

ROSSMOOR WOMEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB
BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2022 (via ZOOM)

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Captain, Daisy Soo Hoo

Present: Daisy Soo Hoo, Kathy Hunt, Mary Jean Kidd, Lana Yagle, Joan Binnings, Laura Kim, Claudia Terry, Stella Chan, Toni Snyder, Joyce McCann, Theresa Kim, Robin Moreau, Teddi Swanson, Denise Pratt, Janice Davis, Ann Hamilton.

Absent: Agnes Shin

The minutes from the Board Meeting of Jan. 10, 2022 were approved by Teddi and seconded by Robin.

Co-Captain - Ann (no report)

Treasurer's Report - Mary Jean

New bank account established (using RMGC EIN vs individual SSN)

To date, income from 2022 membership (97):

\$3,883 NCGA dues

\$3,880 Club dues

\$ 89 Hole in One reserves

- Non budgeted expense \$423 for Golf Genius
- Golf Genius configured to accept credit card payments using Stripe. The tech committee is working out details re setting up tournaments, etc for credit card payments.
- Budget has been refreshed as part of the transition to MaryJean.
- For 2022, we have a balanced budget with budgeted expenses "covered" and reserves of \$807.
- For 2023, there is a **significant negative gap** between budgeted income and expenses.
- MaryJean will be working with board members/volunteers to identify options for balancing 2023 budget.
- Reach out Mary Jean with any questions/needs related to the budget and finance.

Past Captain - Janice (no report)

Technical Report - Laura

The Technical Committee convened via email to address the following areas:

- Website 2022 (Claudia):

The website front landing and all relevant information behind the scene has been updated to reflect 2022 activities.

The website domain name and our hosting/backup services agreement are going to be renewed for three years in March.

The RMGC receives the invoices and they pay, and then they bill the other clubs, though I heard personally from Ed O'Dea, men's club president, that it's unlikely the Hackers will contribute because they never have before. I don't know if that's entirely true because I remember years ago the cost being split four ways between the four clubs.

In any case, we may end up footing a third of the bill instead of a quarter. I can't seem to get clarity on the exact amount from the RMGC treasurer and after many emails back and forth am no closer to any certainty of our portion. Sorry to be so vague but it looks like we'll find out in March.

Hosting **might be** a total of \$323.64 for three years; backup a total of \$107.64 for three years. Those both renew on 3/27.

The domain name amount is uncertain and will renew on 3/12. We may pay only a quarter of the total or a third, depending on the Hackers' participation.

- Golf Genius for 2022 (18er Tournaments) (Laura & Denise)

John McDonnell from RMGC is organizing the coordinators from the Rossmoor clubs (RMGC, 18ers, 9ers, Hackers).

Denise and Laura will be the two coordinators for the 18ers. Denise will set the Thursday tournament registrations for 2022. Laura has designed the 18ers GG portal (<http://18ers.golfgenius.com>) for members to register easily on their

smartphone (or computer). The link is on the website and will be introduced at the Launch Party. MaryJean has

successfully installed Stripe (credit card transactions) and has been tested by the Board. We can now charge online for special events (lunches, guest days, fund raising, etc.).

- Eblast and Membership (Laura & Denise)

a. Updated contact information for 2022 new members and deleted old ones in Google (rossmoor18ers@gmail.com). When Membership informs us of new members, they will be added.

- b. Created a Word 2022 printable membership directory which was sent out to all members for printing (going green). The directory can be updated every 3-4 months depending on the addition of new members.
- c. Eblasters: Denise for all Thursday Tournaments. Laura for Board requests. (Claudia is the backup for both of us).

Google Calendar (Denise)

a. The 18er calendar resides in the rossmoor18ers google account and reflects the Schedule of Events. Denise will update with the tournament formats, add birdies and chip-ins weekly, and the link to the GG results. It is dynamic and populates the GG portal and 18er website.

- Document Storage (Karla)

Karla will investigate a cloud-based storage solution to serve as the repository for all our original/current documents in one location. This area will include retention policy, document naming convention, read/edit privileges, review cycle to update documents, and training on document storage access.

