

## FAIRFIELD SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the General Meeting of October 11, 2017

President Mike Herrington opened the meeting with several general comments:

Mike announced that Gerry Menees is going into the trophy business and so will not be able to manage the FSGA web site or to be Tournament Chairman. Mike announced that Bob Ellwanger has agreed to take over the management of the web site. Mike thanked Gerry for the wonderful work he has done for us on the web site and as Tournament Chairman. Fortunately, Gerry will continue as a member of the FSGA Board of Governors, so we will still have the benefit of his experience and expertise.

In addition to losing Gerry, we are losing a software program called TPP that we have ben able to access through our involvement with GHIN. However, that program is being eliminated. We have researched and found a web site, golfsoftware.com, that hosts an on-line tournament manager program that meets our needs.

Ron Wayne has been carrying a terrific workload between managing our membership and roster, managing the schedule and managing the league day coordination with the Pro Shop. Additionally, Ron has been using a 12+ year-old, broken down Excel program to calculate the weekly and cumulative statistics. The web site golfsoftware.com also has a League Manager on-line program that can be used to perform the functions Ron currently performs.

Mike appealed to the membership that we need volunteers who can work with commercial software to step up and help us with the use of these programs. The on-line web site has demos for anyone who wants to explore how the software works. Also, anyone with questions can contact the web site or Mike.

Mike stated that the most significant complaint the golf course has with FSGA is our pace of play. Today's slow play is a perfect example. We must improve on this in 2018.

Mike stated that the Board has decided to change the rules regarding tee usage on league days. We will lower that age at which a player can use the green tees from 75

to 70 while keeping the 25-handicap threshold. This will hopefully improve our pace of play, and is consistent with what we are finding players preferring.

This year the year-end awards will be given out as gift certificates at the HSR Pro Shop. The Pro Shop agreed that for the year-end awards, as well as the tournament winners, all credits and gift certificates will be open-ended with no expiration deadline.

Mike stated that the year-end treasury balance will be approximately \$3,000. We were basically break even for the year and ended up with the same balance with which we started.

This year's membership totaled 114 with 7 new members. The total membership is down from the 128 members in 2016.

Election of officers was held with no nominations from the floor and the unanimous election of the nominated slate of:

- President Mike Herrington
- Vice President Ron Wayne
- Treasurer Sal Fiordelisi
- Secretary Bob Ellwanger

Election of the Board of Governors two-year positions was held with no nominations from the floor and the unanimous election of the nominated slate of:

- John Haskard
- Bob Sherry
- Brian Zukauskas
- Urban Leimkuhler
- Gerry Menees

Tournament results for this year for the plaques in the HSR clubhouse were:

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Closest to your Age Competition
60's Brooks Dwyer (age 65 – shot 73)
70's Jim Lauro (age 75 – shot 79)
Pete Carey (age 75 – shot 79)
80's + Joe Block (age 83 – shot 82)
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The Club Championship certificate was awarded to – Richard LaBelle.

The results of the Don Lake Honorary Tournament were:

Low Gross – Brian Zukauskas 83 Second Low Gross – John Keogh 84 Low Net – Ron Wayne 67 Second Low Net - Richard LaBelle 70

The winners of the Member – Member tournament were:

## Tony Palazzo & Victor Budnik

For the first time in a couple of year we had a hole-in-one with that award going to Ewan Mirylees.

Mike announced that the most significant schedule change in 2118 would be the replacement of the Oronoque outing with an outing at Oxford Green Golf Course.

Once again Ryan Herrington and the fine folks at *Golf Digest* donated a *King Cobra* driver to add to our 50/50 raffle. The driver was won by Don Lake.