

Piankatank Geezer Guys

Steering Committee Minutes – 18 June 2024

Members Present: Dave Brown, Steve Saunders, George Cummings, Billy Small, Hunt Thompson, Fred Haggerty, Tom Shoemaker

Absent: Wayne Schwartz, Mike Reed

Agenda Items / Decisions

1. Change membership policy – At the end of the season, Membership Coordinator will contact members, who have not played during the season to determine if they intend to remain active. *No changes were made. (See Item 2.)*
2. Eliminate Emeritus status and have only two types of members: Active / Inactive. *The Emeritus status will be eliminated. All Active members will pay dues regardless of age.*
3. Players will forfeit prize money if not present to collect at the end of the round. *Round Coordinators had no objection to hold money. Players will not forfeit prize money.*
4. Allow players to have someone pick up prize money if they are not present. *No action required. (See Item 3)*
5. Report on members who have not paid dues. *Of the nine (9) members identified, only two may wish to remain active and need to pay dues. They will be notified. The others are no longer active players.*
6. Fill the Vice-Chair position that will become vacant at the end of the year. *Three candidates were identified and Steve Saunders has agreed to solicit for a volunteer to fill the position.*

PLEASE NOTE: subsequent to the meeting, Coles Buchanan was contacted and has agreed to fill the Vice-Chair position starting November 1, 2024 when Dave Brown steps down as chairman and Steve Saunders moves into the Chairman position.

7. Will a Fall Tournament be held? *It was agreed to hold a local tournament sometime in the fall (FALL CHALLENGE) in the same format as the Spring Scramble. Venues be determined and the Event Team will be the same as the team for the Spring Scramble.*
8. Should we solicit for volunteers to back up Billy and Fred as Round Coordinators, if needed. *Steve Saunders, George Cummings and Tom Shoemaker have agreed to serve as back-ups. However, volunteers are welcome and George agreed to solicit from the membership via email any member who wishes to fill-in for the Coordinators.*
9. Should the GHIN handicap system be considered as a replacement for our current system. *Based upon our reports the GHIN system would only provide the handicap indices. The system we currently use calculates the indices in the same exact manner as the GHIN system. It was agreed to continue with what we have but, that a back-up statistician is needed.*
10. Start all players for the Tuesday Round on No. 1 Tee and not use the modified shotgun start we use. *It was agreed that the last group would finish much later and that it would provide no benefit to the pace of play.*
11. Eliminate the 18” gimmie putts. *The committee agree to keep the “gimmie putt” provision. All players are reminded to mark their putters at 18” from the butt of the grip and to measure all questionable putts to make this rule fair.*

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Shoemaker for Mike Reed