

## 2024 BEGA Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Lance Morris

Time: 6:05PM

2. Roll Call – Lance Morris

- a. Lance Morris
- b. Rick Rush
- c. George Landingham
- d. Linda Pline
- e. Mike Pline
- f. Carl Heater
- g. Linda Brooks
- h. Steve Ellzey – not present

3. Review/Update/Approve minutes from previous meeting – Rick Rush

Motion carried to approve minutes from previous meeting

4. Review 2023 Activities

- a. President Report – Rick Rush

- i. 214 Members with around 25 being remotely located
- ii. Our leagues and tournaments were well attended
- iii. Lance took over secretary/treasurer duties from Steve. Thanks to Steve for his many years in that position and to Lance for stepping into the roll.
- iv. The Board took over responsibility for TravelnGolf in 2023 and the Perdido Key Fall tournament was the only event held. The Board divided up many of the tasks but Lance held it all together with Linda and Mike helping with the transition.
- v. We had another successful Pumpkinball Tournament and Linda Brooks won the League Championship. This makes two consecutive years of a Brooks holding that honor.
- vi. The members were notified in the Fall that a BEGA Board of Directors election would be held and they were asked for nominations. No new nominations were received with the current Board Members indicating they would serve another term. Several did respond with how much they appreciated what the Board is doing to make BEGA a successful organization.
- vii. BEGA had a strong year in 2023 and this certainly would not have been possible without the efforts of the Board and League presidents, THANKS.

- b. Tuesday League – George Landingham

- i. Rounds Played

1. Linda Brooks booked 35 Rounds at 17 different courses.
2. Played 33 complete rounds
  - a. Cancelled Canebrake – too high and too hot; gave us tee times starting at 11



- ii. Saturday held approximately 19 events with one rain out. New scoring system with points awarded based on how many players you beat that day to the top 5 finishers. Helped to bring the best/most consistent golfers to the playoff. John Gowdy won first half and Jay Wilson won the second. John could not make the playoff date and couldn't find a suitable makeup for both players so Tim Brooks substituted as second place winner for first half. Jay won the playoff. Held lunch at the playoff event at RTJ Shoals.
- 5. Review Treasurer's Reports for 2023 – Lance Morris
  - a. Explanation/Comments – after some discussion, everyone followed the explanations and motion carried to approve the reports.
- 6. Review/Update/Approve 2024 budget – Lance Morris
  - a. Explanation/Comments/Adjustments – Based on the projected ending balance for 2024, the league budgets will be increased by 50%. It was agreed that balance for Fall trip will be rolled forward to support 2024 event versus going into the general fund. Lance took action to make the discussed changes and send out revised budget for email approval.
- 7. Business – All
  - a. Old Business
    - i. Discussed new local rule allowing player to choose the tees they play from to better match their abilities versus age brackets. Lance took action to send out broadcast communication highlighting the new rule.
  - b. New Business
    - i. Monthly Tournaments, recommendations – Several different types of formats were discussed and the Lance/Linda/Carl team will decide on the type of format each month based on the course. We may experiment with a couple of new formats as well. Lance took an action to include information about the consolidated schedule now available on our web site.
    - ii. Travel'n Golf (Spring/Fall) – Board felt Perdido went very smoothly and Linda did an excellent job taking on the Spring Fairfield Glade event (although not a lot of participation from outside north Alabama). The Board will continue running Travel'n Golf going forward for now. Mike and Linda took an action to reach out to Kiva Dunes, Rock Creek, Glenn Lakes, Perdido Bay, Marcus Point and Stonebrook to look at pricing and options for 2024 warm up days. Starting to look for options for Spring of 2025. Organizer from Mesquite has reached back to us wanting to plan a return. The Board will start investigating options.
    - iii. Board changes – Due to ongoing health challenges, Steve will take a leave of absence from the board position. He will continue as the Handicap Committee chairman. The Board unanimously agreed Linda Brooks would step into his Board position until such time he is able to return.
    - iv. Handicap committee/qualifications – There are certain test qualifications on rules of golf that our club needs to maintain to keep our club in good standing with USGA. Steve current fulfills that requirement. Lance took an action to research how the league presidents can also qualify since they serve as handicap committee representatives for their leagues.

- v. GHIN Handicaps – Based on the changes with GHIN related to recording/posting partial rounds, our software provider currently cannot comply with these requirements. Since USGA requires providers to comply with all rules in order to allow automatic updates, our provider can no longer automatically send scores to GHIN. We can still pull updated handicaps from GHIN. Lance took an action to add to his communication this new development to make sure GHIN members are aware that they will have to manually enter their scores for BEGA events. This also requires league presidents to be more diligent as part of their handicap committee duties to confirm BEGA event scores are being recorded by GHIN members. Changes to GHIN and pricing going forward have had several members switch from GHIN to BEGA handicap which may eventually affect the number of licenses we need from Golf Software.

8. Adjourn

- a. Time 7:50PM