

# 2020 Winter Summit and Its Future

## INTRODUCTION

1. The Winter Summit for 2020 was held on or about January 7, 2021 via Discord video chat. The location of origin was thought to be Hong Kong, China though a VPN blocker may or may not have been in use.

2. The Winter Summit was held in closed session due to the limitations of remote participation. Only the Majors tournament directors were 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.

## STAGE SETTING

3a. TST - Majors Malort, LUF - Pink ice water, W - One Fat Tire until he goes to the store tomorrow, BT3 - unrecorded.

## ITEMS VISITED

4. Airing of Grievances. W, the traditional opening griever, and self-proclaimed pre-reader of the agenda, complained that the Dead To Me Ballots were nowhere to be found. BT3, also listing DTMs as a grievance, pointed out that the DTM Ballots were printed as part of the agenda. TST, admonishing W and purporting that if W had actually read the agenda as he said he did, he would have known that the ballots were part of it - right there at the bottom. At this point W asked, “Where is the agenda?” Ok, time out. For locating and printing the agenda, including aforementioned DTM ballots. Now, set your science phone timer for 10 minutes, scoot back your chair, call in the dog and cat, slide into your footie jammies, fold your arms, and wait. This will simulate the next portion of the summit for you ..... Time’s up. After locating and printing, W returned to the meeting, made some good point resulting in BT3 rescinding his grievance. W subsequently nominated BT3 for the Bag of Dicks of the Year (BoDoY) Award. He is the early frontrunner. ALL GRIEVANCES AIRED AND RECORDED.

5. 2021 Schedule of Tournaments. The big decision: Return to the traditional April-October schedule or repeat the 2020 C-19 Emergency Schedule? There was some discussion but not much. In 2021, we will employ the C-19 Emergency Schedule. The Mondo will lead off on June 4. The White Sox will play the next day in Chicago so that is convenient. LUF to determine if Mondo points will be awarded for attendance. C-19 to determine if there is attendance. The DHB will be played on its traditional dates in August. The UFC will delay from April to September. There is a chance the UFC could happen in July if C-19/C-19 vaccine conditions allow. TD BT3 will make a call on that by March 1. It appears North Carolina is the favorite to host should Rossy be contactable, collaborative and cooperative. He is always congenial. And the HHS stays in October. ITEM RESOLVED.

6. Sponsors. There will be no sponsor funding changes asked for in 2021. 2020 was hard enough. Until the economic situation becomes more clear, especially for our swashbuckling restauranteers, there will be no increased capital raise. It was suggested that during these times, we be more concerned that our sponsors are getting their monies worth from their sponsorships than adding to the number of sponsors. A sponsor by sponsor review was conducted and it was revealed that each sponsor at one time or another has most likely felt a benefit from its contribution. Even Connor Co. which helped rebuild Red Carpet G&S after the City of Peoria pipe debacle. Mr. Haney's Broken Pipe Fixin' Service was considered for the job but it looks like it came down to sponsorship. The one that did stand out as needing more attention from the membership was Peacock's Pub. Therefore, circumstances permitting, Peacock's was chosen to host the 2021 Winter Summit. Mt. Hawley Bowl, while an outstanding candidate, will have to wait. We have to take care of those we already have. Now, collection. In 2020, it took bloody ages to get all the sponsor money collected. For 2021, collection assignments are: LUF (Red Carpet, Lariat, Connor Co), TST (Suzanne Miller Realty Empire), DOED (Mike Miller, Doed Knows Taxes, Peacock's Pub, Spice Hospitality). That brings us to Reliable Carpet... This one remains unassigned for reasons to be described later. For future reference, ideas for potential new sponsors (besides Mt. Hawley Bowl) were noted and included Illini Golf (everybody buys stuff there) and Coyote Creek (unofficial - but could become official - home of the EMF in Central Illinois). ITEM RESOLVED.

7. Unfrozen Caveman. The 2020 UFC in Tucson was reviewed. Player additions were great - XOT and ATR. Courses were fantastic. Unintelligible Native American Name #1 skins course was notable. There was some discussion surrounding the UFC Hi-Lo teammates, the foggy penumbra of uncertainty that you call unconsciousness which lies between the high and the low, and finally, the no-repeat teammate algorithm. While missing some time-honored participants, the 2020 UFC was a huge success. Who won again? ITEM RESOLVED.

