

Steering Committee Minutes – August 25, 2020

Members Present

Wayne Schwartz-*President*
Jimmy Walsh-*Vice-President*
Steve Leap-*Back-Up Coordinator*
Billy Small-*Tuesday Coordinator*
George Cummings-*Secretary*

Members Not Present

Dave Brown-*Member At Large*
Mike Reed-*Thursday Coordinator*
Hunt Thompson-*Treasurer*
Dave Marchant-*Statistician*

ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

End of President's 2-Year Term (*Wayne*)

Wayne brought up the fact that his two year term as president of the **Geezer Guys** will expire on October 31, 2020 and that we have no stated method for filling the vacancy. Wayne suggested the committee implement the following methodology:

- *When the president's term expires every two years, the current vice-president will automatically become president.*
- *The current member-at-large will then automatically become vice-president.*
- *All other committee members will maintain their positions.*
- *The president can remain on the committee after his term expires and will take the member-at-large position.*
- *If the president resigns from the committee when his term expires or if any member of the committee steps down, nominations for a replacement will be solicited from the active membership and the active membership will vote on the replacement.*

A motion was made and seconded to accept this method as part of our rules and to implement this method whenever the president's term expires or any committee member steps down. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

(Note: After the meeting, George contacted Dave Brown who agreed to accept the vice-president position for the 2021 and 2022 seasons.)

September 2020 Piankatank Memorial Tournament (*Billy*)

The **Piankatank River Golf Club Ladies League** has invited the **Geezer Guys** to participate in their annual **Memorial Tournament** scheduled for Thursday September 10th at 9am. Billy noted the event is a *Preferred Drive/Captain's Choice* format. He said he would be sending out all the details to our membership pointing out the following:

- *Contact Billy if you want to participate*
- *The Ladies League will assign teams based on player's handicaps Billy will provide*
- *The regular **Geezer Guys** Thursday round will still be scheduled and held for those not interested in playing in the **Memorial Tournament**.*

The War on the Shore (Jimmy)

Jimmy discussed the **War on the Shore 2020** trip. He has contacted all the golf courses we have reservations with and pointed out the many issues impacting the trip due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of these issues are:

- *Limited and even non-existent food service at the three courses.*
- *Limited seating and service at local restaurants.*
- *Course insistence that players who arrive together share golf carts.*
- *No water on the courses, no bunker rakes.*
- *Other unknown regulations by the governor of North Carolina.*
- *No confirmation received yet from Bruce Cargill that the Plantation House is still available.*

It was for these reasons Jimmy made the recommendation we cancel the **War on the Shore 2020** trip and hold a local tournament in its place this fall. He suggested we use the same format we used during the **Summer Scramble 2020** using the following courses the last week in October:

- **Thursday October 22nd**
Golden Horseshoe Green Course in Williamsburg (to take advantage of VSGA VIP card).
- **Monday October 26th**
Golden Eagle in Irvington for the two round 36-hole special formats
- **Tuesday October 27th**
Piankatank River Golf Course for the final round.

A motion was made and seconded to cancel **War on the Shore 2020** and hold **Fall Challenge 2020** in its place. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

The Annual Dinner (Jimmy)

The committee discussed options for the **Annual Dinner 2020** considering the Covid-19 pandemic. Jimmy suggested that whatever we decide to do we should limit participation to members only asking spouses to pass on this year's event. Jimmy next recommended instead of our usual award dinner we have an **Awards Luncheon** to be held at the **Steamboat Restaurant**. Steve offered his home as a possible venue for the luncheon. The committee approved the idea of replacing the dinner with a luncheon this year.

The committee also agreed to the following EVENT TEAM for the **Awards Luncheon**:

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| Venue Organizers: | Jimmy Walsh and Steve Leap |
| Reservations: | Hunt Thompson |
| Master of Ceremonies: | John McCormack |
| Program & Awards: | George Cummings |
| Raffle: | <i>(no raffle will be held)</i> |

It was suggested we consider the following dates for the **Awards Luncheon**:

1. *Tuesday October 27th (after the final round of the Fall Challenge)*
2. *Tuesday November 10th (after the regular round - the 2nd round of the 2021 season)*

Jimmy and Steve agreed to do further research and finalize a recommendation for the **Awards Luncheon**.

(Note: After the meeting, Jimmy spoke with Kim who agreed to work-up several options for having the luncheon at the Steamboat Restaurant. Wayne and Jimmy also recommend we have the event on the November 10th since having it right after the Fall Challenge on the 27th would be too much to deal with and having it later would give the Event Team more time to prepare)

Treasurer's Report (George for Hunt)

We have a significant surplus \$1093.00 in the kitty. George shared Hunt's thoughts on what to do with the surplus. Hunt suggestion is to lower the dues for 2021 from \$20.00 to \$10.00. The committee discussed what to do with the surplus and generally agreed to look into using the surplus to offset or pay for the **Awards Event 2020**.

A motion was made and seconded to lower the 2021 dues to \$10.00. The vote was unanimous to implement this reduction in dues for the coming year but not to make it a permanent reduction.

The committee also approved the suggestion to apply the surplus to the cost of this years **Annual Awards Event**.

Race for the Cups - Qualification Policy Update (George)

George reviewed a recommendation he has to update the policy regarding how members qualify for the **Race for the Cups**. He shared his concern that a player can play the minimum 10 required rounds and earn enough points to win the cup and then stop playing. To avoid this, George recommended players should be required to play "throughout the season." He recommended players be required to qualify for the cup races according to a new enhanced policy:

How to Qualify for the Race for the Cups:

1. *Play a minimum of 10 qualified rounds where at least 1 round is played in EACH calendar quarter of the season (NOV-JAN, FEB-APR, MAY-JUL, AUG-OCT).*

NOTE: Since some players will not be able to play in all four quarters due to travel, injury or other reasons, they can still qualify for the cup races by meeting the following requirement:

2. *Play 20 or more qualified rounds ANYTIME during the season (this is about 25% of the rounds we play).*

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to implement this new policy starting in the 2020-2021 season. The vote was unanimous.

Open items (George)

The following items remain open from earlier meetings and were discussed:

1. Holding a Rules Clinic
2. Addressing Slow Play (a recent complaint was received through the website)

Regarding item #1 the committee decided to table this until the next meeting.

Regarding item #2 the committee asked George to follow up with Dave Brown as to the status of this item and report back to the committee.