

YUCAIPA VALLEY MENS CLUB BOARD MEETING 1/6/24

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Kereki, President; Tim Carlisle, Past President; Bracken Neeley, VP; Daniel Hudec, Treasurer, Dan Williams, Secretary, David Pidal, Handicap Chairman, Tom Hoff, Tournament Director, Rick Tygart, Member-at-Large. Absent: Larry Taylor, Member-at-large.

Meeting start: 1:31 pm

Discussion on incident which happened during today's round: Bunker was full of water and there was nowhere to drop for relief which wasn't closer to the hole. After discussion it was determined the local rule will be to keep the ball in the hazard, even if it is somewhat closer to the hole, rather than dropping in the grass behind the bunker.

Agenda items:

- 1) New Credit card for Tom Hoff; ensuing discussion and presentation of by-laws revealed a change in the By-Laws would be necessary to provide a credit card to anyone other than the President and Treasurer. Thus, John Kereki stated he would allow Tom to use his card to pay for his needed expenses, including his green fees on tournament day. All agreed to consider changing the by-laws to allow Tournament Chairman to have a card, perhaps rather than the President.
- 2) Rick Tygart's membership dues; all agreed to repay Rick for his membership, since he had just paid for it himself. David Pidal monitors board members' SCGA fees.
- 3) Updating scorecards; Discussed errors in yardages on current scorecard and how to correct them. Board cannot do anything. SCGA is scheduled to re-rate and correct cards in the Spring. The B.O.D's understanding is the board is able to rate individual holes. Board will discuss with Scott regarding hole ratings before new cards are printed.
- 4) WHS changes; David Pidal states World Handicap System changes take effect Jan 14.
- 5) Past President position; John Kereki proposed the position is not needed. Discussion revealed it is a position written in the by-laws, thus the by-laws must be changed to eliminate the position. All members agreed to postpone discussion until future meetings.
- 6) Going out early ahead of members; John Kereki suggested it should not be allowed for certain members to tee off before the scheduled 8:00 shotgun start. John made a motion to vote it not be allowed. Bracken Neeley seconded. Motion passed 8-0 to not allow early starts.
- 7) Pace of play local rule for OB & lost balls. Board discussed whether to adopt a local rule allowing a player whose ball was lost or OB to estimate where their ball went out of bounds or was lost and drop a ball from the fairway within two club lengths of the rough at the same distance from the hole, incurring a two-stroke penalty (lying 3, hitting 4), thus eliminating the need to return to the tee, if a provisional ball was not played. John Kereki made a motion to enact this local rule as a way to keep up pace of play. Bracken Neeley seconded. Board voted 8-0 to enact the rule.

An additional local rule was then discussed; whether or not to allow a player to pick up their ball if already four over par on a hole. Tom Hoff stated this would unfairly benefit the high handicappers. Board agreed to not implement this rule.

- 8) Setting up committees; Members discussed creating committees among board members and/or players to discuss and rule on various topics, eg rule violations, etc. Board agreed to further discuss at future meeting(s).
- 9) Budget for next year; John Kereki asked the question "How much is needed?" Currently there is \$5,794 in the club's account. Dan Hudec provided the proposed 2024 budget and bank activity since Oct 11th. No changes were suggested. It was noted in the by-laws the minutes of the previous meeting, showing approval, are required by any board member who wishes to obtain a debit card.
- 10) Goal for this year is 3 meetings; Discussion revealed by-laws require quarterly meetings. Board agreed to meet four times in 2024 unless additional meetings become necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.

Submitted 1/10/24 by Daniel Williams, Secretary