

EDMONTON GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE HIGHLANDS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

EGA Representatives: Don Christensen, Gailene Shearer, Mike Tarrabain, Judy Willows

General

Attendance:

Ladies: Sue Turner, Helen Doyle (Belvedere), Colleen Gettman, Sharon Barabash (Broadmoor), Diane Gagnon (Derrick), Elaine Betchinski, Ellen Hughes (Devon), Sharon Balay, Tammy Oberik (Glendale), Sandy Nugent (Highlands), Donna Finucane (Jagare Ridge), Kathy Borden, Cheryl Doucette (Millwoods), Sheila Jaques (Ravencrest), Freda Stark (Riverside), Marilyn Cox (Royal Mayfair), Charlotte Pardely (Stony Plain), Joan Thom, Sandi Babik (Sturgeon Valley), Bonnie Austen, June Dumka (Victoria), Barb Campbell, Barb Flaman (Windermere)

Men: Pat Carrigan (Highlands), Dennis Clinton (Ravencrest), Rob Walkingshaw, Dave Armstrong (Sturgeon Valley)

Juniors: Kyle Brandt (Belvedere), Ken Griffiths (Highlands),

DOG/GM: Greg Kincade (Edmonton Country Club), Robb James (Royal Mayfair),

Absent:

Blackhawk, Cardiff, Goose Hummock, Indian Lakes, Ironhead, Northern Bear, Red Tail Landing, River Ridge, Sandpiper, Twin Willows,

Call to Order:

Vice President Men's Division, Don Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting was confirmed to have been sent and a quorum of Board members being present, the meeting was declared to be properly constituted. Don Christensen acted as Chair and Judy Willows as Recording Secretary.

An information package was handed out to Club Representatives upon registration.

Meeting Agenda:

(a) Call to order

(b) Association Report

- Notice of Meeting confirmed
- Minutes of previous Annual Meeting

(c) Business Arising from the Minutes

(d) Finance Report

- Presentation of financial statements setting out income, disbursements, assets and liabilities.
- Appointment of Auditor

(e) Nominating Committee Report – Election of Directors

(f) President's Report

(g) Division Reports

- Gailene Shearer, Ladies' Division
- Don Christensen, Men's Division
- Lynda Schuler, Junior's Division
- Don Christensen, Tournament of Champions & Senior's Tournament

(h) New Business

(i) Adjournment

Minutes:

Moved by Sharon Balay (Glendale) and seconded by Sheila Jaques (Ravencrest), that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 10, 2008 be adopted as circulated. **Unanimously Carried.**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financial Report:

Don Christensen presented the 2008 unaudited financial statement on behalf of Pat Wren, former Executive Director for association.

Don Christensen briefly reviewed the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2009 and responded to questions. The association balance is higher than anticipated as a number of expenditures did not come about as budgeted.

1. With the resignation for the Executive Director the charges for professional services were not fully expended.
2. In light of current issues facing the association revamp of the association website was put on hold resulting in unexpended funds.
3. Scholarship funds not as yet dispersed to the University of Alberta Golf program.

On motion by Ellen Hughes (Devon) and seconded by Freda Stark (Riverside) the financial statements were approved as presented. **Unanimously Carried.**

Hamilton Kirkpatrick was appointed to audit financial statement for 2009 and will be complete this task upon his return. Discussion followed on appointment of auditor for 2010 with suggestions that it should be an external auditor to ensure for a fair viewpoint and statement from an unbiased source. **Decision to appoint auditor deferred until the board has opportunity to ask for a professional opinion.**

Nominating Committee Report – Election of Directors

Current positions with one-year remaining:

- Don Christensen Director
- Gailene Shearer Director
- Mike Tarrabain Director
- Judy Willows Director
- Hamilton Kirkpatrick Director

Discussion followed on the decline in volunteer involvement and implications for the EGA if individuals do not make themselves available to fill vacant board positions as well as possible course of action for hiring a new Executive Director. Suggestions included:

- Hire Executive Director first so day to day administration is taken care of.
- Look at STEP program (get student help from May to September in running tournaments)
- Golf program at Grant McEwan - potential candidates for the Executive Director position.
- If additional funds are needed to cover salaries look at involvement in casinos.
- Need for Executive Director not as critical as need for more volunteer commitment (board members)
- How will assets be dispersed if association dissolved?
- Feeling from ladies that the men need to step up to the plate. The ladies division is running smoothly and efficiently and could continue as a viable entity should the decision be made to dissolve the association.

