

April 7, 2025 – MGA Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Attendees (x indicates absent)

Gary Auger		Charlie Morris	
Tim Sheehy		Owen Murphy	
Kirk Levy		Bob Lowe	
Jim McCann		Mike Sheffer	X
Jim Casey	X	Harry McGovern	X
Todd McGohan		Geoff Tofield	X
Doug Ritter			

Other Attendees: Dan Hackney, Stephen Logan

Meeting called to order by Gary @ 2:03

Initial comments: Mike Sheffer has dropped off the board due to personal issues. Steve Logan was present to discuss GCAI projects and outlook. See attached for details of the discussion.

207 Members

101 HIO Members

Old Business				
Item#	Date Opened	Details	Update	Status Date
53	3/11/24	Set up social media accounts to help with the acquisition of sponsors	Cancelled due to uncertainty of value add	4/7 - cancel
84	12/02/24	Modify our By-Laws to include minimum rounds of golf at GCAI before participation allowed in Major events (M/G, CC, M/M)	Final vote conducted at Board Meeting on 3/3. Approved. Kirk to provide final version for posting to web.	4/7 - Complete
25-01	1/6	Develop a "Referral" program for bringing in new members	Added names in weekly flyer to reach out to board members (Bob and Doug)	4/7 - Complete
25-03	1/6	Create a survey to ask members what is needed to increase participation	Tabled until further notice.	4/7 - Cancel
25-04	1/6	Develop Ryder Cup event w/ Marsh Landing. Sun/Mon event at Marsh Oct 12-13 (Sun/Mon)	Moving forward on event. Action item closed.	4/7 - Complete

25-06	3/03	Bob to get with Bernie to add MGA as a "Club within the Club" list	No reply from Bernie	4/7
25-07	3/03	Ryder Cup Selection Criteria to be documented	Bob to provide draft to board prior to announcing to membership	4/7
25-08	3/03	Determine costs for Marsh Landing Ryder Cup	Dan to price items out, including shirts/hats, food, travel and golf costs	No update – Dan left the meeting before we got to this item.
25-09	3/03	Look at documentation of the May Member/Member. Published format indicates flights format from 2 years ago, but we changed to no flights in 2024.	Harry and Kirk need to get together to discuss. Update format to single flight before invite goes out.	4/7
New Business				
Item #	Date Opened	Details	Update	Status Date
25-10	4/7	Note to membership regarding the strict adherence to rules for Concert Cup	Kirk to send out details provided by Harry ASAP (done)	4/7

Committee Reports:

Treasury –Jim McCann

- Mar Balances provided
 - Internal Account - \$39,381 (corrected typo from last month)
 - Bank Account - \$42,449
- Internal account is +\$500 yoy, bank is +\$14k (hold over on sponsorship is \$20K), so we are a bit behind last year on cash

Member/Guest – General Discussion

- Dates firm for 9/18-20, 2025.
- Tee gifts and flight winner trophies are on hand from 2024's cancelled event
- Tents are paid for
- VOX has backed out and will not return our \$500 deposit
- Disco Witch has confirmed kegs for putting contest
- Will attempt to grow sponsor \$\$ to \$30K (already have \$21.5K)
- Push our signage program - \$150 each (still have those from 2024)
- Max stroke per hole in contest is 1

Competition Committee – Group

- Tarlow Cup proceeding with 3rd round. Some first rounds were never posted so declared as forfeits. Round 3 to complete by 4/11, 4 by 4/19 and final by 4/30
- March Event – 3-man Shamble Pro Shop creates the teams – 71 participants – tremendous success
- April Event – Concert Cup will use 85% handicap, 2 best balls with 15 teams plus 4 individuals signed up – reminder to follow the rules for this event will be sent

Communication Committee – Owen

- No update

Interclub – Todd McGohan

- Great season, great teamwork and camaraderie. Lost in playoffs, but look forward to 2026.

