

Piankatank Geezer Guys

Steering Committee Minutes – December 13, 2021

Jimmy Walsh - Dave Brown - Hunt Thompson - Billy Small - Steve Leap - Tom Shoemaker - Wayne Schwartz - Mike Reed - George Cummings

Agenda Items/Discussion:

1. Leaf Rule (Wayne) – A “Leaf Rule” to be in effect from October 1st until February 1st was proposed for inclusion in the Bylaws to address those instances when a player is unable to locate his ball in the fairway due to a heavy concentration of dead leaves and would allow the player to drop a ball without penalty within 1 club length of from the estimated spot where the original ball was lost. The rule would only apply to the areas from “tree line” to “tree line” and would require concurrence from at least 1 other player in the group. This proposal was adopted.
2. World Handicap System (Tom) – This system, which was adopted by the USGA in 2020, is designed to unify the existing handicap systems into a single system that will enable golfers of different abilities to play and compete on a fair and equal basis, in any format, on any course. The system is based on a player’s current index ~~amended~~ adjusted by the difference of the tee rating ~~less~~ and par for the course and tee played. This proposal was adopted, and the system will used after January 1, 2022.
3. Statistician (George) – Tom will begin tracking tee assignments and award standings in addition to administering handicaps, and his position will become “Statistician”.
4. Tournament Format (Jimmy) – A proposal was made and discussed to reduce the number of holes played on the second day of our tournaments. The Committee agreed to change the second day’s play from 36 holes to 27: 18 in the morning and 9 after lunch.
5. Photos (George) – Tom has agreed to become the photographer for any group opportunities that arise during our events. Members will be encouraged to take photos of their individual groups.
6. Member Survey/Tournaments (Jimmy) – Jimmy proposed that the War-On-The-Shore Fall Tournament be changed to a spring tournament and has begun investigating lodging and course packages to that end. Changing that tournament would allow a Stay-At-Home Tournament sometime in the fall finishing at Piankatank River GC. The annual awards gathering will be held as an informal lunch similar to the awards luncheon we had this past November and will be held November 1, 2022 after the regular Tuesday round. All members will be invited to attend with lunch on your own.
7. Tiebreakers (Tom) – After some discussion, the committee decided that tiebreakers will go to the higher handicap, or the larger number of rounds played, as appropriate.
8. Slow Play (Group) – Continue to encourage players to keep up with the group ahead of them.
9. Tee Assignments (Steve) – After some discussion, the Committee decided to leave the current tee assignments in place for rounds at Piankatank but allow players to choose their tees at other courses due to the change to the World Handicap System.
10. Payout (Tom) – The Tuesday and Thursday Coordinators will determine the payouts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Reed, Secretary