Tournament Report - Joan/Lana

The committee has added several new games to the 2022 schedule. We've kept the one's that have been crowd pleasers in the past and in some cases added a few nuances to make them more challenging and enjoyable. We are putting a lot of emphasis on the Invitational this year. We have great momentum so far and hope to make this one of the best Rossmoor Invitational's ever. "Show Me the Money".

Discussion: At the Launch Party we had 67 people sign up for birdies, and 66 sign up for EC, bringing in \$665. For budget reasons, there will be a modification of payouts this year.

Handicap Report - Theresa

Handicap committee does not have anything to report. But we are continuing to refine our procedure for analyzing 18er handicaps.

Discussion: Theresa let us know that we can appeal for an adjustment in our handicap. Handicap committee can review and made adjustments.

Rules Report - Joyce

1. Launch Review. I was very pleased at the number of members who stopped by the Rules Table and were willing to answer a Rules Question. They won a golf ball even if they didn't get the question right (more customers that way). A dozen golf balls were donated by Mark Heptig, as he has done in the past. The NCGA donated 20 Rule Books, all of which were snapped up by our members.

2. Follow-up on yellow stakes on #10. Last Board mtg, I brought up the issue about whether it would be a good idea to change some or all of the yellow stakes on #10 to red. I discussed this issue with both Mark Heptig and Suzanne Olsen (NCGA Rules Official). Both felt, and I agree, that in that particular case the stakes should remain yellow on both sides of the creek. If your ball hits over the creek and then bounces back in (rare event but it does happen), then you know that while you're still on the tee side of the creek. So, going back on the line is not difficult to do. Eventually, clubs may change all penalty area stakes to red, but that hasn't happened yet. So, I don't think any change in the current situation is warranted.

3. Since our last Board Mtg, two issues have been brought to my attention. One has been resolved. The other is up for discussion.

- a. There are a number of places near teeing areas (e.g., next to the 16th tee and near the 15th green) that have been surfaced in decomposed granite. There was some uncertainty about whether you get free relief if your ball comes to rest on one of those surfaces. I spoke with Mark about this, and these should be treated the same way a cart path is treated (i.e., these areas are immovable obstructions). A blast was sent out informing the membership of this and warning them not to attempt to hit from that surface as they could injure themselves (it's granite!).

- b. In the Rules of Golf, conceding putts only appears in the section on Match Play. Conceding putts is not allowed in Stroke Play. On official 18er Playdays that are stroke play, all putts must be holed. However, during Casual Play, I was informed that some players frequently pick up their ball without holing it. This practice will tend to lead to lower scores in Casual Play than on 18er Playdays. **So, the question for discussion is, do we care, or should the Board offer some guidance about this? Rules Report – Feb 14 18er Board Mtg**

Discussion: It looks like 3 or 4 of our tournaments will be impacted by the aerations schedule.

Two additional topics came up during Discussion. (a) Regarding hole #15 situation (tee shot that lands in bank on left side), Joyce is talking to Mark and he agrees, but there is no resolution yet. Mark will take a closer look. (b) In situations where your ball lands in a "ground under repair" bunker, find the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole and drop your ball within 1 club length.

We will send an e-blast (w/o judgement) just to clarify that conceding and/or taking "gimmie" putts is never allowed on Thursday play. However, as a club we will "do nothing" regarding this practice on casual play days.

Team Play Report - Daisy/Ann

Twenty five members signed up to be on the Rossmoor East Bay Team Play (EBTP) team. Ann and I will be monitoring team member's posted scores during the season to determine which members are playing close to their indexes before selections are made for each match. EBTP club members will be meeting at the Richmond Country Club (this year's director) on March 24.

Discussion: we now have 27 people signed up for Team Play. Handicaps will be monitored, and Daisy and Ann will select the strongest pairings to send out for each Team Play event. We want to be competitive in this league/

Membership Report - Teddi

We have 97 members of which 11 are new members and 4 are sponsored. Currently waiting for application for a new sponsored guest and a possible other renewal. Getting close to 100. It was great to meet and introduce the new ladies at our Launch event. I will send an updated membership listing once I receive the latest new member application.

Discussion: We have 1 new sponsored guest so have a total of 98 members. Per our bylaws, we are only allowed 10% of our membership to be sponsored guests. We will be up to 7, out of the 10 we are allowed.

