

MGA Board Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by MGA Board President, Phil Iantosca at 11:00 AM. Board members present were Vice President Doug Picano, Secretary Jim Bodge, Board Members Jim Baker and Mark Kincaid, Diamante Club Manager Paul Murrison and Diamante Golf Professional David Howard. Not present were Treasurer Chuck Stofer, Board Members Ford Williams and Carl Harsch and Fund-Raising Coordinator Fred Noblett.

Opening Event

The 2025 MGA season opening event will be on Thursday, March 13 with a 1:00 PM shotgun start, four-man team, 2 gross, 2 net golf event. A dinner will follow at 5:30 PM. All MGA members are invited to participate in both golf and/or dinner.

Financial Status

Phil reported that the MGA has two \$5K CD's and approximately \$1K in cash. Plans are to cash one of the CD's that will be mature this month. This will start the year with an operating cash balance of \$6K plus one \$5K CD in the bank.

The Membership fee of \$100 will be billed to approximately 138 members in their next club bill.

Ford Williams will be working on the budget for the year and for the major events. Ford will assume the role of Treasurer from Chuck Stofer for 2026.

Bag Tag Program

The MGA will purchase an attractive and durable bag tag for each MGA member and for new members joining throughout the year. The tags are the same as the WGA (18) have purchased and that the WGS (9) also plan to purchase. The objective is for all golf members to have an identifying bag tag.

Trophies for Major Events

Discussion regarding recognizing the winners of major Playday events produced the plan to change to perpetual trophies with the names of winners added each year for the US Open, President's Cup and the Pro Ryder Cup and to award individual medals to the winners and runner ups for the Highland Fling and the Member- Member Oktoberfest.

Playing Combo Tees in MGA Playdays

A lengthy discussion addressed the use of the recently added Combo Tees (Blue/White and White/Silver) in MGA playdays which resulted in the following plan.

MGA Tee Selection 2025: At the beginning of the MGA season, you must declare from the following tees:

- Blue
- Blue / White Combo
- White
- White / Silver Combo
- Silver
- Green (other restrictions apply)

Please note that the combo tees currently are not properly rated for hole allocation strokes. The White/Silver combo is the same as White and the Blue/White combo is the same as blue. This is because it is necessary to have at least 500 scores recorded in Golf Genius to calculate the allocation.

Therefore, once we have the hole allotments complete you will have the option to change your tee declaration. This option will be available **ONCE** on the day designated by the MGA.

Flights for individual events will depend on the number of entries for each tee. If there are enough blue and blue/white combo players, there will be a blue flight and a blue/white flight. Same for white and white/silver combos. "Enough players" would be at least 7 in a tee category. If there are not enough, blue and blue white (or white and white/silver) will be grouped together.

MGA Playday Start Time

It was proposed and voted to begin morning Playdays at 9:00 AM through May and then change the starting tee time to 8:30 AM.

HSV Junior Golf

A motion was passed to donate \$500 to the HSV Junior Golf program as we did last year. It was also discussed if there are other ways we could assist this program. Jim Bodge will explore this with the Jr. Golf association.

President's Cup Date Change

The President's Cup initially scheduled for May 8th & 9th has been swapped with the Couples Golf Association. The new date for the President's Cup is May 1st and 2nd.

The MGA Playday initially scheduled for May 1st will be moved to May 8th at 9:00 AM.

Men's Locker Room Renovation

Jim Baker proposed that the MGA initiate a plan to renovate the men's locker room to provide better utilization of this space for MGA and related activities. The group visited the area and discussed options and agreed that it could be effectively used for gatherings, displays, posting information, cards, food service, meetings, etc. An initial phase involving minor expense could be immediate with changing out furniture and fixtures to create a more functional area. Longer term plans would include demolition and construction to expand the useable area. Jim Baker and Doug Picano will work with GM Paul Murrison to develop a plan and proposal.

Future Meetings

Phil announced that the MGA Board will have a set date for future meetings which will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM.

The next meeting will be on March 11, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the conference room at the club.

Jim Bodge
Secretary