

Greater Richmond Senior Men's Golf Association

Spring Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

I. Welcome

Don Atkinson, Chairman called to order the spring meeting of the Greater Richmond Senior Men's Golf Association at 10:00 on March 14, 2017 at Meadowbrook Country Club. Atkinson welcomed all those attending and thanked them for representing their clubs. Atkinson then asked all present for a moment of silence and reflection for George W. Rickman, Jr. who passed away on December 24th, 2016. "Ricky" was a longtime member of Jefferson Lakeside and a very active and visible member and former Officer of the GRSMGA.

II. Introduction of Officers and Captains

The following members were present and introduced themselves:

Don Atkinson, Chairman, Hanover Country Club
Jim Wester, Vice Chairman, Meadowbrook Country Club
Duane Garner, Secretary, Stonehenge Golf & Country Club
Dick Walsh, Treasurer, Meadowbrook Country Club
Jerry Dyer and Carl DeRubeis, Jefferson Lakeside Country Club
Nat Withers, Richmond Country Club
Gary Zimmerman, Hermitage Country Club
Chip Scavone, Lake Chesdin Golfers Club
Jerry Carr and Jonah Bowles III, Salisbury Country Club
Jeff Alexander, Hanover Country Club
Jerry Ramsey, Country Club of Virginia
Larry Jefferson and Skeeter Railey, Petersburg Country Club
Charlie Smith and Robert Ward, The Highlands
Dick Nelson, Steve Menninger and Jon Hartzler, Brandermill Country Club
Drew Stiebeling, Stonehenge

III. Officer Comments

Don Atkinson briefly discussed the agenda and asked for comments from Jim Wester, Vice Chairman and Duane Garner, Secretary. Jim Wester had no comments at the time. Duane Garner asked that if any Captains or Co-Captains needed printed copies of any organizational material or documents to please contact him. Don Atkinson also reminded the attendees of the GRSMGA web site (GRSMGA.org) as a repository of all organizational information, forms and material.

IV. Financial Report

Dick Walsh, Treasurer provided a summary of the 2016 Financial Report. The Association had a beginning balance of \$2,378.58 and an operating loss of \$287.91 resulting in an ending balance of \$2,090.67. The Financial Report is now available on the GRSMGA web site at grsmga.org/financial/2016%20financial%20report.pdf

During the past calendar year, the Association's account balance went below the \$1,500 minimum threshold for bank fees and charges. As a result, Dick Walsh deposited \$1,500 of his own funds to avoid the monthly fees and charges. These funds show on the bank account balance but not on the Financial Report. The Board recommends that Dick Walsh withdraw his personal funds as soon as is reasonably possible.

There was discussion about the proposal from the fall meeting regarding increasing the fees for the CCV event from \$50 to \$60 per player. This proposal was necessary due to the Association subsidizing the CCV event due to its higher cart fees and dining costs. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed for the proposal by the group.

There was also discussion about raising the fees for all other events from \$1 to \$5 per player. Over the last 2 years other member clubs have experienced increases in cart fees and higher food and beverage costs. Dick Walsh said he felt it was not necessary for this year and recommended all other events other than CCV remain at \$45 per player. Discussion was tabled for the current year and will be reassessed at the fall meeting.

V. Confirmation of Event Dates and Club Commitments

Duane Garner called on each member club for confirmation of their event date and player commitments for the 2017 season. The following results were recorded:

Club	Event Date	Commitment
JLCC	4/19/2017	12
Richmond	5/4/2017	7
Hermitage	5/17/2017	8
Meadowbrook	6/1/2017	10
Lake Chesdin	6/13/2017	2
Salisbury	6/28/2017	5
Hanover	7/10/2017	6
CCV	7/26/2017	4
Petersburg	8/8/2017	8
Highlands	9/6/2017	10
Brandermill	9/20/2017	10
Stonehenge	9/28/2017	13
	Total	95

Note – Stonehenge will attempt to move their date to Thursday, 08/31/2017 due to a conflict with a Richmond Three Score Association event on September 28.

VI. Old Business

- A. Event fee increase for CCV from \$50 to \$60 was discussed and approved during the presentation of the 2016 Financial Report.
- B. There was continued discussion on rainouts and rescheduling events. Don Atkinson pointed out that the period from August 14 to September 1 is open for earlier events that are postponed due to weather. Further discussion revealed the following points:
 - 1) Other area organizations are charged for their meal regardless of weather.
 - 2) Most Food and Beverage operations would require at least 24 hours notice if cancellation/postponement is necessary.
 - 3) Rescheduling events would be solely dependent on the club's willingness to do so and availability for the event on the club's calendar.

VII. New business

- A. Our bylaws specify that member clubs are to be private and our current twelve clubs meet that requirement. Today's golf economy has all clubs considering measures to enhance revenue. It's possible that one or more clubs in the association may decide to operate as "semi-private" for some period. Although only private clubs would be acceptable for new membership, the GRSMGA board recommends that with respect to a change to "semi-private" status, current member clubs' membership be "grandfathered" so long as participating players are private or shareholders and/or dues paying members of their clubs. Adoption of this exception will require a modification to the Associations Bylaws.

There was a good discussion by the attendees on this topic and the modification was passed by a vote of 11 to 1. Wording for this modification is presented below and will be added to the Bylaws in Article III, Section 3.

“Member clubs are to be "grandfathered" as members if their clubs become semi-private.”

VIII. Adjournment

Don Atkinson, Chairman with no further business adjourned the meeting at 11:35.

Minutes submitted by: Duane Garner