Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club

October 20, 2026

Attending: Davis, Aguilar, Borkowski, Battin, Kennedy, Cocozza, Gimbi*, Hirsch, Whittaker, and Cunningham. (Costello & Jones on vacation)

Meeting called to order 9:00am by President Davis

Golf Operations, Tom McCray: Course 2 Hole 9 is complete. Tree (pruning) and Course 2 greenside bunker work will start during aeration in April 2027. People are taking too many score cards and pencils.

Key Topics: Sunday November 1 @ 5:00 to 8:00 Ken Reinach celebration of life memorial.
For next year we will be designate complete Regular Wednesdays available as inclement weather dates. Date conflicts with OCSTP are being rescheduled.
Pending new 2027 Board Member Mark Cunningham attended our meeting.

Secretary Peter Battin: At the GMM I will explain that we have 1 vacancy on the board and 1 applicant and no petitions for the seat so by a show of hands Mark Cunningham will be elected to the board. Board was asked about Jeff returning as President and the nomination passed unanimously.

Treasurer Borkowski: In an effort to return more of the dues to the members we will try to keep our "profit" on tournaments to 10% s and increase prize payouts when available. Flight cup increase by stripe fee was an error by Golf Genius and it's been remedied. $22,000 currently in the bank. Treasurer does not feel entry fees need to be increased at this time. 2027 Room rentals fees have been paid for next year.

Membership / Retention / OCSTP – Joe Cocozza: membership is 377, 41 new members and 47 non-renewals YTD. Possibly a 1-page sheet or card listing should be created for all members (w/ digital copy on our phones) listing all the activities and events that members can participate in. 2027 OCSTP captains will be Joe Cocozza, Dave Bienek, and Kerry Wells.

Rules, GAG and CAC update: Boudreau will remain as our CAC representative and joined by Costello and Davis as required.

* Attended meeting by phone.

Major Events / Team Scramble / HIO – Ray Aguilar: Golf Genius software can't apply a graduated handicap needed to accommodate a shamble event. Shamble events will be removed from 2027 competitions (voted unanimously).
President Davis praised Cory Whittaker with his coming up to speed, communication and responsibilities. 103 total members enrolled in our Club Championship (15 blue, 45 White, 15 Green and 27 Super Seniors). Changing the criteria for the flights to make the numbers more equal is being investigated. There is an increase of 10% participation over last year
Village Cup captains wanted to go back to the original configuration with big betting.
Team Scramble participation is up to 48 players, HIO has 104 participants with 2 winners so far.
Better communication on verifying the HIO. Verification forms at the pro shop.

Flight Cup Series Report – Kevin Kennedy: Payouts and standings are up to date. Final Championship dates are scheduled. 2027 will change to top 16 to qualify for the Championship and members January index will be adjusted to re-balance the Flights. Nicklaus (0 to 14.8), Woods (14.9 to 21.8) and Hogan (21.9 to 54)

RWP (Regular Wednesday Play) – David "Woody" Jones: All good. Participation is averaging from 88 to 108.

Sponsorship Gimbi: Diana Dillman will to at the October General Membership Meeting. Medicare signup is now, a perfect time for her to present to our members. All board members were given a template letter showing why businesses should sponsor and advertise in the 2027 membership manual. Small increase to help offset manual printing costs.

Special Events "Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon" – Arthur Hirsch: Custom Beach Bags for women and Koozies and Ball markers for men. Event is November 7 Clubhouse 2 Patio from 11:30-3:00. ~46 attendees are expected. ~~Saxophonist~~ was cancelled due to costs (voted on by Board)

2027 Presidents Ball is in the creation process and is scheduled to launch the first week of November. Arthur, Ray, Ron Kula and Janey make up our Presidents Ball committee. The theme will be of a winter wonderland. Stone Soul has been contracted to play the event. This year's Presidents does not conflict with the NCAA football championship game. was played on the same night. Increasing awareness of our events were discussed with ads on TV6, article in the Globe and asking Andy Thuney mention it in his Fairways & Greens column. Posters and table top displays will also be used to promote the event. All residents / clubs are welcome to attend the event.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Battin Secretary