Discussion then followed on general lack of male representation and its impact on the future of the association. Men need to be part of work to be done to keep association viable. Questions raised do we need to force clubs to appoint men to the EGA.

Pat Carrigan (Highlands) and former EGA president (2002-2004) provided a brief review of the Association's history and the amalgamation of the three associations in 2002 (Men's, Ladies, and Juniors) into the present EGA. He advised that he would stand as interim president for 6 months to formulate a plan to keep the association viable for presentation at Spring General Meeting.

On motion by Charlotte Pardely (Stony Plain) and seconded by June Dumka (Victoria) that Pat Carrigan serve as interim association president for six months. **Unanimously Carried.**

Kathy Borden (Millwoods) allowed her name to stand for a two-year term.

On motion by Cheryl Doucette (Millwoods) and seconded by Sharon Barabash (Broadmoor) nominee, Kathy Borden, was elected as presented. **Unanimously Carried.**

President's Report:

- No president's report presented as position vacant (Mandy Foster resigned position August 2009.)
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Division Reports:

Men's Division – Don Christensen presented:

- 71 players registered to compete for \$2460.00 in prizes in the 89th Men's Amateur Championship held at the Indian Lakes Golf Course – July 10-12, 2009.
- The weather was great which created ideal conditions for the event and overall the tournament was a success.
- With the small number of EGA Board membership, the event was run by 2 very dedicated volunteers and the Executive Director. The club staff provided excellent assistance and increased our ability to run a good event. Alberta Golf Association provided two rules officials who kept the pace of play as their most important task assisting with the administration of the rules as required
- Media coverage attendance was light; however, we did get good coverage by the Edmonton Journal.
- Still working on the 2010 venue for the 90th Edmonton Amateur.

Ladies' Division – Gailene Shearer presented:

- Marshall/Podersky dates set for 2010 and clubs have been contacted. Any conflicts and changes will be completed before the spring Marshall/Podersky meeting. New clubs that are interested in participating in these two events will have the opportunity to provide member clubs with participants when they are unable to field a full team.
- Two tournaments were held in 2009. The Glendale was the venue for the Edmonton Ladies Amateur, held June 15/16, 2009 with a field of 59 participants. The Senior Ladies and Super Senior was hosted by the Windermere on June 22/23, 2009 with a field of 96 players.
- Some confusion occurred regarding responsibility for course set up at Glendale which was resolved. Meeting was held with AGA to clarify responsibilities in the future. AGA officials will be responsible to meet with course superintendents to prepare the course prior to the tournaments.
- Discussion was held during the ladies rep meeting in September about the viability of holding two tournaments with unanimous agreement that the expense, volunteer time required, and difficulty in arranging venue sites to run two tournaments is not warranted. Future tournaments will consist of all three divisions of the ladies at one venue and participants will choose which event to participate in: - Ladies Amateur, Senior Ladies Amateur, or Super Senior Ladies Amateur, with the prize pool equitably allotted to each group. **Recommendation that there be separate tee boxes at this event for the Ladies Amateur and the Senior Ladies.**
- Victoria Golf Club will host the 2010 Tournament on June 21st and 22nd, with the banquet at the U of A faculty club. The AGA has asked for a five year plan and to this end member clubs (based on the established rotation schedule) are being contacted to confirm their support in hosting the tournament.
- DeBoers Golf Shoppes and Training Centers has agreed to extend their commitment to ladies golf with another five year term. Royal Lepage Noralta is in the second year of a five year sponsorship. Many thanks to the Elharts and R&G Electric for their support over the years.
- Discussion held with the ladies reps regarding how to best spread the responsibilities for doing the work of the EGA Ladies Division. A proposal was unanimously passed to have rotation system

employed for Marshall/Podersky play extended to all positions. All clubs will now take turns in providing the volunteers to carry out the work of the ladies committee.

