

Greater Richmond Seniors Mens Golf Association  
Captains Meeting Spring 2024  
Minutes

**Call to Order**

The meeting, held at Brandermill Country Club, was called to order by Chairman Tony Giordano on Wednesday February at 10:02 am.

**Attendees**

The roll was recorded and is shown below. All member clubs were represented. The chairman introduced Dave Emmerling who is the captain representing The Federal Club which is new to GRSMGA this year.

**Officers for 2024**

Chairman: Tony Giordano  
Vice Chairman: Jack Molenkamp  
Secretary: David Love  
Immediate Past Chairman: Jim Wester

**Tournament Directors for 2024**

David Elko  
Duane Garner

**Chairman's Remarks**

1. Tony confirmed those playing golf after the meeting.
2. The minutes for the Fall 2023 meeting were approved.
3. Golf balls for closest to the pin awards were distributed. All teams were given two dozen balls with the exception of Stonehenge who will use the two dozen balls received last year.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dick Walsh presented the treasurer's report demonstrating a 2023 ending balance of \$4,197.28.

**Tournament Directors**

1. Topic #2 of the WHS 2024 changes was acknowledged.
2. The fees, field size and roster commitments for each club were reviewed.
3. The Board proposed removing gross score prizes and implementing USGA tie breaking. It was acknowledged that players on the forward tees had an advantage for low gross over the other players. Tony pointed out that in 2022 80% of the gross prize winners in the first flight and 100% of the gross prize winners in the other flights would have won net prizes. Concerns were expressed that the top players in the first flight may choose to not play since gross prizes were eliminated. The captains approved the following tournament changes.  
All flights will award 5 net places paying \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 (\$100 per flight) using the USGA recommended tie breaking procedures for all flights.
4. The Board proposal to declare a hole-in-one (HIO) as qualifying for closest to the pin was defeated by vote of the captains. The tournament directors were asked to improve communication to the players about the existing policy to avoid confusion.

**Closest to the Pin Prizes**

A suggestion was made at the 2023 Fall meeting to replace golf balls with cash payout as the prize for closest to the pin. The captains defeated by vote this proposal and approved by vote that beginning in 2025 one sleeve of Titleist ProV1 golf balls be the prize for closest to the pin.

### **New Business**

1. Lakeside announced that aeration plans conflict with the present tournament date. A new date will be researched and announced.
2. The need for a web master was considered. It was acknowledged that the primary purpose for a web site is to provide a central repository for all documents (Bylaws, P&P, Captain's Responsibilities, Tournament documents, minutes, results etc). Dick Walsh was asked to determine if administrative rights could be given to Duane and to the secretary to post updated documents to the current site.
3. A volunteer to assume Dick Walsh's treasurer duties is needed. Dick remarked that writing prize checks based on tournament results has been recently made easier by reports provided by the Tournament Committee.
4. A volunteer for secretary is needed so that the legacy rotation of officers can continue.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:11 am.

### **Attendees**

Tony Giordano (Brandermill)  
Jack Molenkamp (CCV)  
Dave Emmerling (Federal)  
Dave Bittner (Hanover)  
Gary Zimmerman (Hermitage)  
David Elko (Highlands)  
Bill Tatu (Highlands)  
David Butler (Lakeside)  
Patrick Toon (Lake Chesdin)  
Chuck Woodworth (Lakeside)  
David Love (Meadowbrook)  
Dick Walsh (Meadowbrook)  
Jim Wester (Meadowbrook)  
Dennis Zeiters (Petersburg)  
Ernie Weston (Richmond)  
Ron Williams (Richmond)  
Hickman Beckner (Salisbury)  
Chris Giles (Salisbury)  
Jeff Burke (Stonehenge)  
Joseph O'Hare (Willow Oaks)