8. The Mondo at Royal Madison. Oh boy. All good, but oh boy. This one is the discussion getter. Specifically? ———> The anti-shapiro. Which at this point deserves capitalization. The Anti-Shapiro. So many suggestions. TST wanted airhorns denoting an AS has been declared. They are only \$3 a bottle. W wanted extra AS's as a reward for doing something extraordinary. TST again wanted a return to the old rule where the same player can get AS'ed three times, not just two. BT3 wanted an extra AS for hitting a better second (or third or fourth) shot in response to being AS'ed. DF via proxy wanted the ability to AS a player from a different group. W was asked by TST what he meant by putting in writing (Discord WS page) that he wanted no new guys in the Mondo. "I want no new guys at all!" he retorted. Somebody mentioned that that might have an impact on Majors growth potential. "... unless they stink!" W clarified. "Oh, oh, oh, ok." Under the category of "Eliminate Things" BT3 listed Tigers on par 3's. For those that knew how this worked, it was a popular suggestion. And now, scorekeeping. BT3 proclaimed 2020 scoring was better than 2019. That point was inarguable and marginally relevant. Getting run over by a bus is better than being devoured by a polar bear. In that light, the promised return to computer-aided addition resulted in high hopes for 2021. ITEM RESOLVED.

9. Dick's Hatband. In a surprise development, almost everyone got the beak at round one venue - Metamora Fields. In particular the un-get-out-able high grass. As such, and with his usual aim to please, tournament director TST asked "Where do you want to go then, the Den?" With the throat clearing and coughing out of the way, talks continued with Unintelligible Native American Name #2 course in Galesburg being advanced. What course, and where? Galesburg? W has played there. At Knox College? Not UNAN #2 mofol, UNAN #3! Ok, ok, TST promised to consider it not knowing where exactly it is or what the name is. >>> W and TST again activated their "Round 1 For Tee Times" Letter of Agreement for 2021.<<< ITEM RESOLVED.

10. Hoo Hoo Shoot. No issues. We couldn't remember but then we remembered why the HHS is a no-go in September: Country Club of Peoria availability. 2020 opener at Mt. Hawley County Club followed by Sunday rounds at CCP is a lineup we would like to stay with if possible. ITEM RECORDED.

11. AJC. Captains were selected. Pootietang Pootiegeig will lead the cup holders, Team United States. Batman Bin Loofyman will lead Team Peoria. The next one is due to be held this year so it was considered best to play it in a previously unvisited location. ITEM RESOLVED.

12. EMF. The flask is pathetically empty. The score to beat sits at a bewilderingly low -20. A reset of the low score to beat? An increase in entry fee? A variable entry fee? A variable score to beat? The minutes takers search their notes to see if anything was resolved. No. ITEM MUST BE REVISITED PRIOR TO THE MONDO 2021.

13. Mike Miller Auto Park Cup. Discussion focused on a point scheme or worse yet, a sledge hammer penalty for those that do not play in the HHS. The concern arising from the fact we had three Major winners in 2020 that declined to play in the HHS and therefore did not compete for the Mike Miller Auto Park Cup title - yet each still won \$100 for being so high in the MMAPC point list. Due to the scope of this math problem, the President asked for new point schemes to be drawn up by those concerned and forwarded to him for consideration and discussion. ITEM MUST BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO THE MONDO 2021 OTHERWISE WE REVERT TO OLD SYSTEM.

14. Ultima Test 8. Some described the 2020 MLB version as blah, kind of so what?, and "not Ultima Test worthy". A sincere but half-hearted "but there weren't very many games" explanation was offered in tender sympathy. All seemed to agree. It was less than exciting. Yet, all agreed to do it again. Especially since there are cash carry-overs involved. TST will draw it up and get it out as it gets closer to the opening pitch. ITEM RESOLVED.

15. No Pressure Invitation Scheme. BT3 put forth that players should not be pressured as much to play in the tournaments. "Who pressures anybody?!?" somebody yelled. Well apparently there has been some behind the scenes arm twistin' and good old fashioned fudge pullin' going on. Most were unfamiliar but resolved not to do it. ITEM RESOLVED.