Golf Advisory Report - Robin

Mark reported that 77,944 rounds of golf were played last year and the most since 1997. A 29% increase from 2020. A huge increase in Guest play and an incredible amount of new members. Merchandise sales were also up 38% over the year before. There are 38 Sponsored Guests (50max). A "VERY FAVORABLE YEAR"! Many trees went down in December so 31 new trees are coming.

Mark would like to put some photos & memorabilia in the Trophy Case for a month marking his 30th year at Rossmoor. Also, Tim O'Keefe spoke about the "Water Reclamation" project. Important to let the GRF Board know your thoughts!

*Discussion: It's very important that we **all** pay attention to the issue of water reclamation. Both fire safety and property values will be affected by overly dry course conditions that may occur without water reclamation moving forward.*

328 rounds were played in January.

If we don't get rain they may have to start irrigating.

With the recent planting of 10 new trees, we are now up to 41 new trees!

Local high school golf teams will be using the course on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Issues brought up by the Board were unreasonable pin placements (verified by Joyce's Brakemaster device), the horrible condition of the fence of #12 tee box, and all the goose poop on hole #17 green.

Social - Agnes. (no report)

Open Day - Stella (no report)

Discussion: typically 2 from each club are selected for open days (the first 2 to sign up). Then a lottery system is used to fill the field. Castlewood acceptance emails have not been sent out yet. Look for acceptances about 10 days before the Open Day.

Publicity - Janice (no report)

Discussion: Janice asked Laura for a brief description of how to sign up w/ Golf Genius to include in a future Rossmoor News article.

Ambassador report - Toni

NCGA monthly tournaments and events are on line at NCGA.com and open for registration. Both men's and women's events are available! Open days and play days are also included in the annual schedules. Member outings are extremely popular and participation will be decided with a 50/50 lottery registration.

Old business: Launch Event was well attended. 71 signed up with 69 in attendance. Made a profit of approximately \$300+. Thanks all for your assistance and presentations.

Discussion: confusion over "budget form" and "actual income/expense statement". The event Chairperson is to fill out the forms after their event and get a copy to the Treasurer. Suggestion to rewrite procedures for "events". When running an event, it is the responsibility of the Event Chair to write down for the next person to run the event, and then pass on the folder. Can we keep these folders in Data Storage? Can we create a "Forms Committee" so it is all consistent? Laura will join on this.

New Business : May 5 Cinco de Mayo event proposed by men's club with 18ers and 9ers. We have a Charity event already on the schedule on the same day. Reserved Picnic Area if we decide to participate. Let's discuss if we want to consider joint event.

New by-laws were not posted 30 days before the Launch event. Next general meeting is not until July 7. Can Survey Monkey be used to get member approval?

Discussion:

- Proposed Cinco de Mayo event...Daisy reserved the picnic area as we already have a charity event on the calendar for that day. Will this be a joint event with the Men and the 9ers? Will it be on both courses? Downside of partnering with RMGC = full field? Upside of partnering with RMGC = greater fund raising potential. Daisy will follow up with Ed O'Dea and get more info.
- New by-laws...we will use Survey Monkey to get member approval. The 30 days will start when Laura posts. The 30 days will start March 1. We will need 2/3 of respondents to vote "yes".
- Long Term Financial Strategy...work with MJ to address the budget gap for 2023. The info can be presented at General Membership Meeting later in the year to give members time to consider it. Ann and Daisy will be on the committee.
- Spring Fling/Stella...will try to keep budget down. A buffet is casual and less costly. Compostable paper is less expensive. Keep it simple, no sponsors - just fashion show and golf! Lana/Joan/Denise will help support Stella by planning the actual golf part of the event.
- We should have future discussion on "how do we make profit on events?"
- Invitational/Robin...4 sponsors to date (Toupin Construction, Davis Construction, Plus 1 Spa, Teddi/Gail). Other possible sponsors: VIP Golf, Rossmoor Realty, Custom Exteriors. Please get in touch with Robin if you have contacts that may be interested in sponsoring a hole. It is \$500/hole to sponsor. It was suggested that pace of play will speed up if the grounds crew can use more care with pin placement for Invitational day.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hunt, Recording Secretary