



# FAIRFIELD SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of FSGA Year End Meeting

October 12, 2016

Meeting location: H Smith Richardson Clubhouse

President Mike Herrington opened the meeting with a presentation and discussion of changes/activities for the 2017 season:

1. The annual dues will be changed to \$65 (from the current \$40). However, in 2017 **THERE WILL BE NO – REPEAT NO – \$5 CHARGE FOR ANY TOURNAMENTS HELD AT H. SMITH RICHARDSON GOLF COURSE.** Mike explained the rationale for this is that 2016 the membership dues were \$40 with members allowed to prepay \$25 for five tournaments. Nearly 60% of the membership elected to pay the additional \$25. In 2016 we held **EIGHT** tournaments and we planned to do so as a minimum in 2017. Thus, this would give the most frequent players a break as they play in more than five tournaments (more than \$25 equivalent) but by charging for 100% of the membership we would ensure sufficient collection to cover prize money for eight (or more) tournaments.
2. Due to the increase of dues, there will not be ANY charge for tournaments held at H. Smith Richardson. This has the added benefit of eliminating the burden on the organizers and managers of these tournaments of having to collect money for each tournament.
3. We will schedule a minimum of five tournaments between May 15 and Sept 15 so that all “snow bird” members would have enough tournament opportunities to justify the new level of dues.
4. Tournament Chairman Gerry Menees explained that the club championship format will be “tweaked.” We will continue to have two brackets leading to a final champion. The players will be divided so that the lower handicap players will be in one bracket and the higher handicap players in the other. However, rather than individual players using their full handicap, the handicaps for all players will be limited to 80% of the full handicap. This will better equalize the competitiveness of the high and low handicap players.
5. Last minute request for additions/deletions to tournament represents an administrative challenge. These last-minute requests make the administration of the tournaments, the printing of scorecards, cart cards, etc., very difficult. Furthermore, withdrawal, particularly of A and B players for ABCD tournaments penalizes the C and D players on the team. The Board of Directors unanimously agree that **AFTER THE CLOSURE DATE** of registration for tournaments (given on the web site tournament sign-up page), at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman, any requests for additions could be rejected. If there are circumstances, such as a threesome for an

ABCD tournament, where addition of another player would fill out a four-man team, the Tournament Chairman can accept such additions.

6. The weekly and annual competitions will be changed to apply to play only between May 15 and September 15. This again, gives all “snow bird” members full opportunity to participate in these competitions. The following eligibility requirements apply for the weekly and annual cumulative competition:
  - a. Players must sign up through the FSGA web site and play within the FSGA tee time block.
  - b. On GOLF days, scores will be accepted for play any time on the day of the GOLF day.
  - c. H. Smith Richardson employees, who often must play before the earliest FSGA block tee time in order to report to work at the course later in the day, are eligible if they play on a league day earlier than the first block tee time.

**Membership Report:** Vice president and Membership Chairman Ron Wayne reported that in 2016 we had a record membership of 128 with 17 new members and 12 dual (FSGA/Men’s Club) members. Additionally, in 2017 participation in both league days and H. Smith Richardson tournaments was at an all-time high.

**Financial Report:** Over the course of 2016 our financial position was reduced by about \$550 but we ended the year with approximately \$3,100, which is very adequate for our organization.

**Election of Officers:**

The following slate of officers was unanimously elected:

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

The following members were unanimously elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors:

- Paul Gleason
- Bruce Woelfle
- Len Tavormina
- Bob Martinez
- Weda Falasca

Mike Herrington thanked Mike Linnane, the outgoing Secretary and past president for his many years of service to FSGA.

The 2016 Awards were presented and the meeting was adjourned.