Summary Budget

2024

Category	2023	2024 (Est)	Change	Q1	Q2
Beginning Balance	NA	\$6,880.56	NA	\$1,640.59	
AGA Dues	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,310.00	
To Club	\$ 976.66	\$ 900.00	\$ (76.66)	\$ 162.00	
Player Contribution	\$ -	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,280.00	0	
Total Income	\$ 5,956.66	\$ 8,180.00	\$ 2,223.34	\$ 2,472.00	
Expenditures					
Expenditures	\$ (3,244.41)	\$ (3,244.41)	\$ -	\$ (2,401.05)	
Hole in one Reserve	\$ (875.00)	\$ (875.00)	\$ -	\$ (330.00)	
TPO Memorial	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)
Office IT	\$ -	\$ (300.00)	\$ (300.00)		
Email	\$ (100.00)	\$ (120.00)	\$ (20.00)		
Other new spending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Spend	\$ (4,219.41)	\$ (6,539.41)	\$ (2,320.00)		
Ending Balance	\$ 6,880.56	\$ 8,521.15	\$ 1,640.59		
Target Balance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -		
Excess	\$ 3,880.56	\$ 5,521.15	\$ 1,640.59		

2. George and Larry Q. 2 2024 Schedules are:

VGA 2nd Quarter Wednesday - 2024

Date	Course	Booked thru	Course Contact
04/3	Tres Rios – 8:00, \$70+ (32)	Brady Toohey – 833 873-7746	brady.toohey@juniorational.org
04/10	Ken McDonald – 9:33, (40)	Dez Sloat – 480 878-3332	dsloat@playkenmcdonald.com
04/17	Bear Creek – 8:00, \$68+ (32)	Paul Besecker – 480 631-0016	pbesecker@kempersports.com
04/24	San Marcos – 9:00, \$75+ (40)	Leta Fumuso – 480 963-3358	LFumuso@sanmarcosgolfresort.com
05/1	Legacy – 6:20, \$75+, (36)	Matt Nebel – 307 751-1942	mnebel@golflegacyresort.com
05/8	Ken McDonald – 9:00, (40)	Dez Sloat – 480 878-3332	dsloat@playkenmcdonald.com
05/15	Union Hills, 7am \$60 (32)	Mike Maguire - 623 977-4281	gm@uhgcc.com
05/22	Sundance – 7:00, \$63.39 (32)	Andrew Lolnaugh – 623 236-4924	alolnaugh@sundancegolfaz.com
05/29	Falcon Dunes – 8:00, \$58 (32)	Darren Stanek – 623 535-8355 Ron Heraty – 602 826-2112	darren.stanek@us.af.mil ronald.heraty@us.af.mil
06/5	Bear Creek – 7:00, \$52+ (32)	Paul Besecker – 480 631-0016	pbesecker@kempersports.com
06/12	Palmbrook, \$55+ 7:00 shotgun (32)	Matt Michael – 623 977-8383 Josh Gold	mmichael@palmbrookgolf.com golf@
06/19	Legacy – 6:20, \$50+, (36)	Matt Nebel – 307 751-1942	mnebel@golflegacyresort.com
06/26	We-Ko-Pa (Saguaro) 0700 \$75+ (36)	Nick - 480 836-9000 Josh	
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All members approved the Budget.

VGA 2nd Quarter Saturday - 2024

Date	Course	Booked thru	Course Contact
04/6	Union Hills, 8:00 \$69+ (32)	Mike Maguire - 623 977-4281	GM@uhgcc.com
04/13	Sundance, 8:00, \$63.39 (32)	Andrew Lolnaugh – 623 236-4924	alolnaugh@sundancegolfaz.com
04/20	Hillcrest, 8:00 \$65+ (32) balls	TJ - 623 584-1500	ftutch@hillcrestgolfclub.com
04/27	Ken McDonald, – 11:06 (40)	Dez Sloat – 480 878-3332	dsloat@playkenmcdonald.com
05/4	Corte Bella – 8:26, \$75 incl double tees	Tyson Siegler – 623 556-8951	tsiegler@cortebellagolfclub.com
05/11	Aguila 8:24 (40)	Michael Owens – 602 534-4653	michael.owens@phoenix.gov
05/18	Palmbrook, \$55+ 7:30 shotgun (32)	Matt Michael – 623 977-8383 Josh Gold	mmichael@palmbrookgolf.com golf@
05/25	TPO		
06/1	Superstition Springs - \$69+ 7:00 (36)	Mark – 602 466-2904	mkruse@arcisgolf.com
06/8	Dobson Ranch – \$70+ 6:12 (36)	Matt – 480 567-6225	matthew@dobsonranchgolfclub.com
06/15	Viewpoint – 7:00, \$35 incl (36)	Ted – 480 373-5794	viewpointrodenkirch@hotmail.com
06/22	Oakwood – 7:30 SG, \$45+ (32)	Kevin – 895-0614	
06/29	Aguila 6:08 (40)	Michael Owens – 602 534-4653	michael.owens@phoenix.gov
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3. Dial-in a date for Club Championship possibly in September, Prescott, AZ. *Board approved the following weekend dates: September 28th & 29th or October 5th and 6th. Board also approved playing the Club Championship at Prescott Country Club. Treasury prize money to be determined at the Q. 3 2024 board meeting.*
4. Discuss TPO Open. *Recommendation: If we get to 35 players, then the club kicks in another \$500 and 5 more are added totaling 40, then the club kicks in another \$500 for a maximum of \$3,000. No changes recommended. Rusty and George will publish a second campaign starting the second week in April for a push to get more players.*
5. Discuss 2-Man Best Ball quarterly locations and dates. *2nd Quarter dates will be: Wednesday, May 8th @ Ken McDonald and Saturday, May 11th @ Aguila Golf Club. Sites chosen because these courses generate very high turn-out.*
6. Neal Fisel is our handicap committee chairman. Shall we ask for additional volunteers. Also, incredibly, Rusty Silverman passed the mandatory annual handicap exam. *Bob Froelich volunteered to be on the handicap committee with Neal.*
7. Discuss \$5.00 increase and allocation to the tournament prize money. Brian Dempster to discuss. *No discussion ensued.*

