



## **OHGC Golf Club Board Meeting – March 8, 2025**

**Executive Board Members Present:** Mike Guillory, Mary LaForte, Natalie Sentz, Jerry Moskowitz, Darlene Fahey

**Directors Present:** Debbie Machnick, Todd Albiston, Tom Vaccaro, Alan Colson

**Chairpersons Present:** Debbie Machnick, Todd Albiston, Mike Guillory, Annette Guillory, Mark Deutman, Jerry Moskowitz, Tom Vaccaro, Alan Colson, Larry McBride, Natalie Sentz

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mike Guillory at 9:02 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Natalie Sentz moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, and Tom Vaccaro seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary LaForte provided a handout to all Board members, and we currently have \$14,823.03 in the bank. YTD, we have only spent \$836 of the Budget.

**President's Report:** Mike Guillory - Aegis is not going to sponsor TA for the coming year. The current business environment is an unknown and they do not want to commit this year. Amada will continue to be a sponsor for the coming year and their sponsorship money has been received. Without this subsidy it would have been difficult to continue Touring Ams. The prices to play will be going up for our membership. Native Oaks will cost \$80 per player. We will need see how many members will sign up to play for that amount and if we have a hard minimum number to secure the course for the tournament. Oceanside will cost \$65 per player. Our first mixer had to be cancelled because we did not have the Guys and Dolls event due to rainout. Our next mixer will be scheduled for the coming weekend along with Guys and Dolls.

**Old Business:**

**Lake Update:** Bob Fisher – absent, no report

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### **New Business:**

**Club By-laws Changes:** Natalie Sentz proposed changes to the club bylaws to define terms of office for appointed directors in section 4.d. Board of Directors and adding a title to section 4.e. Jerry Moskovitz moved that the proposed changes be presented to the general membership for adoption, Mike Guillory seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mike will get approval for the changes from the OHCC Social Clubs Board before the next OHGC General Membership Meeting.

**Paying Sponsors Dues:** Mike Guillory states Debbie Machnick brought an issue to him requesting to pay the dues for sponsors who are residents, as a show of appreciation for their ongoing support. A discussion determined that it would become too difficult. The Board agreed not to pursue this.

**Volunteer Appreciation Party:** Mike stated he would like to see the club sponsor a Volunteer Appreciation Event at the end of the year. The Board agreed that we would like to further explore this possibility. Lists of volunteers are to be sent to Mike and he will take this information to Terry Chamberlin and Mary La Forte to get an idea of cost and if it is feasible.

**Fling Golf:** Mike Guillory led a discussion about the pros and cons of having Fling Golf incorporated on our course. If Fling is successful, players may want to join the OHGC Golf Club. That could be good for the Golf Club. After much discussion it was recommended that we look at the results of the trial period and save judgment. Also, we should watch for any issues with Fling Golf such as etiquette of the players and pace of play. We should learn as much as we can about Fling Golf and this discussion will be continued.

**Temporary Provisional Handicap Rules while back 9 is closed:** Jerry Moskovitz made a proposal that new members be allowed to establish a new provisional handicap based on 9-hole play. The question is what do we do when we go back to 18-hole play? After discussion, a motion was made by Natalie Sentz that the handicap chair be given the discretion to modify the existing provisional handicap regulations while tournaments are reduced to 9-hole play. When we return to 18-hole play, the conversion of the 9-hole provisional handicap to an 18-hole handicap will be at the

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discretion of the Handicap Chair. The motion was seconded by Tom Vaccaro and the motion was passed.

**Webcam cannot be seen at times on iPhone and iPad:** Mike Guillory stated that Jim Kaminsky has been hearing from some iPhone and iPad users that this is a problem and screen freezing is a problem. This has been noticed by our Board members as well. It does not appear to be a problem with PCs or Androids. After discussion, it was agreed that Jim K should further investigate this and determine if this has occurred due to a recent change to a new vendor or if it is an Apple issue and what the fix might be.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Tom Vaccaro stated we have 542 members after the purge of inactive members. Of that 542 membership, 240 are women and 302 are men. The method of payment of dues at this point was 53% paid by credit card and 47% paid by check. Payment method will transition to more people using credit cards and paying online. There has been very little activity in the past month.

