

HICKORY RIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2018

PRESENT: Karen Berlew, Dona Hazen, Larry Powers, John True, & Deb Wood

GUEST: Sean Brooks (Hickory Ridge General Manager in Training)

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 23, 2018 board meeting have been approved and posted on the HRGA web page.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER & DISCUSSION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The board officially welcomed John True as a board member. Some of the suggested responsibilities for this position include:

- Serving as contact person for handicaps and rules
- Assisting in collection of money for tournaments
- Communicating with new members
- Setting the tees for tournaments (unless potential new course superintendent can train mowers to do that)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deb reported a balance of \$838.80.

John asked Deb for examples of what the Association pays for, and Deb provided that information.

Dona asked why the Association pays for paint to mark the course. Seems like it should be a purchase funded by the Club. Sean will investigate.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM 2018

- Mini-memberships at HR (i.e. offering 10 rounds for \$200) – Sean will look into this.
- List from HR of members for upcoming year (so that the Association can contact them regarding joining the Association) – Sean will get that list to Dona.
- List from HR of employees who are given a free HR membership so that the Association can contact them regarding joining the Association – Sean will get that list to Dona.

- Input to HR for scorecard revision – Deb solicited comments and will give that information to Sean. Sean will discuss the card revisions with Cindy.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Draft tournament schedule was discussed, and a copy was given to Sean. The membership was canvassed to discuss the possibility of combining the Senior Club Championship with the Club Championship. Comments were 50/50. The motion was made by John to not combine the tournaments and continue to hold them as we have in the past. Dona seconded this motion. Dona will prepare a revision and distribute a second draft for comments.

Once revised, the final draft tournament schedule will be given to Sean around the end of January/early February.

MAILINGS

Cover letter, application, and tournament schedule were mailed to the membership this year the second week of March. Same timeframe will be followed next year. John suggested adding to the cover letter that the new rule books will be available in the Pro Shop. Dona will prepare drafts of each document and distribute for comments.

LOCAL RULES

Minor changes are needed to the Local Rules. The draft revision was reviewed. Dona will finalize the rules and distribute to the Board.

NEW RULES OF GOLF

Larry and Sean each ordered copies of the “USGA Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf – January 2019”. Copies were given to each Board Member. Copies will also be kept in the Pro Shop to be distributed to members when requested.

PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS

It has been an ongoing process to try to increase participation in HRGA tournaments and socialization after tournaments. Some of the suggestions discussed were:

- Free drink coupon (well drinks, beer or wine) to all participants
- Provide hors d’oeuvres (raise tournament price to \$10 to cover this)

- Post scores on TV's in bar area using the USGA Tournament Management App
- Hold a 9-hole tournament
- Hold an early Spring get-together at HR with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar. Invite HRGA members, HR members and leagues. Request an RSVP.

PERKS FOR MEMBERS

The suggestion was made that HR provide perks to members, such as free golf round coupons so members can invite non-members to play the course. This was done in the past.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th, beginning at 5:00pm at Deb's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dona Hazen, Secretary