

GRSMGA Spring Captain's Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2015

Meadowbrook Country Club

I. Welcome and Introduction of Officers and Captains

Rick Whittaker (Chairman, Meadowbrook) called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and welcomed all attendees. Rick introduced the other officers for the 2015 season: Carl DeRubeis (Vice Chairman, Jefferson Lakeside), Don Atkinson (Secretary, Hanover), Dick Walsh (Treasurer and Past Chairman, Meadowbrook).

Each attending Captain provided introductory comments, stating their names and identifying which club they were representing. Nick Rodites informed the attendees that Brandermill will be naming a Co-captain in the near future. Jerry Ramsey from CCV also noted that he and Mark Dray will be acting jointly as Captains for the coming season.

II. Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Whittaker's remarks focused on the importance of continuing to cycle new names into the Officer's positions of the association. He asked that the Captains and Co-captains consider this opportunity and if interested, please let one of the officers know. Additional, detailed information about the duties of each position can be found on the website (GRSMGA.org).

III. Vice-Chairman's Remarks

Mr. DeRubeis did not have any additional comments for the meeting.

IV. Secretary's Report

Mr. Atkinson indicated that he did not have any specific topics to discuss other than those that will be discussed as part of "Old Business".

V. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the 2014 Financial Report was distributed to each Captain and Co-captain. Mr. Walsh indicated that the association ended the year with a balance of \$3,652.45. We will again this year pay prize money for 5 positions per flight, provide logo balls for closest to the pin and \$100 for a Hole-in-One. Additionally, it was agreed that despite rising costs for both food and cart fees at many clubs, the tournament fees would remain at \$45 with the exception being CCV at \$50.

VI. Schedule Confirmation/Changes

It was agreed that the tournament schedule dates as published would require no changes. All tournaments will start at 9:00 AM.

VII. Club Commitments (Players per Event)

Jefferson Lakeside	12
Country Club of Virginia	4
Richmond	6
Hermitage	8
Meadowbrook	10
Lake Chesdin	0 (decreases by 4)
Hanover	5
Stonehenge	8 (increases by 2)
Petersburg	8 (increases by 1)
Salisbury	5 (decreases by 3)
Highlands	10 (decreases by 2)
Brandermill	<u>10</u>
Total	86

VIII. Old Business

While progress has been made toward improving the pace of play, the general consensus of the Captains was that further improvements were needed in the area of starting and concluding play. The Captains identified and agreed to the following actions to improve the pace of play:

1. A copy of GRSMGA and local rules should be included in the cart. Any announcements prior to the start of the tournament should be kept to a minimum.
2. The 9:00 AM starting time means that players are to be at their assigned starting tee at that time, ready to play. Golfers must be in their carts 10 minutes prior to the starting time in preparation for movement to their starting tee. It was also recommended that low handicap players start farthest from the clubhouse and conversely high handicap players closest.
3. Players should turn in score cards as soon as they return to the clubhouse area.

The red tees at Brandermill are not rated for men. Nick Rodites will consult with the local pro to determine whether this can be done. Rating of these tees will give our players the option to use this set of forward tees and post their results with the VSGA.

IX. New Business

A motion by Gary Zimmerman (Hermitage) was made to pursue Willow Oaks as a new member in the GRSMGA. This was approved by the Captains. A committee of Gary, Jerry Ramsey (CCV) and Duane Garner (Stonehenge) will meet with Willow Oaks and report back to the association officers.

A suggestion to have either a “player of the year” or “club of the year” award was discussed. Rick Whittaker offered to lead a committee to determine how these awards will be earned and whether one or both should be used by the GRSMGA. However, subsequent discussion about the process and criteria for selection led to the tabling of this topic.

X. General Discussion/Wrap-up

Rob Bailey (Stonehenge) asked for clarification regarding when Captains/players must pay for withdrawals and no shows due to the weather. At Stonehenge last year, inclement weather caused a delay in starting the tournament by an hour. This resulted in some players to no show, others leaving before the start of the tournament and, thereby leaving Captains questioning their responsibility to pay. As stated in the GRSMGA Administrative Procedures, cancellation of a tournament due to weather should be by 7:00 AM. “Unless otherwise instructed, players are to assume that the tournament is to be played. If carts are to be restricted to paths and the host club does not permit handicap flags, then the guest captain should so inform his legitimately limited players and they may be excused from the competition.”

Another question was regarding the deadline for a Captain to notify the Host Captain of a non-emergency withdrawal. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Captains that the notification must occur by 12:00 PM on the day prior to the tournament for non-emergency withdrawals.

A motion to close the meeting was made and was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

XI. Attendees

Rick Whittaker (Chairman)	Meadowbrook
Carl DeRubeis (Vice Chairman)	Jefferson Lakeside
Don Atkinson (Secretary)	Hanover
Dick Walsh (Treasurer)	Meadowbrook
George Rickman	Jefferson Lakeside
Jerry Ramsey	Country Club of Virginia
Bill Duff	Richmond
Nat Withers	Richmond
Gary Zimmerman	Hermitage
Jim Atkinson	Meadowbrook
Bill Smith	Lake Chesden
Ashley Weatherford	Hanover
Duane Garner	Stonehenge
Rob Bailey	Stonehenge

Larry Jefferson
Jerry Carr
Robert Ward
Charlie Smith
Nick Rodites

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