8. VGA Rules page submitted to the board members and future board members. Any discussion for changes or revisions? *Rusty will review the VGA Rules and make recommendations of revisions, extractions and additions. See Item 7 below.*
9. Big Dog Points Discussion: Ben Hughes. *No discussion ensued.*
10. Updating VGA website. Rusty Silverman to discuss. *Revisions to two tabs were made over the first quarter with Harley Ewing including the following tabs: About VGA and Join or Renew Membership. Board approved the revisions. Others revisions to follow with board approval when necessary. Eric Neilan recommended putting a "Golf Genius" tab on the Home Page menu. All board members approved the simple addition. Reason: Easier access to the software for the members. In addition, it was recommended to delete the AGA link on the Home Page. Rusty Silverman will work with Harley Ewing to accomplish this request.*

New Business Items:

1. Doug Walsh, Bob Froehlich and Eric Neilan wish to be on the Board.
1a. Motion to vote on these members to be board members by Jim Cox: Seconded by: Rusty Silverman. All members approved. Doug Walsh, Bob Froehlich and Eric Neilan are new board members.
2. Peer review of new members that sign-up for signature events. *George Kowalchik will look into player handicap histories when necessary.*
3. Develop marketing ideas to promote our league to new members and members who have never played a tournament. *It was recommended by Bob Froelich to make minor improvements to the website. In addition, Tom Hebert made another good point that the website is a tool for potential new members and how new members can sign-up for an event.*
4. Other New Tournaments. *Brian Dempster recommended that the VGA offer two additional tournaments with prize money coming from the Treasury including: A Ringers event whereby a course we play multiple times host the event such as Aguila and Ken McDonald. A Ringers tournament is defined as: one in which the best score posted on each hole by a player during multiple rounds is added up for one 18-hole score total for each player. VGA Board decided the first Ringers tournament will be held over Quarters 3 & 4. A 4-man best ball tournament was also recommended. Dates and prize money to be determined. Board unanimously approved both new tournaments.*
5. Discuss the amount club money for the Club Championship. *To be determined and posted immediately after the Q. 3 board meeting. By all discussions, the amount will be substantial.*

6. What are the financial goals for the membership? Reason Asked: Excess cash and future cash flow in the Treasury. *Discussed during Treasury Report. Club's financial status considered "healthy" as of Q. 2 2024.*
7. VGA Local Rules, Item 20: **All VGA members must pay the mandatory \$10.00 tournament fee (subject to an increase to \$15.00 starting on April 1, 2024) with an exception of VGA members of 25-year+ tenures. These members may pay a tournament fee of either \$5.00 or \$7.00 at their discretion (subject to possible changes in the future).** Discussion. Rusty recommends deleting the latter portion of the rule. Reason: Too difficult to financially manage and determine which players apply. *Board approved deleting Rule 20 in its entirety from VGA Local Rules.*
8. Lets discuss how to handle late stragglers to events affecting coordinators collecting prize money. Shall we change the narrative to 45 minutes? *Board approved sending out a message to all members that players must arrive 45 minutes prior to their tee time and reiterating the message to individual players signed up for an event.*
9. Revising the minimum number of players for a single flight versus 2 flights. Reason: At Robson Ranch, we had 20 players and George and I made an executive decision that it would be one flight. Years ago, we set the flight rule at 19 or less being 1 flight. *Board decided to retain this rule. A mistake occurred at Robson Ranch whereby tournament coordinators approved 1 flight with 20 players. Board approved 19 or less as one flight, and 20 or more as 2 flights. This rule added to the VGA Local Rules document as Item 20.*
10. Any new business items to be considered?
 - 10a. *Motion by Lloyd Snively: Go Fund Me announcements must be approved by the board for distribution to the membership. Seconded by Tom Hebert. All board members voted unanimously in favor.*
 - 10b. *Motion by Lloyd Snively: Send out a personal announcement regarding Jeff Currie's passing, his celebration of life date and access to the Go Fund Me link to the entire membership. Seconded by Tom Hebert. All board members voted unanimously in favor.*
11. Meeting to adjourn at 8:20 PM. *Motion to adjourn by Jim Cox. Seconded by Warren Meehan. All members voted in favor.*