

January 7, 2025, RGC Board Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 6:30

The December Meeting Minutes have been approved and posted

Present: Ron Floyd, Paul Wilson, Tim Turnquist, Steve Hendrickson, Scott Herman, Jesse Sierra, Harry Wharff, Ken Lyon, Jose Salcedo, Tom McElhatton, Rick Carter, Dan McCullough

Absent: John Wharff, David Bills

President's Message: David thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the new year rolling. The Budget Committee met and the audit will be prepared by Jeff Blackmon in the near future.

VP Message: John was absent. John is working on the Newsletter and it should be ready soon.

Tournament Director: Jesse has the 2025 schedule out and the Tournament Guide is also ready to be posted. The Eclectic has been modified to make the highest handicap an 18. This was decided upon by the Tournament Committee and Jesse let the Board know of the decision. This has been stated in the Tournament Guide as well. 68 members are signed up with 5 on a waiting list for the Captain and Crew. There were no more times available. Jesse has already reserved 100 spots for the Super Bowl tournament. It has been harder to add times because DO uses Golf Now to fill many of those spots. Jesse urges members to not wait until the deadline to sign up because more and more new members are playing-members and our tournaments are growing in size.

Tournament Bookkeeper Report: Harry has the accounts updated and all money from 2024 has been paid out with the exception of the last skins payouts. Moving forward, skins payouts will be available, and if they are not collected after 6 months, the money will return to the skins purse. Harry receives a sheet from DO after each tournament showing who received script after a tournament payout so this provides Harry a system of "checks and balances". Harry brought up the 3.5% charge for using credit/debit cards the club pays for away tournaments. Alternatives like paying by check are being explored.

Treasurer's Report: Jose shared the amounts of the accounts. He will have his spreadsheet ready for the upcoming audit. He will check on the most recent bill of the NCGA.

Secretary's Report: The 2025 RGC membership sits at 176 members as 17 new members have joined this year. 53 members have not renewed yet from last year and 13 of those were new to the club last year. These numbers are consistent with the last couple of years. Three reminder emails went out between Thanksgiving and the New Year. All non-renewals have been lapsed. All new and renewing members have received a welcome letter that includes information about tournaments and how to properly sign up. The Shadow Box is updated and Major Winners sheets are in the process of being created.

Webmaster's Report: Tim has the 2025 local rules, the end of season winners, the tournament guide information, and the schedule all updated online. He will create the RGC2025 group email soon.

Rule's Chairperson's Report: Ken has the local rules all ready to go. One local rule to consider is the lost ball rule where an individual can drop a ball into the fairway for a two-stroke penalty. This could be incorporated for away events as well. The purpose is to improve the speed of play. For now, this is only being considered.

Handicapper's Report: Rick has the handicaps updated and there are no new changes to the World Handicap System.

Correspondence:

- Seven members responded that they will not renew their membership. There were a variety of reasons provided from moving, aging/injury, lack of use.
- A website designer offered assistance for our website and the reply was that we did not need help at this time.
- An interest in advertising on Facebook was brought up. The cost is \$75 for a month and it would be paid for through the General Fund. The Board agreed to try it for a month.

Old Business:

- Tim and Scott will begin work on cleaning up the by-laws in preparation for the April Open meeting.
- The Perpetual trophies need to be updated.
- The secretary will send a letter to the Wade Cable family recognizing the most recent winner of the award. Ron has recognized Jesse for his hard work.
- Harry and Jose are in the process of managing all money by one person (Treasurer). This transition will take a while. Two accounts are managed, the tournament fees and the membership fees. The tournament bookkeeper would eventually be eliminated and Harry would instead serve as an assistant to the treasurer. Funds are handled electronically now, so there is less of a need for two people to handle the funds. A change to the by-laws would be necessary. More information will be available by the April Open meeting.

New Business:

- The President identified the different committees and chairpersons. Each chairperson assembled their members.
 - Rules Committee: **Ken Lyon**, Harry Wharff, Dan McCollough
 - Tournament Committee: **Jesse Sierra**, Harry Wharff, Rick Carter, Bryan Lange, Steve Hiatt, Steve Hendrickson
 - Entertainment Committee: **John Wharff**, Ron Floyd, Steve Hendrickson

- Budget Committee: **David Bills**, Jose Salcedo, Ron Floyd
- Election Committee: **Tim Turnquist**, Tom McElhatton, Steve Henderson
- Handicap Committee: **Rick Carter**, Jesse Sierra, Harry Wharff, Ken Lyon
- By-Laws Committee: **Scott Herman**, Tim Turnquist, David Bills
- Membership Committee: **Paul Wilson**, Tom McElhatton, Jose Salcedo, John Wharff

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55