



Minutes of Meeting December 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM by Association Vice President James Kasch. The meeting was held at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club.

Passing of Jim Varner:

Members expressed their shock and sorrow at the death of BGA President Jim Varner.

The following tribute was posted on Jim's Obituary Page.

(<https://floridamortuary.com/tribute/details/203734/James-Varner/obituary.html#tribute-start>)

Men of the Bloomingdale Golfers Association (BGA) and all others who played golf with Jim Varner knew him to be a man of excellent character, exceedingly good humor, and insightful wisdom. His natural leadership abilities (as well as his great golfing skills) were quickly recognized by his peers and he was elected and re-elected to be President of the Association. Jim served admirably during an important time in the history of the organization, as he oversaw the transition of BGA from one home course to another. In accomplishing this task Jim did extensive research on candidate courses and opened productive dialogues with respective course General Managers. The results of his efforts were respected and appreciated by all. Jim also "ran the morning game" two days a week, meaning he arrived earlier and stayed later than most to ensure the records were straight. He also initiated periodic visits to a local pizza place following competition that boosted the camaraderie and fellowship among those participating. Jim Varner will be sorely missed by all who knew him; he was a big man with an even bigger heart, and our hearts go out to his family in this tragic loss.

Members are encouraged to add their own tributes using the above URL.

Minutes:

Minutes of the November meeting, as corrected to show two holes-in-one to date, were read and approved.

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

General Fund Net:	\$ 2,951	(It was \$ 1,448.00 as of November 30, 2019)
Classic Fund:	\$ 2,128	(It was \$ 2,551.00 as of November 30, 2019)
Hole in One Fund:	\$ 545	(It was \$ 560.00 as of November 30, 2019)

At the end of November 2020 there were 130 men members and 8 women associate members. There were 123 men members and 9 women associate members at the end of November 2019.

To date there have been two holes-in-one ... by Jim Origer and Joe Flood.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

- Christmas Tournament
 - Four Flights, 35 golfers
 - See pictures on Facebook for winners.
- Christmas Toy Donation
 - BGA donated approximately 60 toys and \$200 to the Patrick J Sullivan Partnership School.
- Trophies and plaques have been refurbished for BGA use. (Thx to James Kasch.)
- There are still a few actions associated with the Association moving to a new home that need to be completed:
 - The Association's Constitution and ByLaws still need to be reviewed and edited as necessary to reflect our new home and name. Volunteers welcome.

New Business:

- Committee Reports:
 - Rules Committee:
 - BGA Local rule created, BGC Hole 17
 - Players with 15 or higher handicap playing from White/Silver tees that hit their tee shot into the water can use the Red Tees as a drop location.
 - Handicap Committee:
 - Effective 1 Jan 2021, golfers age 65+ can use the Silver Tees in Tournament play. They can use the Silver Tees in normal game play already. In both cases, the member's handicap is adjusted according to GHIN.
 - Tournament Committee:
 - Tournament Committee Chair James Kasch
 - Upcoming events;
 - Hangover Open, Jan 1 - Indicate if you will be playing by annotating the sign-up sheet. Only 2 signed up so far, let's get more golfers on the list.
 - Earl Dunaway Classic Sign-up NLT Jan 1.
 - Seniors – 7 Jan, 0800 (POC: James Kasch)
 - Open – 9 Jan, 0800 (POC: Don Lucas)
 - Handicap for golfers playing in Classic will be based on handicap pulled from GHIN on 31 Dec, and not lowest handicap in 2020 as with previous years.
 - Continued thanks to Dennis Miller for keeping track of and posting Classic Points. Classic points will be tabulated as quickly as possible after 31 December. Members who are short of the 40-point threshold but have attended at least 2 meetings in 2020 can buy into the Classic for \$1 per point needed to reach 40 points.
 - Question was raised if a member does not join BGA for 2021, can they still play in the Classic. Answer is YES as the Classic is based on 2020 participation
 - GHIN and Membership Update
 - Don Lucas will pull paid members into new BGA on or after 1 Jan 2021
 - 2021 Membership - \$40 + \$5 optional for Hole in One pot.
 - Members that have not paid by 31 Dec 2020 will not have an active GHIN effective 1 Jan 2021.

- 2021 Board Member Elections
 - President –Keith Kozma (Ran unopposed).
 - Vice-President – James Kasch (Staying on for 2021)
 - Secretary – No replacement at this vote. Tabled Secretary position to Jan 2021 meeting.
 - Treasurer – Don Lucas (Staying on for 2021)
 - Member-at Large – Removing position from the Board as no one as stepped up to fill it during 2020
 - This will require a review of the BGA Constitution to determine which of the Member-at-Large duties will be redistributed among Board Members and which will be deleted.
- Schedule of Events for 2021.
 - The Board is working to have a DRAFT ready by the January Meeting.
- Disposition of carryover 2020 Funds.
 - The Board is working on a proposal that should be ready by the January Meeting.
- (Added) Competition with Other FSGA Organizations

BGA was contacted by individuals from the Summerfield Crossings Golf Club (SCGC) called the Challengers Club. This organization is run in conjunction with the Summerfield Men's Golf Association (SMGA). The Challengers Club at Summerfield also runs a Wednesday Night Points League from April 1 - mid September, basically like the PGA style points with weekly and end of year winners. SMGA had 86 members last year and the Challengers Club had over 130 different golfers play in either the Wednesday League (26 events) or one of the 15+ events SMGA ran in 2020.

The SMGA is run and managed by the SCGC owners and pro. They run money games each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Challengers Club runs special tournaments throughout the year as well as organizes local and distant events. (example, Port St Lucie, Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach in 2020). Almost all of their events were individual low net game with skins with a few occasional 2-man events. Most of their golfers do not like scrambles, shambles, etc.

They recommend that with the formation of BGA directly linked to Bloomindale, our group should look at the FSGA Team Match Play (InterClub matches). These are FSGA run events (<https://www.fsga.org/TournamentCategoryLink/Men's-Championships/31/Interclub>)

In our division this year, which starts 1/8, we only have 3 clubs. Usually there is 4. We have Schalmar Creek and Riverhills. If you can field a team of 8 players, each Thursday afternoons, 1 home and 1 away match, it is great fun. Visit the site for more information - <https://www.fsga.org/TournamentCategoryLink/Men's-Championships/31/Interclub>

They noted that the home club provides all of the official scorecards and usually appetizers and a drink for the visiting team for after the round.

BGA members interested in participating Thursday afternoon matches or other FSGA events should contact Don Lucas. Goal for the Thursday afternoon games would be 12 BGA members interested with 8 playing on a given Thursday.

50-50 Pot:

- Association \$--
- Lucky Member \$--

Attendance

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 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: Saturday, January 9 at 2 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.**