

PALO ALTO GOLF CLUB GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: March 2, 2017
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Palo Alto Golf Course
Attendees: Bob Booth, Ed Barkley, James Kaku, Chuck Pickett, Trevor Heathorn, Ken Arends, John Frykland, Doug Marinkovich, Ray Piontek
Absent: Rich Bin, John Osness

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Booth. Minutes from the February 2017 meeting were adopted without change. A check of minutes for January and February confirmed that Ray Piontek has not been re-appointed Assistant Treasurer.
- Treasurer
Net income for February showed a negative amount of -\$5659.00 due primarily to payment of \$7154.00 to the NCGA for 2017 membership dues. Expenses for the month totaled \$1,336.78 with the bulk of that amount being \$1,160.00 in tournament prizes. Following a lengthy discussion of ways to reduce costs, the board adopted the budget for 2017.
- Handicap
Handicap Chairman Ray Piontek provided board members with copies of an outline for the proposed changes to the rules of golf per the USGA. He also noted that rounds played for the first two months of 2017 was down significantly from prior years due primarily to the poor weather we've been experiencing.
- Membership and Communication
At the end of February, the club has a total of 198 members including 182 who pay membership dues. There is one new member and one renewing member in the queue who will be added to the roster once payment is received.
- Tournament
Chuck Pickett confirmed that we have directors assigned for all tournaments through the end of July. The board discussed ways to reduce costs for the Tournament of Champions and adopted a plan to use \$1.00 from each tournament sign up to help defray the cost.
- Course Update
Course is closed for renovation. The putting green closed in mid-February and the driving range in early March for renovation. The date for re-opening the putting green has not been set. The driving range will reopen on April 1.
- Other Business
Ken Arends and Trevor Heathorn were confirmed as members of the Audit Committee.
Ray Piontek and Trevor Heathorn were confirmed as members the Handicap Committee.
Ken Arends confirmed that he will attend NCGA's rules seminar for club rules officials.
The board discussed methods for improving membership using social media.
The board agreed to a link on the club's website to promote a fundraising tournament for St. Elizabeth Seaton school in East Palo Alto.

Next meeting is April 6, 2017.