

**MGA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2024**

**Board/Committee Members Attendance**

Joe Cervoni, President  
Cliff Murphy, Secretary  
Greg Langan, Treasurer  
Bill Bogert, Board Member  
Mike Cofer, Board Member and Webmaster  
Larry Coburn, Board Member  
Ron Nisun Tournament Chairman  
Mike Reyome, Ex-Officio

**Harbor Hills Attendance:**

Tom Leimberger  
Steve Henne

The meeting was called to order by Joe Cervoni at 4:22 PM

**Announcement from the President of the MGA**

Joe announced that the MGA is working closely with the club to remind members to:

- a. Not park within 30 feet of the green, even if you have a handicap flag
- b. Par 3 holes: cart path only

**Secretary Report: Cliff Murphy**

Cliff reminded the members that the minutes are posted on the website and the members were invited to read the minutes prior to attending this meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024 was made by Joe Cervoni and seconded by Greg Langan.

Cliff reported on new membership. In 2023, there were 11 new members: Rivera, Weiss, Delcamp, Fichtler, Moye, Bladyes, Dawson, Weitekamp, Hopkins and DeHaven. New members in 2024, to date: Johnson (Larry), Allen and Davis.

Cliff also reported on Hole-In-Ones. In 2023, Machacek, Johnson (Les) and Nelson. In 2024, to date, Smith.

**Treasurer's Report: Greg Langan**

Beginning balance on 3-1-2023 (start of the fiscal year) was \$6865.42, but that includes \$5700 in 2023-2024 dues. Thus the balance for the fiscal year 2022-2023 was 1165.42.

The current fiscal year balance (February 12, 2024) is \$2290.66, which excludes any 2024-2025 membership dues. Membership dues of \$5680.00 increase the bank balance to \$7970.66 or almost \$8000.

Members should note that last year's expenses were about \$9600. Current bank balance is about \$8000. There does not appear to be enough funds to pay for the same level of expenditures as last year. As a result, the Board made some adjustments to the expenses: They canceled the breakfast for today's Annual Meeting Day and they eliminated the lunch for last year's 4 Man tournament.

Treasurer's comment: The Board should have enough money this year so that the wives don't have to contribute money for the Sider Cup like they did last year. All tournaments generate revenue except the Sider Cup. Should the Board implement a registration fee for Sider Cup players?

**Web Master's Report: Mike Cofer**

The Stroke Play tournament sign-up is on the website. Signing up for the banquet is a separate signup on the website, so be sure to sign up for the tournament and for the banquet. When you sign up, be sure to sign yourself and your playing partner.

If you ever need to cancel your website event signup, you can remove yourself on the website. No need to call Cofer to remove yourself, do it online.

**Golf Pro: Tom Leimberger**

Tom asked members to drive on the golf cart paths and to avoid driving on any grass areas around the greens. This is the time of year when the grass is starting to regrow and we need to keep carts off those areas to give the grass a chance.

Also, when using a rental cart, return the cart as soon as you finish your round. The staff needs those carts for golfers who are waiting to begin their rounds.

Question arose about the drop zone location on holes 3 and 18. Tom will speak with Harding about mowing a new drop zone on hole 3 that is alongside of the water hazard, not in front of the water hazard.

Member comments:

- a. We see improvements on the trails with dirt filling some of the ruts. We hope this will continue.
- b. The right side of hole 14 – the grass is struggling. What can be done with this area?

**Club Manager: Steve Henne**

Steve had no additional information for the membership.

**Handicap Committee: Joe Cervoni**

Joe reports that members are "pretty good" about posting their scores and the Handicap Committee has no issues at this point.

**Tournament Director: Ron Nisun**

The next tournament is the Stroke Play event. Member registration is \$20. There will be an optional \$20 gross skins contest. Players should come to the Awards Event at the conclusion of the three-day tournament, even if they are not attending the banquet. Have a drink and congratulate the winners.

Match Play tournament is in April. [Secretary note: 4 Man event is in March]

Inner Club: The Harbor Hills team finished this year, tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in the Inner Club group.

**New Business: Most Improved Player**

There were 25 players who finished the year even or improved over last year end's handicap. However, Mike Collier held the best record for improved handicap.

### **New Business: Local Rules Revision**

The Local Rules have been revised to eliminate relief from the dirt paths on 1, 3, 7 and 10.

### **New Business: Board Member Elections**

Five of the current Board Members' terms have expired: Cervoni, Murphy, Langan, Cofer and Hale. Two of the current Board Members whose terms have not expired are Bogert and Coburn.

The Nominating Committee (Reyome, Tarrinelli, and Murphy) have identified five members to fill the vacating five positions: Billings, Hale (eligible to return to the Board), Nisun, Robuck and Winefordner.

Nominations from the floor were called: Members nominated Langan (who declined the nomination) and Goldsborough (who accepted the nomination).

Discussion: The By-Laws allow up to 8 members. With 2 positions filled, 6 remain. Five nominees from the Nominating Committee and one from the floor. The Chair stated that only five new members will be seated, further stating that the Board had decided to only seat 5 new members. There was a challenge about the Board vote limiting the new members to 5. The Chair said that the Board did vote on that issue and passed it. The challenger pressed the Chair to show, in the minutes, where this issue was voted on and passed. Another challenge: The By-Laws allow up to 8 positions. And there is no provision in the By-Laws for the Board to arbitrarily limit the Board members to only 7. The Chair dismissively told the challenger that he was wrong, he not longer had recognition from the Chair.

Paper voting was completed to fill five positions from six nominated candidates. 42 votes, each with votes for five nominees, were counted. Billings, Hale, Nisun, Robuck and Winefordner were voted to join the Board. It was announced that Goldsborough received 19 votes.

### **New Business from the floor: Sider Cup Committee**

Motion from Smith: Request that the MGA Board establish a standing Sider Cup Committee to oversee the Sider Cup, establish a budget for the current year's Sider Cup and, if necessary, establish a registration fee for players in the Sider Cup. Motion was seconded.

Discussion about whether the MGA Board or the Sider Cup does or does not have a budget.

Discussion: the Sider Cup is organized and controlled by the Red and Blue captains; in effect, they are the Committee.

Discussion: The MGA Board, according to the By-Laws, is the only group responsible for establishing committees. The Membership cannot make the Board set up a committee.

Motion failed on the subsequent vote by the membership.

### **New Business from the floor: Are Expenses outstripping Revenue**

Question: if expenses last year were \$9600 and bank balance now is \$8000, has the Board considered raising dues? Chair mentioned motion last year to raise dues but it was defeated by Board members.

Comment from Nisun, Cofer and Coburn: “Treasurer said we were broke but we ended with \$2200. We have plenty of money”. “Treasurer doesn’t understand” finances. “Treasurer didn’t know what he was doing”. “The wives donated \$20 each to avoid having to cook for Sider Cup. The Board doesn’t need to give the Sider Cup any more money”.

[Secretary note: by the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, on Feb 28, 2024 expense payments had reduced the fiscal year-end balance to \$401.66]

Comment: The cost of breakfast for the Annual Meeting seems exorbitant at \$23 per plate.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, seconded, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Murphy, Secretary