

2017 Winter Summit and Its Future

INTRODUCTION

1. The Winter Summit for 2017 was held on or about November 24, 2017 at the Fieldhouse Bar & Grill located at 1200 W. Main St. in Peoria IL.
2. The Winter Summit was held in closed session due to the sensitive nature of certain subjects discussed. Only the Majors tournament directors were in attendance. Majors legal counsel also was in attendance.
3. The decision to hold the Winter Summit in closed session was made by the President. The decision was unanimously supported by the remainder of the MEC.

ITEMS VISITED

4. Tee cost. It was proposed that some amount of funding be diverted from the Mike Miller Auto Park fund to help cover the cost of procuring what has become the traditional handing out of tournament tees. TST was appreciative of the idea and all agreed to think about it later. ITEM TO BE REVISITED.
5. Majors Hall of Fame. It was proposed that a Majors Hall of Fame be erected and filled with deserving inductees. Nobody seemed to know what the criteria for entry should be. Though all agreed Big Dan should be in. Even so, “too self-serving” was one comment that rang solidly. ITEM TO BE REVISITED.
 - 5a. Dead To Me voting. LUF was briefed on the structure, meaning and ramifications of Dead To Me balloting. In The Tunnel, Permadead, Vote of Resurrection, and Binding vs. Non-binding DTM votes were explained. The President suggested that 2017 DTM voting would occur in a “virtual” manner. It was also suggested that a player who found himself Permadead would be subject to an immediate Vote of Resurrection due to the apocalyptic nature of the Permadead status (website cleansed, trophies remade for example). Shockingly, no one agreed. ITEM RESOLVED.
 - 5b. Provision for a full and open 2017 Winter Summit. It was proposed that a full and open Winter Summit be conducted at some date subsequent to this meeting via conference call. All agreed conference calls are cumbersome and confusing for all but the simplest of tasks. So... no. ITEM RESOLVED.
 - 5c. Legal Counsel retainer fee. It was proposed by legal counsel that legal counsel retain a fee for legal counseling rendered. The proposal was overwhelmingly rejected. Though it was agreed by some to revisit the subject in the future should bigly legal counsel be required. ITEM TO BE REVISITED.
6. Majors Advertisement in the ISC Newsletter. It was proposed that the Majors place an ad for the Majors in the ISC Newsletter. No one had any ideas what it should say or why it would be done. LUF suggested that the ISC should be the one advertising on The Majors website. (At this point, NBC News declared LUF the next President of The Majors). ITEM TO BE REVISITED.
7. LUF was officially welcomed to the Majors Master Executive Council as Director of The Mondo at Royal Madison. Why it took to item 7 for this to happen may or may not be an obvious question. LUF said “thanks”. ITEM RESOLVED.
8. Presidential aside. The President assured the group that former Mondo director PVT had declared an “I so name” in reference to LUF as new Mondo director vis a vis PVT’s definitive autonomy with respect to all things Mondo. Legal counsel confirmed the “I so name” assurance. Legal counsel was reminded that PVT had resigned as Mondo director prior to naming a successor therefore rendering the “I so name” requirement obsolete. Counsel agreed exhaling a hearty “ahaaaa...”. Plus pointing. Item 5c’s no retainer decision confirmed. ITEM RESOLVED.

9. The future of The Mondo. LUF made a non-binding pledge to leave the Mondo materially unaltered for the 2018 tournament. He cited homage to Peeps, the existing general high grade nature of the contest and his desire to assimilate conscientiously. ITEM RESOLVED.

10. Ultima Test IV. DF was remanded for a successful UT4 campaign via Venmo. ITEM RESOLVED.

11. Ultima Test V. The format of the UT5 will be determined by the next POTM. Sometime after the first of the year was the hazy timeframe everyone who was paying attention agreed to. ITEM RESOLVED.

12. The next President of The Majors (POTM). LUF was offered and accepted the job of President of The Majors. His term will begin on January 1, 2018 and run to December 31, 2019. The rotational order of President as spelled out in the Constitution remains unaltered. ITEM RESOLVED.

13. Presidential Responsibilities. (Heretofore known as 2017 Minutes Item 13.) LUF was made aware of the specific responsibilities expected of the President to include: The Five Year Plan (*CLASSIFIED*), MMAP Cup purse payouts, Erlenmeyer Flask organization, Ultima Test design, Annual State of The Majors Address. Other specific items are sure to need commentary and direction from the President as they arise. General guidance and reassurance are always welcome. ITEM RESOLVED.

14. Constitutional impact. Two constitutional amendments were proposed. One to provide for an amendment process as the Constitution as written does not have one. Counsel advised that the correct vehicle for creating an amendment process was through legislative action. The President agreed. The second proposal was for an amendment dealing with presidential orders or maybe it was Executive Orders. The President assured all that he would take care of it. ITEM RESOLVED UNLESS IT ISN'T.

15. 2018 Schedule of Tournaments. The Dick's Hatband Board of Directors happily vowed to create a new traditional set of dates to accommodate the schedule of the new Mondo director. Either in late July or mid to late August. The Mondo at Royal Madison date was set by LUF for June 29. The UFC will return to the desert southwest (not necessarily Tucson) in mid April. The Hoo Hoo Shoot and Tournament Championship will remain in its early to mid October timeframe. ITEMS RESOLVED.

16. Country Club of Peoria. It was proposed that CCP be used as the final round of the HHS if and when and whenever it is made available again. All agreed on the fantasticalness of the venue and its suitability to match play. ITEM RESOLVED.

17. Majors Sponsors. A review of current sponsors was conducted. We will attempt to retain all current sponsors for 2018 at or above their current rates. Future potential sponsors were discussed including Andy Miller Realty Empire, Doed's Tax Serviceworld, and the ISC. (Name redacted) suggested CASA might make a good sponsor. A few eagerly agreed before red faces and nervous coughing ensued. ITEM CONTINUOUSLY UNDER REVIEW.

18. Items discussed at this point in the meeting are classified and of a sensitive nature and no minutes were recorded or available. This period lasted approximately seven minutes before proceeding to item 19.

19. 2018 season-long cup naming rights. After proposal, it was agreed that Mike Miller Auto Park would again retain naming rights to the 2018 cup. No provision was made to make the rights biddable or sellable. It was decided that The Majors holds all of its sponsors in the utmost esteem and would continue to do so. ITEM RESOLVED.

20. Individual tournament naming rights. No real proposal was made in that each tournament director has complete autonomy over his tournament. However, The Red Carpet Car Wash Unfrozen Caveman and The Dick's Hatband brought to you by The Masters were two ideas floated. ITEM TO BE REVISITED.

21. STL reimbursement. W procured the necessary funding to advise the group that STL would be made whole at least monetarily for the damage inflicted at the CCP smorgasbord. ITEM RESOLVED.

22. New participants. None were named by name. All agreed correctly that it was up to the individual tournament director. LUF may have some interesting invitees for the Mondo. ITEM RESOLVED.

23. Use of Venmo. It was proposed that the Majors go all-Venmo. As a phase-in to that potential future concept, it was agreed that all non-Major Tournament transactions would occur via Venmo. So, for example, 2018 UFC is non-Venmo where the 2018 EMF would be totes-Venmo. HHS? non-Venmo. MMAPC? Venmo. UT5 also Venmo. ITEM RESOLVED.

FINAL NOTE

24. The 2017 Winter Summit concluded after a period of approximately 90 minutes including item 18. The tone was generally congenial and the outlook is optimistic. Historians and scholars will look upon and consider this day a successful day in the history of The Majors.