

GRSMGA Spring Captain's Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014

Meadowbrook Country Club – Gillette Garden Alcove

I. Welcome

Dick Walsh (*Chairman, Meadowbrook*) called the meeting to order shortly after 10:00 AM and welcomed all attendees.

In recognition of his contribution to the group and to commemorate the Hole-in-One that Rick Whittaker (*Vice Chairman, Meadowbrook*) scored at The Highlands last year, Mr. Walsh presented Rick with a plaque, which he obtained with the help of the Pro at The Highlands.

The minutes from the *Spring, 2013 Meeting* were approved as written.

Following an overview of the agenda for the day, which was reviewed by Carl DeRubeis (*Secretary, Jefferson-Lakeside*), each attendee provided introductory comments – stating their names and identifying which club they were representing.

II. Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Walsh asked the attendees if they knew whether or not their respective clubs had defibrillators on site. He then suggested that if they did not, perhaps they should consider obtaining (at least) one. It was also recommended that during tournaments each foursome should try to have a minimum of one cell phone available in the event that an emergency did arise. The general response of the group was understanding and acknowledgement of the logic and rationale behind the suggestion.

Dick discussed the various duties and responsibilities of the organization's officers – stating that each position is relatively easy to do and not very demanding. He went on to say that we don't want to be continually recycling the same individuals through the positions every year. We really need to infuse new people into the roles and asked that other Captains and Co-Captains who are interested please step forward.

Additional, detailed information about the duties of each position can be found on the website (GRSMGA.org).

III. Vice Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Whittaker indicated that he did not have very much to comment on. He did, however, reiterate Mr. Walsh's earlier comments on the topic of future officers and urged those present to please consider playing a bigger role in the future.

IV. Secretary's Report

Mr. DeRubeis followed the Vice Chairman's lead by indicating that he did not have any specific issues, concerns or topics to discuss.

V. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Walsh passed out copies of the 2013 Financial Report. As indicated on the report, the association finished the year with a positive balance of \$4,252.31. The question was raised as to whether or not we had any plans for the balance that remains in the account. Mr. Walsh indicated that there were no plans at this time -- other than maintaining a buffer and to assure funding for logo balls and Hole-in-One prizes. For anyone interested, the website provides financial going back to 2009.

It was agreed that – despite rising costs for both food and cart fees at many clubs – the tournament fees would remain at \$45.

VI. Discussion: Schedule Changes/Confirmation

It was agreed that the tournament schedule – as presently published – would require no changes.

VII. Club Commitments (Players per Event)

The following are the individual club commitments for players per club for 2014:

Club	Commitment	Change
Jefferson-Lakeside	12	
Country Club of Virginia	4	
Richmond	6	
Hermitage	8	(increases by 2)
Meadowbrook	10	
Lake Chesdin	4	
Hanover	5	(decreases by 1)
Stonehenge	6	(increases by 2)
Petersburg	7	(increases by 1)
Salisbury	8	
Highlands	12	
Brandermill	10	
Total	92	

VIII. Old Business

As a follow-up to last year's meeting, the question of whether or not we should add more clubs to the association was raised. Following a brief discussion, it was generally agreed that we are

comfortable at the current level of twelve (12) clubs and that we would not be pursuing any expansion in the immediate future.

The concern about pace-of-play was revisited and in the ensuing discussion the substantial difference in time between the first team to finish and the last was acknowledged. The possibility of penalties for slow play was discussed, but shelved for now. It was agreed that the measures taken to date to improve speed of play have produced some positive results.

IX. New Business

Nick Rodites (*Past Chairman, Brandermill*) stated that it appears that many golfers are finishing play, eating lunch and leaving – often before the tournament results have been announced. He suggested that – although we have discontinued the golf-ball-door-prize giveaway due to cost considerations – we might want to offer a range of low-priced, golf-related prizes. He surmised that this approach might keep players around longer and identified a number of items that could be used as door prizes without a significant financial impact (approximately \$10 or \$12 per event). In response, most of those in attendance seemed to agree that even when we were awarding balls as door prizes, many golfers still left early. Although the proposal does seem to have merit, it was shelved for now.

As a related issue, Mr. DeRubeis suggested that there seems to be a wide variance in the length of time it takes to tally the results from club-to-club. Some venues seem to have mastered the art and tally everything up very quickly, while others are much slower. It was recommended that the Captains work within their individual clubs in an effort to expedite the process and complete the exercise as quickly as possible.

X. General Discussion / Wrap-Up

Back to the issue of slow play: A question was raised asking what else we might be able to do to speed up play. One comment was “start on time”. Sometimes the review of the rules seems to take too much time. There should be a printed rule sheet in each cart and most players know the basic rules by now. Perhaps a high-level review (or no review at all), accompanied by any local pertinent rules or information would be sufficient and would speed up the process. Another practice that varies from venue to venue is that of getting players to their starting holes.–Some clubs do a very good job of directing or guiding everyone out onto the golf course, while others do not.

Another question was raised with regard to the possibility of including team competitions within tournaments. For example, a foursome prize for the ‘Best Net’ – something along the lines of the Four-Club Competition. It was agreed that the GRSMGA Officers would address this recommendation and present a proposal back to the Captains for review. We can vote via email and, if approved, we can try to pilot this at one or two clubs this year. A motion was made and seconded.

A motion to close the meeting was made and was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

XI. Attendees

Name	Club
Dick Walsh (Chairman)	Meadowbrook
Rick Whittaker (Vice Chairman)	Meadowbrook
Carl DeRubeis (Secretary)	Jefferson-Lakeside
Nick Rodites (Past Chairman)	Brandermill
Dick Walsh (Treasurer)	Meadowbrook
Jim Atkinson	Meadowbrook
George Rickman	Jefferson-Lakeside
Charlie Smith	Highlands
Jack Olsen	Highlands
Bill Duff	Richmond
Nat Withers	Richmond
Keith Reynolds	Hermitage
Larry Jefferson	Petersburg
Bill Smith	Lake Chesdin
Duane Garner	Stonehenge
Rob Bailey	Stonehenge
Don Atkinson	Hanover
Ashley Weatherford	Hanover