Handicap Committee – Charlie

- Card collection underway, but tee sheets will not be provided by GCAI.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:55

Attachment - Key projects for 2025 – Stephen Logan

1. Continued clean up and removal of debris, vines, and overgrowth across many areas of the course. We should see more leaf clean up now that the trees look to have finally finished shedding.
2. Tree Work:
 - a. Work to be done on holes 1,2,3 (continued clearing for sun), 4, 6, right & left side of 7, 11, and 18.
 - b. Lots of areas to be addressed to allow more light to increase and improve grass growth. Back of 4th tee box and along the 4th fairway.
 - c. Site lines from numerous tee boxes.
 - d. The dead tree and roots at the back of 18 to improve the cart path problems.
3. Veri cutting will start in the spring to improve playability of the fairways. Steven has a new toy (ok machine), that will be used and should greatly improve the cross cutting and thatching required.
4. Punching of greens will happen twice this year.
5. Drainage:
 - a. Significant work planned late summer / fall. The late start is due to a few reasons:
 - i. Company that will perform the work is currently redoing 2 golf courses in Southeast Georgia. We are on the list after completion of those projects.
 - ii. Stephen will be finalizing the identification of the “marsh” areas which he can and what he can’t impact during this project. This includes but isn’t limited to the termination point of Egans Creek, (somewhere along the back of 14 or 15).
 - iii. We also have a “dirty” electrical flow to the course that has caused surges and outages. This issue has created electrical shorts that no longer allow the original pumps to work. The same issue is also why many of the fountains do not work. A new pump / irrigation weep system will be installed to resolve the problem and help.
 - b. Drainage work will include hole 9, (Nassau County has cleared and created drainage back into the course in order to alleviate issues within the local neighborhood). This will put additional water on to the course near the large drain. This needs to be cleaned up to allow better flow away from the course.
 - c. Drainage work on 4, 11, 17, 12 and 15.
 - i. Hole 15 will see significant changes. The stream from 16 & 17 will be widened and dredged as it runs along 15.
 - ii. The area that connects with the walking bridge will become a much larger marsh land. Once the area is expanded to allow for significantly more water retention marsh grasses will be planted to ensure it has a natural setting.
 - d. All current storm drains are being cleared of debris and grass overgrowth to ensure there is an unimpeded flow during storms.
6. Other Marsh Work
 - a. A company will be hired to remove much of the hardwoods on holes 12,14,15,16,17.
 - b. For some reason Stephen and the team are afraid of large snakes.
7. Bunkers: All bunkers will be redone in the fall. (Same company as previously noted).
 - a. Work will include:

- i. Reshaping back to the original design
 - ii. Lowering the front to expose the bunker (easier to see), as well as allowing for better foot and machinery traffic in and out of the bunkers.
 - iii. New soil and grass will be added around all bunkers (get back to standard rather than the current hybrid we have now).
 - iv. Remove existing sand and drainage
 - v. Demo bunkers and shape area
 - vi. Install interior drainage - sock pipes
 - vii. Install new outfall drains
 - viii. Install drainage basin
 - ix. Cut new edge and prep floors
 - x. P&I Bunker solutions, G-Angle bunker sand, 302 bunker sand – compacted 6”
 - xi. Seeded
 - xii. Install TifTuf Sod
- b. The bunker at the base of 15 green will be eliminated. Not exactly sure what it will look like, but anything is better than what we have now.

8. Other Topics Discussed

- a. Creating additional “scatter” areas for entry and exit from fairways
- b. Use of additional crushed coquina shells to expand areas of heavy traffic
- c. Creation of a “cart path” along the right side of hole 1. This has the potential to greatly speed up play.
- d. Fill in the sink hole on the back right of 13. It is currently an accident waiting to happen. The crew cannot cut or work with the area at this time.
- e. Trimming shrubs and create some room around the green area of hole 8.
- f. Replace the railroad ties at the driving range.
- g. Add steps along hard to reach areas, (8th green)

9. How can we (the members) help

- a. The #1 thing we need to do is FIX YOUR BALL MARKS on the greens. Don’t just fix yours fix a couple.
- b. If you create a divot on a tee box, fill it with sand.
- c. Filling fairway divots is not as critical because we are performing a service to allow for better grass growth and aeration. Now if you dig a trench, then fill it and take a lesson with Dan’s team.
- d. Stay on the cart paths in and around tees and greens.
- e. If areas are roped off, stay away from that spot.