



Diamond Hills Men's Association

Minutes of Meeting September 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by DHMA President Jim Varner at 7 PM.

Minutes:

Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2019:

General Fund Net:	\$ 2311.00	(It was \$2,758 as of August 31, 2018)
Classic Fund:	\$ 1902.00	(It was \$2,197 as of August 31, 2018)
Hole in One Fund:	\$ 555.00	(It was \$1,340 as of August 31, 2018)

As of the end of August 2019 there were 122 men members and 8 women associate members. There were 154 men members and 13 women associate members at the end of August 2018.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Golf Course Information

- PGA Pro David Britt departed in late July to be the Course Pro at River Hills. No replacement.
- Larry (Diamond Hills) spoke. Mentioned all cost continue going up but the course will actually lower member fees from last year by \$2. Weekdays \$30 plus tax. Weekend \$35 plus tax.
- New cart contract signed today with new carts being delivered October 15th. Club carts with USB port and rain covers on back of cart.
- The course has improved significantly in the last week, with mowing being caught up and with most greens and fairways in better shape. Fairways #14 and #16 are still bad, and almost all sand traps are desperately in need of repair. No DHGC response on the DHMA suggestion to attempt a reasonably simple French drain fix for one trap to determine if such a solution is fiscally feasible.

Old Business

- The DHMA Board is still needs a Member-at-Large. No volunteers.
- More on the stroke adjustment: After a previous meeting a sign was posted stating that 70+ year old yellow tee players would continue having the minus three stroke adjustment made when playing yellow tees. Exception would be if a yellow tee game was called, in which everyone including under 70 white tee players would play yellow tees using their yellow tee handicap. Reviewed and will continue as is.
- DHGC has remodeled a part of the Pro Shop, and it appears that the DHMA area will remain as is. Need to know when the DHMA bulletin boards and plaques will be remounted on the walls.
- 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.

- Rules Committee:

Chair: George Waller. Member: Eddie Sims. One other committee member desired.

Comments from George:

- Concern about losing members. Golf and games need to be more enjoyable.
- Possibly reduce age to play yellow tees down to 65. No decision made.
- Possibly split games into two divisions - white and yellow. Yellow tee players are not able to compete with white tee players. No decision made.
- Okay for 80 plus year old players to play red tees - this was considered already in effect.
- If age limits for tees are revised we need to ensure this is reflected in our bi-laws.
- Try to get more women in our association.
- Right side of #11 fairway has been played by taking relief outside of the roped area. Ropes are no longer there. Will start playing the ball from this area. Root rule will only apply in fairways as has been. Flat belly's will need to take a penalty stroke if unable to play shot because of roots. Senior Tue/Thur games are bump a card length with no penalty. Change accepted.

Regarding the root rule and other situations where our local rules allow one to move a ball a scorecard length - the move is to improve one's lie, not one's position. For example, a ball just off the fairway cannot be moved onto the fairway; a ball behind a tree still has to be behind the tree after the move; and a ball in a position that constricts a swing cannot be moved to improve the swing.

- Back side out of bounds area of #11 green is not marked. If in heavier non cut grass ball to be considered out of bounds. Change accepted. It was noted that other OB course areas are not marked well. Use foursome's discrimination.
- Ground under repair is not being marked by management. If not marked - play ball as is. Accepted. Example would be part of the #11 green that has been eliminated but still in bad shape.
- Bumping balls in fairways #11 & 16. Accepted to keep doing this. It was mentioned to me by a member that Diamond Hill fairways are not good enough to play the ball down. I brought this up and mentioned that possibly everyone should start bumping the ball in all fairways. No decision made and general feeling is to keep playing the ball down same as has been.
- Tournament Committee:
Chair: New DHMA VP Tal Almand with members: Dan Gildea and Butch Matos. Other committee members are needed.

New Business:

- Club Championship Results:

DHMA 2019 Association Championship (Seniors Division)		
First Place and Overall Division Champion:	Denny Kasch	Net 65

Second Place and Gold Tees Champion:	David Knight	Net 69
Third Place:	Tim Tuttle	Net 71
Fourth Place (Tie):	Dennis Miller	Net 74
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Special thanks to: Tal Almand for setting up the tournament and payouts, and arranging the post-game lunch and drinks. And to Don Lucas who handled the money from DHMA.		
Special thanks to: Jim Varner for keeping the game sheet and making the score postings. Also to those who helped with identifying Gross and Net Skins.		
Special thanks to: Elisha Shin who prepared the lunch meal and gave the association a good price for the food and drinks.		

DHMA 2019 Association Championship (Open Division)		
First Place Low Gross and Overall Association Champion:	Dave McMeen	141
Second Place Low Gross:	Eddie Sims	167
Third Place Low Gross:	Myong Han	168
Fourth Place Low Gross:	Don Lucas *	168
First Place Low Net and Overall White Tees Co-Champion:	Glen Olson	Net 153
Second Place Low Net and Overall White Tees Co-Champion:	Gary Ingram *	Net 153
Third Place Low Net:	Rafael Caceres	Net 156
Fourth Place Low Net:	Mike Trundy *	Net 156
* Lost tiebreaker		
Special thanks to: Tal Almand for setting up the tournament and payouts.		
Special thanks to: Don Lucas for running the game and working with DHGC for food and drinks.		
Special thanks to: Elisha Shin for setting up a very good meal.		

- Discussed signup deadlines for tournaments to be better publicized and enforced.
- Reviewed the need to have checklist for tournaments to ensure nothing is missed.
- Upcoming events:
 - Sept 12 (Thurs) Player of the Year competition (Seniors)
 - Sept 14 (Sat) Player of the Year competition (Open)
- Dave McMeen put out information on an upcoming Ocala City Tournament. Mentioned they had an excellent Senior Division. Dinner on Saturday. Awards on Sunday. Date of tournament is Sep 27/28. Cost not given.

50-50 Pot

- DHMA \$ 28
- Happy Member \$ 27

Attendance

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jay Braden
Secretary

E-mail to the Diamond Hill address is not regularly monitored. To contact a Board Member, ask a question, or submit a comment or suggestion: Contact Jay Braden at BradenClan@gmail.com.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, October 5, following the morning game
at the Diamond Hill Golf Club**

www.diamondhillmen.com – DHMA Website

Diamond Hill Men's Association Facebook: *Diamond Hill Men's Golf Association*

www.diamondhillclub.com – Diamond Hill Golf Club Website

Diamond Hill Golf Club Facebook: *DiamondHillGolfCourse*

Please adhere to our dress code of collared shirts – thanks.

**Stay friendly with the DHGC staff; if you have issues address them to Elisha Shin
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.)***