16. Concerning a certain unnamed player who had asked to be removed from the "invite list". What is up with that? Everyone was shocked and was directed to come up with reasons that this could be this player's true feeling and intention. We could only come up with seventeen potential reasons. Not enough. We will keep him on the invite list. ITEM RESOLVED.

17. Weaverridge Course Condition. W reports it is better and he will keep an eye on it. ITEM TO BE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED.

18. Bus Trip To The John Deere Classic. Deemed a good idea but there are so many circumstances that must be addressed and cleared up that the chances of this happening in 2021 are just none. ITEM RESOLVED.

19. Handicap Compliance. BT3 has found for himself a coping mechanism to deal with those that refuse to sign up for a documented handicap. BT3 can be a bit like HAL from 2001 when inputs become non-sequitur. He will find a way adjust and cope. So I would get a real handicap if I were you. ITEM REVIEWED.

20. Fred Garvin Male Prostitute Cup. (Reference the 2019 WS Minutes for explanation of the FGMP) Still liking the idea, BT3 accepted that the ball is in his court. ITEM REVIEWED.

21. Majors Swag. TST acknowledged that he said he was on it in 2019. But claimed he hit a mental block because he didn't really know what anybody wanted. So he is on it in 2020. Majors bag tags, pencils maybe, yes, yes, yes. ITEM RESOLVED

22. Majors Hall of Fame. What a difference three years makes. See the following from the 2019 minutes...

What a difference two years makes. See the following from the 2017 minutes...

*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.*

Given enough time, everything can become somebody else's good idea. BT3 suggested that two to three years after official retirement (the definition of "official retirement" yet to be determined) a player would be eligible for the MHOF. Using Baseball Hall of Fame criteria and the Majors Constitutional outline for legislative decision making might be a good way to address admittance. There were no yeas or nays recorded. BT3 to head it up. ITEM RESOLVED.

LUF suggested an individual plaque and a large master plaque to denote inductees to the Majors Hall of Fame. BT3 nominated two for induction. Not much beyond this happened but there was a feeling in the air that this might actually happen sooner rather than later. ITEM TO BE REVISITED

23. Speed of Play. No issues in 2020. A big discussion of whether threesomes are really faster than foursomes by their nature or does it really come down to the individuals themselves. We remembered the shot clock idea from 2019 - brilliant if still not yet technologically ready. ITEM RESOLVED.

24. Golf GameBook Alternative. The idea carried over from 2019 finally has a name. And it is Golf Genius. BT3 provided a review and made it clear that though it is pure genius, it is of no value (kind of like the genius Bar at the Apple Store) and not worth learning since we have GGB already. ITEM RESOLVED.

25. Mondo Hole Signs. TST's level of enthusiasm for this idea is never higher than at the Winter Summit. Too bad he can't keep it up and actually get it done. Signs depicting hole number, hole name, hole layout, par, distance and hole sponsor are a great idea everyone thought. Now for the hard part. Oh and while you're at it, make some tee box markers for the DHB. Like in the shape of little hats. As to the question of whether Madison would allow eighteen hole signs on the course, SCREW'EM! was overheard. If you think they hate hole signs, wait til they hear airhorns. ITEM TO BE REVISITED.

26. Majors App. BT3 suggested YCC could get this done because "\_\_\_\_\_". In retrospect, we agreed we don't really need one now because we have Discord for all the time sensitive stuff an app might give you. ITEMS RESOLVED.

27. Season-Long Team Event. From 2019 also. No progress on this one. As a matter of fact, there was regression as W described it as "a dumb idea". BT3 to draw it up. ITEM TO BE REVISITED.

28. Dead To Me Voting. Dead To Me votes were tabulated and recorded, certified by the MEC and presented to the President. In some cases, reasons or justifications accompanied a submitted vote, but they are not particularized here. The members receiving Dead To Me votes: ANG(1), BKB(1), BT3(1), BWM(1), CC(1), CJC(1), DOG(1), GOO(1), JCT(1), LRW(1), MGY(1), RBS(1), RH(1), RWD(1), RXO(1), SWT(1), TBK(2), TJR(1), W(1). All binding.

## **FINAL NOTE**

29. The 2020 Winter Summit concluded after a period of approximately 105 minutes. At least 10 minutes of which was spent looking for and printing the agenda. Though the closed nature of the meeting was not ideal and all who wanted to could not participate, historians and scholars will look upon and consider this to be another successful day in the history of The Majors.