**Women's Golf:** Debbie Machnick stated that women's check-in is back in the Casa. Cards can be dropped off in the Casa to the scoring team beginning around 12:00 - 12:30 pm. We have about 240 women golfers and of those about 80 members sign up for Ladies' weekly golf. Scoring begins around 12:00 – 12:30. Scoring normally finishes up with posting around 3:00. A question is brought to the group by Debbie that if there is a 3-person team and one individual drops out, is it acceptable to give that twosome a blind draw which she has been doing? The tournament chair can make that determination. Encouraging more people to participate should be the goal.

**Men's Golf:** Todd Albiston – We have more people signing up for Monday golf. We have between 132 and 150 players on Mondays. There is a lot of negative feedback on the rotation. There are preferred tee times for the people who work as starters, and those who do all the volunteering. That will continue. Tournament chairs have discretion for assignment of tee times. To further address this issue, there will be a committee selected to facilitate play, improve enjoyment of the round, and accommodate everyone as best we can. There has been a change initiated by Todd in distributing winnings after the tournaments. The captains are now getting the money for their team. We need a space heater for the Casa. Jerry M will volunteer his space heater for temporary use in the Casa. In the future, we can purchase one for the Casa.

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**Touring Amateurs:** Mike and Annette Guillory – We are down to 1 sponsor as mentioned previously. Green fees will not be subsidized, and players will be paying the entire green fee.

**Guys and Dolls:** Mark Deutman – We have 158 members signed up for the next G&D event. Players are encouraged to wear green as it is near St. Patrick's Day. There will be some special fun things like longest drive and closest to the line. During the lake renovation, there will still be G&D events. These will be 9-hole events. In the summer, we can expand the entry number due to longer days. Currently, we cut off entries at 160 golfers. Mark and Teresa will be away the month of May.

**Special Tournaments:** We still have no volunteer chair.

Fairwinds is our sponsor for the end of June. Compass and Merrill Lynch have not yet committed to sponsorship and hopefully O'Connell will continue to be a sponsor.

**Golf Course Committee:** Jerry Moskovitz reports that Mark Deutman has resigned as Chair of the Golf Committee. This was due to the Master Board completely ignoring the recommendation of the Golf Committee regarding Fling Golf. Other members are considering whether the Golf Committee should continue and/or if some members will decide to resign. The Master Board appointed two new members to the Golf Committee as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Those members are Jerry Birkes and Natalie Sentz. The bad grass patches are starting to appear on some of the greens. Our golf course superintendent is addressing the situation. He has also proposed the re-establishment of a turf nursery to the left of the 15<sup>th</sup> tee. That proposal is being considered. Currently they are taking patches out of the pitching green to repair these areas. The tree to the left of the ladies' tee on #12 is being left alone. The arborist states it will eventually die of old age and there is nothing to be done for it at this point. The golf course superintendent also submitted proposals to the Golf Committee to put French drains in behind the 7<sup>th</sup> tee, across the bottom of the hill on the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway and in front of the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. This will require funding from the HOA so we will await their decision. The rolling of the greens is in the process of being adjusted.

**Tournament Rules:** Natalie Sentz states she has had questions regarding the Q&A Rules and if those rules are followed and they take extra time does one still need to keep up with the group in front of them? The answer is yes, of course. The recent rule sent out concerned a ball hitting the concrete ditch next to the 7<sup>th</sup> hole. If the ball rolls clear to the bottom to the ditch what is our option? We are used to getting a free drop from the ditch.

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Natalie recommends that we state the player gets a free drop from where the ball comes to rest no closer to the hole. We will continue with that recommendation as stated in the most recent Q&A. Mark D asked if we see a person improving their lie in tournament play, what should we do? They are “bumping” the ball to improve the lie. The team captains need to know this is illegal and perhaps give them a date at which time this becomes a disqualification for the team. Natalie will address this in the next Q&A. It needs to be announced in the General Meeting and reminding the membership frequently.

**Computer Operations:** Alan Colson – no report

**Hole-in-One:** Larry McBride states the reporting is going well. Everything is driven off the scorecards. If a hole-in-one occurs, it goes into the box and the scorecard is returned to the individual at the General Meeting.

**Hospitality:** Mike announced that Sharon and Kevin have resigned, and Terry Chamberlin will be taking their place. They will be missed, and Terry will do a great job as well.

**Sunshine:** Darlene announced for Sue Bourland that a card had been sent to Elizabeth Westwater and that is the only card she has been requested to send recently.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:00 a.m.

### **Action Items:**

- A committee to be selected to discuss M/T Tournaments and the establishment of some rotation guidelines. Mike G to head up this committee.
- Take the proposed change to the By-Laws to the Social Committee for future incorporation into the OHGC By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Fahey, Secretary