Junior Division – Lynda Schuler presented:

- EGA Junior Interclub recruitment began in early May with no private club participation.
- 9 public course teams were registered and a schedule for two divisions compiled. Matches were played with no problems other than the reporting of the points.
- Several requests received for information regarding lessons, tournaments and names of clubs who had leagues for the very young. Unfortunately in most cases almost no junior clubs will take children under the age of 10 nor are there tournaments available for this age group.
- The 2009 Junior & Age Group Championship was held July 11/12, 2009 at The Links in Spruce Grove; however no additional information available.
- Recommendations:
 - Club coordinators have their interclub team captains pass on the points to the EGA.
 - Match stronger teams against stronger teams.
 - Combine the junior members from 2 or 3 clubs in order to field additional teams.
 - After have several years of no private club participation should we be wasting time calling them?
- As the EJGA is basically not participating in either the board or what appears to be any aspect of the EGA why is the EGA running the junior interclub? ***Discussion followed with recommendation to meet as a group and decide how to get them on board.***

Seniors – Don Christensen presented:

- The inaugural Senior Men's Amateur Championship was held at the Broadmoor Golf Course on August 27/28, 2009 with fifty-six (56) players registered to compete in the event for \$3250.00 in gift certificates.
- While registration was lower than hoped, overall the tournament was a success.
- The AGA provided two rules officials who kept the pace of play as their most important task while assisting with the administration of the rules as required.
- With the small number of EGA Board membership, the event was run by 2 very dedicated volunteers and one EGA Director.
- Media coverage attendance was light; however, we did get good coverage by the Edmonton Journal.
- Broadmoor will again host the event in 2010.

Tournament of Champions – Don Christensen provided report:

- Eighteen (18) teams and eighty (80) players registered to compete in the 6th Tournament of Champions held at the Edmonton Country Club on September 14/15, 2009 for \$2,500 in gift certificates and gifts.
- Overall the tournament was a success with the Edmonton Country Club winning the Gross Team event, and the Derrick Golf and Country Club winning the Stableford Team event.
- The Alberta Golf Association provided two rules officials who kept the pace of play as their most important task while they assisted with the administration of the rules. A good group of volunteers, including several EGA Board members, helped to make the event successful.
- The scoring modification (team play on day 1 and individual play on day 2) did reduce the scoring complexity. However, multiple ties, with the resulting count backs did impact the completion of the banquet.
- No media coverage was evident and we need to work on promotion of the event in the future.
- Continue to review and modify the event to increase participation and flow. Considerations include:
 - Shortening the tournament to 1 day to
 - Decrease the number of days that working players need to take off from work.
 - Potentially open up the opportunity for an August date for event allowing Junior champions that are in school in September to play.
 - Increase our community focus through media coverage and inclusion of the Alberta University Team as a guest

- The EGA is working with a number of clubs to identify the 2009 host.

NEW BUSINESS:

Several questions and suggestions were presented for the board to consider as it moves forward.

- Should we be hiring an external auditor to ensure a fair and impartial viewpoint?
- Does the association needs a lawyer?
- What does the EGA do for Edmonton golf?
- Are EGA services adequately communicated to clubs and individuals?
- Are the membership benefits to the clubs adequately communicated?
- Public club participation vs private club participation?
- Accept more nominations outside of AGM meeting.
- Run 3 good tournaments (don't shoot to high)
- Consider combining two tournaments into one

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

DON CHRISTENSEN, Chair

JUDY WILLOWS, Recording Secretary