



Minutes of Meeting October 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Association President Jim Varner. The meeting was held at Beef O'Brady's in Seffner. Beef's has a good size back room for the DHMA meeting and Beef's offered Happy Hour prices for beverages and snacks.

Minutes:

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2020 was:

General Fund Net:	\$ 3,792	(It was \$ 1,755 as of September 30, 2019)
Classic Fund:	\$ 1,838	(It was \$ 2,110 as of September 30, 2019)
Hole in One Fund:	\$ 535	(It was \$ 555 as of September 30, 2019)

At of the end of September 2020 there were 130 men members and 8 women associate members. There were 122 men members and 8 women associate members at the end of September 2019.

Old Business:

- Voting for a new home for the Association ended on September 30 with the following results:
 - 31 – Bloomingdale
 - 25 – Heritage Isles
- The Association's Board still has no Member-at-Large. We need someone to step up to fill this position vacancy.
- At the September meeting members questioned Section 13, Article IV, of the Association's Constitution and ByLaws which says, "Anyone 70+ years of age has the option to play 'one tee forward' of tees chosen for the event." It had been agreed that discussion of this matter will be deferred to the October meeting. It was decided that the words in the ByLaws are no longer applicable due to USGA handicap indexing of tees on a course: players may use whatever tees they desire, but must use the same tees throughout the round. It was noted that "moving up," while incurring a reduced course handicap, could result in increasing one's opportunity to win skins and KPs, which would be outside the spirit of the game and should not be allowed. The person running the games should specify what tees may be used by players in the game.

New Business:

- Name of the Association: VP James Kasch had collected around 12 name suggestions and around nine accompanying logo suggestions from members. Members voted on Bloomingdale Golfers Association (BGA) with a logo that would include a raccoon because that is part of the Bloomingdale Golfers Club logo. James will be working on a final logo.

- Committee Reports:
 - Rules Committee:
 - Rules Committee Chair George Waller noted that in playing Hole #3 at Huntington Hills, a player hitting a drive or any subsequent shot into the water or brush (the Penalty Area) on the right side of the bridge may use the Drop Area for the next shot, but a player hitting a drive or any subsequent shot into the brush or water to the left of the bridge may not use the Drop Area and must play the next shot as a ball entered hit into a Penalty Area.
 - Handicap Committee:
 - Members questioned the recording of scores outside of Association games, as in, for example, a father playing with his son in a very casual manner and scoring higher than usual. It was agreed that these scores need not be posted as their effect would be to artificially inflate a handicap. This was in contrast to members paying at other courses and posting higher scores to purposely increase one's handicap. Members were advised that if they became aware of score inflation they were to address the matter to the Handicap Committee.
 - Butch Matos agreed to Chair the Handicap Committee. Members are: George Waller and James Kasch.
 - Note that scorecards collected by persons running Away Games and scorecards from home games are to be deposited into the plastic box at the BGA corner (to be set up) in the Bloomingdale Clubhouse.
 - Tournament Committee:
 - James Kasch announced the next Association tournament will be the inaugural Halloween Tournament, to be played Saturday morning, October 31st at Bloomingdale.
 - He is working with Bloomingdale to get the weekend rate down and for other things Bloomingdale might be able to do to sweeten the pot. (Added:) James spoke with Brandon at Bloomingdale today and will sit down with him after our game on Tuesday to hammer out the 31 Oct tourney details.
 - Yes, players will be encouraged to dress up and there will be a prize for the best costume.
 - The total individual cost: green fees plus game fees, will be around \$60. Members present thought this cost would be okay for the tournament.
 - Members will have to commit to play by Saturday, October 24 and pay their Registration Fee of \$25 by that time.* Sign up early as the competition is for foursomes and odd number players registering late may not be able to compete. Members understood that no shows put a burden on the tournament and therefore there will be consequences for no shows to include, as a minimum, forfeiture of registration fees.
 - Further details will be provided shortly after the above noted meeting next Tuesday.
 - * *This is slightly different than discussed in the meeting but the Board believes this will work better.*
- There are a number of other tasks that need to be accomplished with this move:
 - A Letter of Appreciation needs to be sent to each course GM (Bloomingdale and Heritage Isles) informing each of the voting results and expressing our appreciation for their assistance and support during our time of transition.
 - The Association needs a new email address. Done: BloomingdaleGolfers@gmail.com
 - The Association needs a new domain name for its Website.
 - The Association needs to arrange with GoDaddy for Web hosting of our new site and for forwarding of hits on our old site to our new site.
 - A document needs to be generated between our Association and the Bloomingdale Golfers Club formalizing our relationship.
 - We need to see if Bloomingdale is willing to hold and secure a blue vinyl zipper bag that can be used for BGA members to deposit registration fees, etc.

- Our Association will need some space in the Bloomingdale Club House for our supplies and equipment; and - once this is determined - the items currently being stored by Tat Tattrie need to be moved there.
 - A Schedule of Events for the balance of 2020 and for the Earl Dunaway Classic in early 2021 must be developed.
 - The Association needs to work with Bloomingdale Golfers Club to develop a marketing plan to bring in additional members to BGA from the Greater Brandon area.
 - The Association's Constitution and ByLaws, its Website, its Facebook page, and numerous documents need to be reviewed and edited as necessary to reflect our new home and name.
 - Need volunteers to help with these tasks.
- Points Required to play in the Earl Dunaway Classic in early January.
 - Due to reduced play caused in part by the COVID-19 pandemic, the points requirement to play in the Classic was reduced for CY2020 only.
 - For 2020: A member must have 40 points, including points for attending a minimum of two monthly meetings. A member with the two minimum meetings but still having less than 40 points may buy into the tournament by paying \$1 for each point short of 40.
 - Continued thanks to Dennis Miller for keeping track of and posting Classic Points. A spreadsheet giving the status of points through September 2020 was attached to an earlier email.
 - Continued thanks to Tat Tattrie for temporarily storing the Association's supplies, equipment, trophies, and plaques. This saves further storage fees.

50-50 Pot:


- Association \$ 43
- Lucky Member \$ 42

Attendance

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jay Braden
Secretary

E-mail to the Bloomingdale Golfers Association (BGA) 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: Thursday, November 12 at 6 PM at Bloomingdale Golfers Club.

BGA Email: BloomingdaleGolfers@gmail.com

BGA Website: <https://bloomingdalegolfersassociation.godaddysites.com/>

BGA Facebook Page: Bloomingdale Golfers Association

Bloomingdale Golfers Club website: <https://bloomingdalegolf.com/>

**Please adhere to our dress code of collared shirts – thanks.
Stay friendly with the staff of any course we play; if you have issues address them to a member of the BGA Board.**