

# 2018 Winter Summit and Its Future

## INTRODUCTION

1. The Winter Summit for 2018 was held on or about January 14, 2019 in the basement of Loofy Soprano's money laundering establishment on Sheridan.

2. The Winter Summit was held in open session due to the non-sensitive nature of all subjects discussed. Attending: Majors President LUF, Directors W and TST, former Director PVT, 2018 Player of the Year DOED and MEL from Suzanne Miller Realty Empire. Majors legal counsel was not in attendance. Director BT3, WAR, TBK and BDD joined by cumbersome conference call.

3. The decision to hold the Winter Summit in open session was made by the President. The decision was unanimously supported by the remainder of the MEC.

3a. Snackage was provided. Items included pretzels (non-rod), Doritos, Lemonade, Titos, Tanqueray and other assorted hors-doeurvey odds and ends. Nobody got hammered. It was businesslike.

## ITEMS VISITED

4. Airing of Grievances. Occurred prior to the late arrival of the default minutes taker who was detained by an impromptu stop at Friar Tucks. For the record, the said minutes taker did partake in one or two Coors Lites procured from the aforementioned acquisitional site. This was discussed: something about somebody who didn't get told he had an email until too late or something.

5. UFC. Much ado was made as to the dates for the 2019 event as an apparently satisfactory substitute for the annual condemning of the UFC's arbitrary and random structure. As such, there was much back and forth with regard to what dates were good, were bad and didn't matter. TBK announced "STORMS!". Doed reminded us that prior to April 15 was bad on account a taxes. TST said Masters week was bad. MEL politely said early May was no good for him but humbly suggested we were not to base any decision on that information. WAR (who couldn't physically make it to the Summit) said he couldn't physically make it to any UFC in early May. He stopped far short of adding any statement of humbleness. The dates were narrowed down to late March and early May at which point April 23-27 was chosen. Point "5. UFC". Took 32 minutes total.

5a. MONDO. Loof quickly nailed down the date: June 7. Plenty of time until the DHB. Plenty of time to study how to keep score. A fleeting notion was put forth as to whether the Mondo at Royal Madison should be moved to another venue. As expected, Madison received a tremendous vote of confidence by those in attendance. W suggested Weaver then quickly recanted pointing out that the sprint from 11 green to 12 tee might be life threatening. One problem arose regarding keeping score. Loofy S. said he would "take care of it". Not sure what that meant.

5b. DHB. TST and W happily reestablished their agreement to exchange tee-time getting duties for a no-Den at Fox Creek policy. LUF also said Round 2 at Mt. Hawley CC on August 9th was "done" with an accompanying fist pound. Venues will remain as in 2018 - Met Fields, MHCC, Pine and Weaver. The dates (until we find out there is wine tasting at Maynard's on August 10th) will be August 8-11 with the Champions Dinner at the Lariat Club on Wednesday night August 7th. DHB title holders only plus POTM invited. No spice. Jacket required, tie recommended. W set the tone. The director's latest attempt at setting a EYWE (every year weekend) for the DHB was spoilt by Peabody Coal this time.

5c. HHS. Straightforward. October. Good for players. Good for donuts. Good for Sunday at Peoria Country Club - Stan permitting. The short discussion of moving it all to September was stricken from the record. October 5-6 seemed to be the frontrunner weekend. Get ready for that. If you plan on winning the 2019 MMAP Cup, reserve that weekend now. It might change of course.

6. Astronaut Jones Cup. BT3 was eager to captain the upcoming AJC until he was reminded that he just did it. "I just did it?" he asked in a flabbergasted tone. Yes, you just did it. Nobody faulted his Selective Memory Syndrome after the "Bludgeoning of '17". So then it was noted that captains are generally selected based on who are typically 'davenport lovers' or something to that effect. PVT-DIL, TW5-BDD, LPT-DEN for example. Given the most likely rosters, a rematch of the 2013 DOED vs W at Eagle Ridge seemed obvious and appropriate. It was made so. Side note: TW5 may or may not make the drive up to play for Team USA. Impending babydom makes a full UFC for him unlikely. But an AJC only appearance is legal. The Supreme Court set the precedent in Willard vs. Peoria.

7. Erlenmeyer Flask. There will only be three EMF's max in the 2019 AJ Cup year. It was agreed that a "Flask Reset" would occur upon any team singly setting an EMF record of -21 or better. After which the Flask would be emptied and the next EMF contest would be held as if it were the first one ever. In accordance with the EMF rules. Would the next automatic reset be set at -22? Not sure.

