

Piankatank Geezer Guys

Steering Committee Minutes – June 13, 2023

Dave Brown Hunt Thompson Billy Small Fred Haggerty

George Cummings Tom Shoemaker Mike Reed

Agenda Items/Discussion:

1. Handling Rules Violations (Wayne) – Withdrawn.
2. Steering Committee Email Vote Procedure (Tom) – The Committee decided that the use of email voting will be based on the urgency of the issue and when used will be called for by the Chairman (only).
3. Steering Committee Email Vote Limits (Steve) – Discussed along with Item #2, any item or issue that affects our By-Laws must be presented and voted on at a Committee meeting.
4. Rules Awareness (Dave, George) – In order to increase member knowledge and consistent application of the rules the Committee decided to initiate a “Rule of the Month” notice to highlight and clarify the items discussed in the rules section of our By-Laws.
5. Rules Education (Dave, George) – See #4, above.
6. Gimme Putts With regard to the suggestion that members putt out all putts, the Committee voted to keep the current 18-inch conceded putt rule in effect.
7. Mountain Mayhem The Committee determined that there will be two recognized tournaments each season: the War on the Shore and either the Spring Scramble or the Fall Challenge. Member volunteers may still organize informal tournaments for interested players.
8. Local Fall Tournament (George) – See #7, above.
9. Scramble Rules (Tom) – The Committee decided that the following procedures will be included when playing Captain’s Choice or Alternate Shot formats:

Captain’s Choice – Except on the green, the next ball to be played will be placed within one (1) club length of the spot of the original ball, no closer to the hole, without changing

surfaces. This shall apply in all cases, even if it removes an obstacle from the trajectory of the ball. The next shot (putt) for a ball on the green shall be from as near the original spot as practical.

Alternate Shot – The ball that was just played by Player “A” shall be marked and the ball for the next shot, to be played by Player “B” placed in that spot. Local rules 1, 2, and 3 regarding lift, clean and place, ball in sand bunker, and abnormal conditions may be applied.

In both forms of play, USGA Relief Rules shall apply.

Provisions for applying given strokes (during/after the round) should be clarified by the opponents at the start of the match.

10. Slow Players The Committee decided that rather than adopt a specific policy regarding the placement of reportedly slow players in a lineup, this item should be decided by the round coordinators.
11. Membership Minimum Age (Tom, Wayne) – The committee voted 5 to 2 in favor of not establishing a minimum age requirement for membership in the group.
12. Golf Cart Etiquette There have been instances of players driving their carts very close to the greens. Although these occurrences are not widespread, the Committee feels that the issue should be addressed internally and informally.
13. Tuesday Starting Time (Tom) – The decision to change the tee time in warmer months to 8:00 am was reaffirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Reed, Secretary