

# Steering Committee Minutes – September 24, 2019

(Present: Jimmy Walsh, Mike Reed, Bruce Cargill, Dave Marchant, George Cummings, Mike Reed, Billy Small)

## ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING (suggestions made in the recent survey)

1. **Tee Assignment Policy** – change current method of tee assignment
2. **Local Rules Clarification** - clarify specifics of “lift, clean, place” local rule
3. **Rules Clinic** – schedule event to provide members with a detailed explanation of rules changes
4. **War on Shore and Mountain Mayhem:**
  - revise awards and scoring system - Plantation room assignments
  - make announcements earlier and expand the field of players
5. **9 Holes** - allow players to indicate desire to play only 9 when signing up.
6. **Emeritus Status** – eliminate this status
7. **Annual Dues** - raise the amount
8. **Geezer Guys Emails** – send out more often to inform members of website updates
9. **Web Hosting** - use “Fast Comet”
10. **VSGA Handicaps** - make our handicaps VSGA approved so they can travel
11. **Match Play** – schedule this format

1. **Tee Assignment Policy** - The committee discussed a comprehensive proposal to change the current method used for assigning players to specific tees. The committee decided to implement a new method starting next season (November 1<sup>st</sup>). Specifically:
  - *Players, regardless of age, can now play from any tee with one LIMITATION:*
  - *Only players with a handicap index HIGHER THAN 24 may use the forward most tees.*
  - *Players will be required to record on their scorecard the tee they are playing from.*
  - *Coordinators will handicap players based on course handicaps for each tee.*
  - *For consistency, all rounds (both Tuesday and Thursday) will use this new method.*
  - *Players are encouraged to select the tee best suited to their abilities using the USGA/PGA Tee-It-Forward Initiative.*
2. **Local Rule Clarification** - The committee discussed the “lift, clean and place” local rule used by the group as well as the policy for playing the ball as it lies. Billy Small clarified that under the rules of golf we can use any form of the “lift, clean and place” local rule we choose as long as its specifics are clearly stated before each round by the coordinator. Coordinators agreed to do so. It was also noted that should no “lift, clean and place” local rule be in place for a round, the rules of golf require players to play the ball as it lies.
3. **Rules Clinic** – The committee discussed the suggestion to provide rules education to interested members. It was agreed that brief pre-round rules clinics be held on the course by our rules experts (Billy Small, Dave Brown and Tim Roscher) where each of them could take different rules and discuss/demonstrate them.
4. **War on the Shore Issues** –
  - a. The committee agreed with the survey suggestion that the War on the Shore (and Mountain Mayhem) scoring and awards systems needs some improvement. Billy Small has made some changes and improvements for the forthcoming WOS trip. The committee will revisit this after the trip to see if more changes are needed.
  - b. Bruce Cargill suggested the room assignment procedure at the Plantation House be changed to a numbered drawing. Each room will be numbered and players will draw numbers to see who gets which room.
  - c. The committee did not agree with the survey suggestion to announce the trips sooner and expand the fields.
5. **9 Hole Rounds** – The committee agreed to accommodate players who only wish to play 9 holes during a regular round by implementing competitions for back and front nine low nets. 9-hole players will pay the regular pot amount.
6. **The committee agreed not to implement suggestions #6 through #11 listed above.**