

2011 Winter Summit

December 30, 2011

Attendance:

(4) Peeps, W, TST, BPT (down 33% from the record of 2010)

Public Airing of Grievances:

1. TST brought up the now infamous 10-2-10 as a lingering stick in his craw. As if somehow the 10, being recast as the 2 for no more than 45 seconds before returning quickly to the 10, is somehow being treated unfairly. All agreed that the spirit of fairness is not a sound basis for a grievance. It was dismissed.
2. Peeps cited slow play in the Majors as his only grievance. All agreed that we are against it.
3. W made mention of the outlandish new price structure for the Peoria Park District golf passes, which was sort of grievance, but not really Majors related. All shook their heads to make W feel welcomed, but nothing more was said.

Official Ushering Out of the Dark Ages:

The end of all fighting....
The end of all bickering....
The end of all complaining....
The end of all curmudgence....
The end of all cantankity...
The end of all handicap buffoonery....
The end of the first true era of the Majors....

The end of the DARK AGES

Then W mentioned that he had just gotten an iPhone (or was soon to get an iPhone, I forget) which without a doubt cemented the end of the Dark Ages

Constitutional Convention

A comprehensive review of the off season discussion of the need for a Constitution of the Majors instilling certain rights to the tournament directors was had.

Then each tournament director was had.

Constitution of the Majors Review and Signing and Framing Ceremony

A draft of the The Declaration of Necessity for the Constitution of the Majors and the Constitution of the Majors was presented to the attendees for full review

Minor changes were recommended and accepted the language in the text, most notably the inclusion of the term President of the Majors which was of course brought and seconded by the first President of the Majors, his Honorable TST.

The newly dubbed Majors Executive Council then donned their powdered wigs and lavish robes and signed the tattered document into law.

The document was professionally framed and given to the President for the purposes of public viewing by anyone who happens to be hanging out in the back of his bedroom closet.

Discussion of Further Amendments

The idea of further amendments was discussed but everyone was pretty tired of the whole idea by then so it was decided that there was no need to create more needless work.

Official Ushering in of the Era of Good Feelings

the start of all happiness....

the start of all joyousness....

the start of all frivolity....

the start of the innocence....

the start of the euphorinasia....

the start of something big....

the start of the resurgence....

the start of la-la-la-la....

t h e s t a r t o f t h e n e x t g r e a t e r a o f

Majors....

The start of the ERA OF GOOD

FEELINGS

It was unanimously decided that anyone not exuding good feelings at all times will simply be declared to dead to the Majors and never spoken to again.

2012 Majors Planning

Majors Planning was a brisk task as everyone was very full of prime rib and beer and just looking for a nap.

UFC – Birmingham was the plan. With a scramble heavy format to help the olds maintain contact. Also discussed was the need for better contingency planning in the face of the UFC 2011 challenges, to which the UFC tournament director reverted to the Dark Ages for one last time.

Mondo – Peeps hinted at some significant rules changes for 2012, but nothing so drastic as to make it seem somewhat golf related. A possible move to Arrowhead.

DHB – No mention of PIQs in this New Era. After TST did three cartwheels, a hamel camel, a triple toe loop with a half lutz in the pike position, followed by a cradled roundover, and received a 9.5 from all the judges (the Russian judge was a no-show) only after a mandatory 5-tenths reduction for brushing his knuckles on the basement ceiling, he then proposed a format change to allow for four 18-hole days from Thursday to Sunday replacing the current 18-36-18 format. Yet another measure to protect the olds. The new format will be implemented in 2012.

HHS – No format changes contemplated other than how to handle growth in what is becoming a jewel of a fall classic. Met Fields may get another crack.

AJ Cup - Status for 2013 – Current qualifying standings were discussed with a short bantering about as to why team Peoria ain't no good and why Team USA is. Blamed DT since he was the only Team Peoria veteran not there.

Proposed New Business

Proposed New Event – Erlenmeyer Flask (EMF) – TST brought the concept of a four-man scramble challenge with escalation money potential as a recurring event to happen in conjunction with other Majors. A very interesting concept. Was discussed at a high level with each attendee charged with writing up a format and some rules for later discussion.

Handicap Standards / PIQs – Issues or Concerns – NO DISCUSSION or gymnastics

“Participants” Recount – Nominations of Dead Status – A few names were brought forth as potential dead – possibly even Perma-dead. TBK, SHU, JT...The nominating party shall remain nameless. No seconds meant to Deads again this year. What's a guy gotta do?

New Majors Participants – Discussed the risks associated with new participants – the challenges of the Keeper Downer to the successes of Cool Mo Deener and Little Richard Williams. Agreed that new blood is good and money is money after all. TST proclaimed his unrelenting passion for getting Wooster C into a Major.

Trophies Status – BPT Committed to getting to date with UFC trophies. Peeps agreed to build an EMF trophy. BPT agreed to provide TST with DHB results for DHB framed trophies. W remained silent about the HHS perhaps waiting for the government to supply them. No chance there will be a POY or ROY trophy. Perhaps an actual AJ Cup is possible – topics shelved until the next Winter Summit.

Website Status – BIG NEWS: TST agreed to take on the role of Webster. A very special Webster. BPT agreed to can the already canned.

Facebook Future – There is none. The Majors Facebook page is defunct for a total lack of engagement. Turns out that 800M people are smarter than DIL. I would believe 500M, but not 800M. Oh, well. No Twitter either. @BigYady

Other Topics – Can the winter meeting be over now? The answer was no.

Feats of Strength:

Since DT was a no-show to the 2011 Winter Summit, the Feats of Strength was officially replaced for one year with a double-elimination, round-robin, insult DT behind his back tournament. Peeps was the clear winner.

Winter Summit Meeting Minutes prepared by BPT a full two months after the fact—All inaccuracies in the data, misrememberings of the conversations, and/or liberties taken in the interpretations are solely by accident or on purpose to better serve the fortunes of BPT and no other person.