8. Majors Sponsors. Reliable Carpet, Thyme, and The Lairat will continue their sponsorships unchanged. Red Carpet increased its sponsorship generously. Mike Miller Auto Park also generously increased its sponsorship and retained 2019 naming rights to the Tour Championship Cup. Some discussion as to perhaps some unrealistic expectations of vehicle appropriation were addressed and concluded in a satisfactory manner. Also, The Suzanne Miller Team's sponsorship will continue in 2019 (payment of sponsorship dollars were actually made in 2018). Two new sponsors came on board - Doed Knows Taxes and Connor Company. The Majors reiterated its humbleness and appreciation to all of its sponsors old and new. Webmaster Lex has his hands full getting the website up to date with all these very great and good outfits. In addition, the 2019 Five Year Plan (the existence of which is unclassified, the contents of which are classified) needs serious adjustment. LUF will make the 2019 MMAP Cup payout based on the new 5YP.

9. Frequenting of Non-Sponsor Establishments. Is it ethical to go to a non-sponsor establishment when a sponsored establishment providing mostly the same service is available? For example, is it ethical to take your car to True Blue when Red Carpet is our sponsor. How about The Bistro vs. The Lariat or Peacock's vs. Cayenne? No one seemed to have a good answer. One solution was to make Peacock's a sponsor. WAR said he was on it. A case can be made for having an Official Dry Rub Wing of the Majors. And next time you build a stadium, better not see any non-Connor Co plumbing. On a related note, the DHB may change from Thyme to one of the other Spice restaurants for the Nite formerly known as the Big Thick Juicy Steak Nite after round three of the Hatband.

10. Ace Fund. Sits at \$63. History shows, an ace is due in 2019.

11. Ultima Test 6 or UTVI if you prefer. No meaningful changes from 2018 with the exception of the addition of The Players Championship in March. Look for a February draft. Maybe the 12th or the 19th. Nobody knows their schedule yet for that.

12. Dead To Me Voting. Ballots were copied (Loof left the meeting temporarily to use the mimeograph machine) and distributed to those in attendance. Filled out and handed in. BT3 promised to make the forms available to all others via email. Lets see what happens. Your first clue you are Permadead is your expungement from the website and all records. Plus lack of invites.

13. Richwoods vs. Central Game of Scrub. Scholars believe this was proposed shortly after MGY claimed he could strike out somebody (WAR? BT3?) left-handed. The game proposal went over like a lead balloon which was very heavy. However, excavators have discovered writings that seem to suggest pondering of rules for such a contest to include pitchers-hand and right field out. So maybe it isn't as dead as it appears.

14. LUF as a role model. Nobody knew what that meant. But all agreed Loof read the bullet point well.

15. Official World Golf Ranking. No complaints.

16. Rules unduly benefitting high handicappers? Perhaps, but there were no low handicappers in attendance to argue the point. TST said he felt especially unfit to make the case.

17. Private club charges. An agreement to take attendance at such occurrences and divide up the bill. Not a perfect solution but it is a start to ending the injustice.

18. Majors stance on border control especially women. Perennial no-voter PVT set the tone by inviting CC to the Mondo those couple of times. This toothpaste will remain outside the tube it seems.

As we speak MEL and no doubt others are grooming their young she-golfers for the inevitable hostile takeover.

19. “Personal events scheduled one minute after the Majors round ends must be addressed”. Yes, it must be and the fact that it must be was seconded. What’s the deal, just make the time, come on.

20. POY and ROY announcements. Traditional announcement dates of Nov 30, Dec 1 moved to Election day. Extra excitement and suspense right?

21. Items from the floor... Speed of play. WAR’s pantaloons were all a fluff over this one. But all agreed we are not the fastest out there. No one round could be identified as the source of all the angst. As always, what to do? Play ready golf if appropriate for the event. Be ready to hit when it is your turn, etc, etc... A revival of the brutally honest Speed of Play page on the website could be reestablished perhaps. Not really sure. Seemed to be mostly venting.

22. Items not discussed. Tee Cost. Majors Hall of Fame. Legal Counsel retainer fee. Majors ad in ISC newsletter. Constitutional amendment procedure. Individual tournament naming rights. New participants. Venmo evaluation.

### **FINAL NOTE**

23. The 2018 Winter Summit concluded after a period of approximately 120 minutes. The tone was generally congenial and the outlook is optimistic. Procedurally, the meeting was systematic and straightforward. Businesslike. Efficient. Non-Majors like. Historians and scholars will look upon and consider this day a successful day in the history of The Majors.