

Minutes of Quarterly General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 2021

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER. The quarterly meeting was called to order by President John Rudd at 5:06 p.m. with 21 members present (the meeting was originally scheduled for July 7th but was postponed for one week due to tropical storm Elsa).
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Secretary Price Poole announced that the minutes of the April 7, 2021, meeting were posted on the FBMGA Website and Bulletin Board on May 12, 2021. Secretary Poole asked if there were any proposed corrections or changes to the minutes. In the absence of any changes, and upon motion and proper second, the minutes were approved as posted by unanimous vote of the members present.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Bruce Smyk, presented the Treasurer's Report, stating that the general account had \$13,124.00 in funds, and the scholarship trust account has about \$4,000.00.

There are 6 new members in FBMGA, 4 of whom are new members and 2 are former members who have rejoined the Association. The total membership is 103.

Treasurer Smyk advised that the scholarship funds will not be distributed because the current student recipients had not complied with the scholarship reporting requirements. A discussion ensued about what to do with the funds if they are not awarded to student recipients. President Rudd advised that the fund will not be dissolved, and the trust board may decide to award the funds to one or two deserving students. He also said that there may be new efforts to raise more scholarship funds for the trust. One member suggested consideration of donating the funds to the Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA) Scholarship Trust, but President Rudd stated that proposal had been considered and rejected.

4. OLD BUSINESS. President Rudd advised the membership that former course superintendent Dave Younger needed coquina for cart paths, but that funds were not available. The President advised that he, Fenton Markevich and John Burk had each donated \$600.00 for the purchase of the coquina, and that a group of FBMGA members volunteered to spread the material where needed on the course.
5. NEW BUSINESS. President Rudd introduced to the membership Mike Cooney, the new General Manager, to address course conditions. Manager Cooney introduced Blane Ellerby, the new course superintendent.

Manager Cooney stated that there is a 3-year plan to improve course conditions, but noted that there are currently only 4 workers for the 27 holes. Aeration of the greens will begin next week, and results should be expected in 3 to 4 weeks. The fairways will not be overseeded in the fall to promote a smoother transition. Mowing is being done to the

edge of the treelines.

Regarding the range and it being closed due to wet conditions, Manager Cooney stated that a representative from the city discovered that a number of sprinklers on the east edge of the range were broken and leaking, adding to the flooded condition of the range.

Mr. Cooney advised that they were experimenting with the green at 9-west, shaving down the slopes to allow for a variety of shots to the hole.

He discussed coordinating upcoming FBMGA events with the course maintenance schedule.

There is ongoing thoughts about where to locate a bag drop for the course parking lot.

Mr. Cooney then took questions from the membership on the following issues:

(1) Members who volunteer to help maintain the course during the employee shortage may be allowed to do so, but may be required to sign a waiver.

(2) Frequent closing of the range and difficulty of acquiring range balls.

(3) Range ball baskets are disappearing from the course. Anyone who has one is encourage to return it.

(4) Markers are not being moved on some temporary tees.

(5) The course will use its roller a couple of times per week to resolve bumpy greens.

(6) In response to the question about the absence of water coolers on the course, Mr. Cooney advised that he understood the city had concerns with COVID. There are the same concerns with rakes for bunkers. Mr. Cooney advised the membership that he would address the issues with the city and report back to the membership.

(7) New carts. Mr. Cooney said that he hoped that we would get new, electric carts in the fall. When asked if they could include GPS shield to control movement of the carts near greens and tees he stated that that feature costs about \$1,000.00 per cart.

6. RAFFLE. Ama Corbett won the \$85.00 pot.

7. President Rudd announced the fall elections for FBMGA Board, and the recommended slate offered by the current board. He advised that any member can submit his name for a position on the board.

8. DUES. Annual Dues for next year beginning October 1, 2021, will go back to \$60.00.

9. PARKING SPACES. There are now just 2 reserved parking spaces for tournament winners, as opposed to 4 in the past. Next year there will be 3 reserved spaces.

10. Wednesday and Friday Blitzes. Secretary Poole confirmed that Jim Raffone will no longer run the blitzes. In his place, there are 10 to 12 players who will take turns running the blitzes. There will also be minor changes to the amounts awarded to the bi-weekly winners. As a result of these changes, members should expect some delays while the new guys learn the system.

In the absence of further business, President Rudd adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Price Poole
Secretary