

**The scheduled meeting of the Fernandina Beach Men's Golf Association was called to order at 6pm on April 2, 2025 by President John Rudd.**

All board members, as well as 35 members were present. Three guest speakers Scott Michelson, Jeffery Biggers, Scott Womble were present

**Previous Meeting Minutes** were approved and seconded

### **Financial Report**

Current budget status was presented by the treasurer with the following details:

- The FBMGA is positive \$1000.00 YTD. Current balance ~\$19,000.00
- The Board will continue to contribute \$1,000.00 /quarter to tournament payouts and \$200.00 /quarter to Mixer shootouts.

### **Memorial Wall Update**

- Seven names were etched into the memorial wall covering the past two years.
- A memorial service is being planed with notifications to family members and the City

### **Tournament Update:**

The next three scheduled tournaments are

April 19th Cha Cha Cha

May 17th two man scramble

June 14th Fathers day tournament

### **Friends of Fernandina Beach Golf Course Update:**

- 40 Bluebird Boxes have been installed on the three courses. More to Come.
- Future Projects:
- Cleaning the range (Week 3 of April) volunteers needed
- Redo of the three bathrooms on the course (Week 3 of May) volunteers needed

### **Parks and Recreation update (Scott Michelson, Jeffery Biggers GM)**

This was wide ranging discussion. Summarized below are the relevant points:

- Parks and Recreation now have management responsibility for the Golf Course
- The Golf Course Advisory Board has been eliminated. Golf course related matters will now be relayed to the City Commissioners through the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Driving Range Update:
- Top Tracer Contract cancellation notice sent to vendor
- Netting will be installed (by May 1st) assuming that the new driving range pads are installed, the debris on the range is cleared and the range is leveled. The GM is planning a grand reopening.

Drainage is still a problem

- GM is Looking to purchase a ball machine to locate at the range.
- Well Update:
- GM has contracted with local well digger to determine the viability of the well on the North Course to back up the main well. Ronnie Boatright asked "Why they aren't using the working well on the South Course?". They were not aware there was a well. The GM will further investigate.

- Six month memberships.

The GM has no intention to offer six month memberships.

- Golf Course Re Rating. This was completed with very little change from last rating. New cards available by April 10th. GHIN has been changed.

- Practice Area. The entire area needs to be redesigned and redeveloped.

- Current T Boxes need to be redone. They are crowned and have been compacted and overused,

- Drainage on the west course is still an issue. The course is unplayable after moderate or heavy rain.

- Poa annua is a problem.

### **Larry Brauda Scholarship Fund**

The MGA has an established scholarship fund that will be used as the basis for an enduring Larry Brauda Scholarship. This is being driven by John Rudd who has asked that donations in the form of checks. In the future other methods may be used to replenish the scholarship fund.

Larry also wanted to have a club donation program established to benefit junior golfers. If you have clubs to donate please give them to John Rudd.

Scott Womble (Lifetime PGA member and teacher) was introduced. He reviewed his background and will be available for lessons. Business cards available in the Golf Shop.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Dinner followed with great meal prepared by Food and Beverage Staff,

Submitted by Mike Kelly