



Diamond Hills Men's Association

Minutes of Meeting July 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by DHMA President Jim Varner at 11:52 AM.

Minutes:

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2019:

General Fund Net:	\$ 2,566.50	(It was \$3,465.50 as of June 30, 2018)
Classic Fund:	\$ 1,474.00	(It was \$1,735.00 as of June 30, 2018)
Hole in One Fund:	\$ 555.00	(It was \$1,335.00 as of June 30, 2018)

As of the end of June 2019 there were 122 men members and 8 women associate members. There were 153 men members and 13 women associate members at the end of June 2018.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Course Update

- David Britt provided an update on DHGC work plans and other related course matters,.
- In general, DHGC management is aware needed course fixes but is working within funding constraints. Also, the cart fleet is scheduled to be replaced in November, earlier if possible.
- DHMA appreciated the discussion, and simply asked if a reasonably simple French drain fix could be attempted on one trap to determine if such a solution is fiscally feasible.

Old Business

- The DHMA Board is still needs a Member-at-Large. Members: Please give some thought to serving your Association in this capacity.
- President's Cup, June 22-23:
 - First Day: Team Palmer finished the day with a one point lead over Team Nicklaus.
 - Second Day: Team Palmer (White) with co-captains Cates and Lucas continued their winning ways, earning a 15-9 overall victory.
 - The tournament went very well - good competition. Thanks to Jim Varner, Tal Almand, and all those who made this a fun event.
- DHGC is still looking to remodel a part of the Pro Shop, but the actual work may be a few months away. This will include moving the DHMA desk and computer and wall mountings to the southeast corner of the room. A small dividing wall will define the area.
- During the February meeting it was noted that the By-Laws should be amended to indicate the duties and responsibilities of these three committees:
 - Handicap Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - Tournament Committee

The committees are hopefully working on this.

- Committee status:
 - Handicap Committee
Chair: Gary Cates. Committee members are needed. It was noted that scorecards should normally be exchanged so that players are not officially keeping their own score.
 - Rules Committee:
Chair: George Waller. Member: Eddie Sims. One other committee member desired. George reviewed the "Top Twenty" new rules changes now in effect.
 - Tournament Committee:
Chair: New DHMA VP Tal Almand with members: Dan Gildea and Butch Matos. Other committee members are needed. The membership appreciated the great work Tal is doing.
- Dan Gildea provided a discussion paper (attached) on the adjustment that helped clarify USGA rationale on the stroke adjustment requirement when playing off different tees in the same competition. He showed the formulas used and used similar scores and two different course ratings (White and Yellow Tees) to demonstrate how the adjustment makes for equitable play.
- Based on a vote at the last monthly meeting, the 3 stroke adjustment for those playing off the Yellow Tees was suspended for 30 days (which ended on July 13th). Based on a simple analysis it was determined that there were a few instances where Yellow Tee players won skins due to no adjustment and a few instances where Yellow Tee players earned more money in games than White Tee players. Going forward and in consideration of Dan's analysis:
 - Minus 3 stroke adjustment will be reinstated and made for White Tee games. This would mainly apply to the younger FLAT BELLY games.
 - Exception. If a Yellow Tee game is called, the under 70 year old white tee players can move up and play the yellow tees WITHOUT a minus 3 stroke adjustment. This would mainly apply to the Tuesday and Thursday morning games for seniors.
- Local Rules. DHMA Local Rules have been updated thanks to George Waller and are attached to these minutes and are posted on the Association's Website.
- Cost for a Replay: During the June meeting a member noted that he had recently been charged \$25 for a replay when the long term rate for a DHMA member replay has been \$15. Tal Almand said he would look into this. He did. The replay fee is \$15.
- Upcoming events:
 - July 18 (Thurs) Player of the Year competition (Seniors)
 - July 20 (Sat) Player of the Year competition (Open)
 - August 8 (Thurs) Player of the Year competition (Seniors)
 - August 10 (Sat) Player of the Year competition (Open)

New Business:

- Results of the Red-White-Blue Tournament (There nine, 4-man teams and zero no-shows)
 - First Place Team Cates-Choate-Knight-Blount (64)
 - Second Place Team Lucas-MatosM-Bell-Hutto (65)
 - Third Place Team Fergusen-GildeaM-Flood-Zacher (66)
Team McMeen-Miller-Russell-Cotter (66)
Team Varner-McBride-Almand-Dahlquist (66)
 - Straight Drive A - Lee
B - Trundy
C - Russell
D - Aman
 - KP #3 - Team Melesky-Kasch-Wadsworth-Aman
#6 - Team Melesky
#12 - Team Lucas
#15 - Team Lucas

- What went well: Dave McMeen adding \$200 to the pot; DHGC donating a free round of golf to each Straight Drive contest winner; Shotgun start; Add-on contests: straight drive, longest putt made.
- What needed improvement for future events: Snacks at the turn (It turned out there was a miscommunication at DHGC and the fee to DHMA was greatly reduced and apologies sent}; using only a 3-wood on #10 (some groups failed to do so).
- A question was asked about members who seem to play most of their rounds at other courses. It was noted that these players do not take away from DHMA tournaments because tournament funds come from dues (and generous donations like the one made by Dave McMeen). The DHMA Classic is funded from the \$ 0.50 daily game fee and from the \$1.00 daily tournament fees. The 2018 Club Championship was limited to DHMA members who had 10 of their last 20 rounds played at Diamond Hill and the Tournament Committee or the Board will likely invoke the same qualifier for the 2019 Club Championship.

50-50 Pot

- DHMA \$ 63
- Happy Member \$ 63

Attendance

- 32 members present.
- Signed attendance sheets are the *only* proof of one's attendance at a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jay Braden
Secretary

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8, at 7 PM
at the Diamond Hill Golf Club**

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**Please adhere to our dress code of collared shirts – thanks.
Stay friendly with the DHGC staff; if you have issues address them to David Britt
or to a member of the DHMA Board.**

**Stay on cart paths. Fill divots and repair ball marks.
Keep carts at least 10 yards off the tee boxes and greens (unless you are on a cart path).
(This also applies to carts with handicap flags.)**