

## January 13, 2026, RGC Meeting Minutes

**Called to Order:** 6:30

*The December Meeting Minutes have been approved and posted*

**Present:** Michael Rossiter, Jose Salcedo, Paul Wilson, John Wharff, Dan McCullough, Harry Wharff, Yianni Lenakakis, Jim Espinoza, Steve Hendrickson, Scott Herman

**Absent:** David Bills, Tom McElhatton, Tim Turnquist, Ron Floyd

**President's Message:** John welcomed everyone for being on the board. He introduced the Committees.

**VP Message:** Tom was absent. The January Newsletter went out to all members.

**Tournament Director:** Harry stated 57 players in the Captain and Crew. Nine players withdrew at the last minute, so he had to re-shuffle the teams. All results were shared via the member's portal on Golf Genius. There are 22 confirmed players for the 4-Ball so far.

**Tournament Bookkeeper and Treasurer's Report:** Jose will pay out the winners of the Captain and Crew tournament by Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The budget committee met last week and finalized a budget for the coming year. Fees were not increased this year but will likely need to be raised next year to cover the rising costs of the NCGA and the Golf Genius fees.

**Secretary's Report:** Our membership is ahead of the last five years at this time. We have 188 members and 53 have not renewed from last year. A healthy total of 31 members is either new or returning after taking last year off. The higher numbers in membership may be a result of the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline and price change. 33 members have signed up after the deadline, so that is \$330 going towards the purchase of Golf Genius. All lapsed memberships have been removed from MP so that the club is not erroneously charged. The Captain and Crew results have been posted in the shadowbox which has been updated with the latest schedule of upcoming events. The membership committee will look into alternative ways to advertise out into the community to increase the membership.

**Webmaster's Report:** Tim was absent and had no report.

**Rule's Chairperson's Report:** Dan and Steve are working on a local membership flyer that may get laminated and be handed out to all members so that they can keep the flyer in the golf bag and reference the flyer as needed. The goal is to have the flyer ready to be handed out at the Super Bowl tournament.

**Handicapper's Report:** Mike has all of the handicaps updated.

**Correspondence:**

- A member inquired about the payouts for the Annual Eclectic tournament. He was under the impression that the field would be divided in half and both gross and net awards would be presented to both flights at the end of the year.
  - **The Response: 35% of the field was paid in both gross and net. There was no fair way to divide the 42 members into two equal flights, so the gross was paid to the A Flight and the net was paid to the B Flight.**
- A member emailed in regards to the Annual Eclectic and the one-year trial of a maximum strokes of 18 (getting rid of double pops) for the net scores. He believes the change failed to bring more participation to the event. He also pointed out that nobody with a handicap above 18 finished in the money. He shared that members said they would not enter in 2026 because of the unfairness of the change. Some alternatives to the tournament were provided:
  - Use 90% of handicaps or even 80%. This would reduce ALL members and not just the high handicap members.
  - Advertise the Annual Eclectic in the January newsletter explaining all about the Annual Eclectic.
  - Provide information at the scoring table and ask players if they wanted to join as they submit scorecards after their rounds.
    - **The Response: The one-year trial will be extended to a full-year because it was not given an entire year to view the results. The numbers showed that more players signed up last year compared to the previous year.**

#### **Old Business:**

- Jose is still working on the Hole in One progressive prize.
- Harry will have all trophies completed and returned next week.
- The First Tee Association Local Youth Scholarship Awards have been advertised and donations are still being accepted.
- A proposal was made to re-work the Tournament of Champions to better recognize the overall Gross and Net winner. The following ideas were brainstormed: making the tournament a separate two-day tournament where the low gross and low net would be crowned; bringing back the player of the year points; recognizing the gross and net winner with a special prize like a hat, shirt, or club headcover; changing the season to start in October and culminate at the Invitational tournament so that these champions could be recognized at the Invitational. The tournament committee will discuss and provide a proposal

### **New Business:**

- A total of 100 Rules cards were approved to be created and purchased in preparation to be handed out at the Super Bowl tournament.
- Committees were organized for 2026
  - Membership committee – **Paul**, Jose, Yianni, Jim
  - Entertainment – **Tom**, Scott, John
  - By-laws – **Scott**, Steve, Tim
  - Handicap – **Michael**, Harry, Jim
  - Tournament – **Harry**, Jesse, Steve Hiett, Bryan Lange, Yianni
  - Budget – **Jose**, Harry, John, David
  - Audit – **Jose**, Harry, Jeff Blackmon, John
  - Election – **Tim**, Tom, Dan
  - Rules – **Dan**, Steve, Jim

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:45**