

ASGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2010

The following members were in attendance: Manus O'Donnell, President; Donna Dunlap, Vice President; Deb Smith, Secretary; Edie Senensky, Treasurer; Diane Jennings, Golf & Newsletter Committees; Don Schmelzle, Golf Committee; Linda Floyd, Paul Trotta, Midge Orris, Social Committee; Anne Phillips, Social and Membership Committees; Jean Trunks, Membership Committee; Bill Kechersid, Web Site Coordinator; Dick Howard, Newsletter Committee; Donna Douglass, Facilities Coordinator; and Gay Wiese, Chairman of the Board.

The following members were absent: Cynthia Martell, Golf Committee; Beth McGucken, Handicap Coordinator; and Phyllis Johnson, Raffle Coordinator.

President

Manus called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Green Iguana, Westshore Hotel, and asked if the previous minutes should be approved. The minutes were approved. Manus sent an email prior to the meeting stating the January General Membership meeting will be held at this location on January 12 at 6:00 p.m. It will be the last for both the Board meeting and General Membership meetings to be held at this location. Donna Douglass will update us regarding the new location.

Vice-President

Donna Dunlap will conduct the January General Membership meeting since Manus will be out of town that night.

Secretary

Deb mailed get well cards in December to Tony Doyle who had spine surgery and to Valerie Pyles who was hospitalized due to pneumonia.

Treasurer

Edie passed out a copy of the treasurer's report and said there was not a change between the last time the Board met (December 15) and this meeting.

Golf

Diane said the co-captains for the "Central" summer golf league are Cynthia Martell, Don Schmelzle, and herself. She didn't know who would volunteer to be co-captains for Pinellas or Hillsborough or if anyone would volunteer to start a summer league for the "Northeast" or "South" Tampa Bay areas. Edie suggested the Golf Committee ask for volunteers at the General Membership meeting to be held January 12. A suggestion was also made to begin the summer leagues the week daylight savings time begins which is March 14, 2010. Manus said captains need to determine when to start and which courses to play.

Diane also brought up a proposed plan for all the summer league captains to become uniform and standardized regarding topics such as how members determine their "home

course”; a new scoring system that will eliminate the 1/2 point; and how members will establish their “quota” of points they must attain to determine winners. She passed out a recap with examples. Gay suggested that captains should also make it clear that the summer league is for ASGA members and that non-member can play a couple times but after that they need to decide if they would join ASGA to continue playing in the summer league. Gay suggested the captains meet to determine how to become uniform and standardized regarding all the topics of concern that were brought up.

Diane made a suggestion to buy new software for the normal golf event pairings since Tony said the old software is 5 years old. The price for the new software is \$147. Manus called for a vote from the Board and all voted to buy the new software.

It was determined that each month we will have one formal and one casual golf event in which members play their own ball. The formal golf for January will be January 17 at Country Side and casual will be January 30 at West Chase. After much discussion, it was determined that we will play casual golf February 7 at Cheval prior to the Superbowl game social and formal golf will be February 20 at Cypress Creek. Edie asked if she should send out an Evite for golf and the Superbowl game social in which the Board agreed. Diane asked if the pairings should be predetermined for casual golf. Manus said it will be ok for people to request who they want to play with since there won't be any prizes and he also suggested the members pay at the golf course and not through Edie. A suggestion was to keep track of casual golf events to see how it would work out. Bill said he could help Diane and Cynthia download the members' emails easily in an effort to do this.

Diane then read the proposed golf events, formal and casual, through June.

Jan 17	Countryside
Jan 30	Westchase
Feb 07	Cheval
Feb 20	Cypress Creek
Mar 07	Plantation Palms
Mar 27	East Bay
Apr 10 or 11	Southern Hills or Dunedin
Apr 25	Wentworth
May 08	Renaissance
May 23	Booker Creek
Jun 12	Isla Del Sol
Jun 27	Dunedin

Manus suggested the Golf Committee determine and announce in advance the formats for formal outings.

Don said T&D Golf will donate items such as golf towels and golf balls for prizes. Dianne said the Golf Committee will ask the golf courses to provide “rebound” certificates to all who play in the golf events. Gay suggested we send thank you letters to companies and golf courses that donate items and gift certificates. She also suggested that we need to give them recognition for their generosity in our monthly newsletter and website. Bill said he would make sure the website gets updated and will help with the creation of electronic thank you letters versus mailing paper letters which will save our chapter money.

Social

Linda said the January social is January 23 at the Derby Lanes Greyhound Race Track. We will have a lunch buffet at 11:30 a.m. and post time is 12:30 p.m. The price is \$15 which includes the entrance, buffet, tax, gratuity, and program. Parking is free.

The February social is February 7 in which we will play golf at Cheval Golf Course and after golf we will go to Gay’s house for a Superbowl party. The charge for the party will be \$10 which covers the food. Members are to bring their beverages. Edie will send an Evite to all members with the details.

Linda said Midge and Anne have joined her and Paul on the Social Committee. She said the goal of the committee is to try to have 1 casual social and 1 formal social each month. An announcement was then made that the Steve Santos Band will be at the Eagles Golf Course Friday, January 8. Edie will send an email to all members to let them know.

Gay suggested we book our Christmas party at Eastlake Woodlands Golf Course this year for a nice change. The Board agreed so she and Jean who lives at Eastlake Woodlands will book the date as soon as possible.

Membership

Jean said Donna Douglass and Anne have joined the Membership Committee.

Deb suggested the chapter’s banner should be turned over to the Membership Committee so they can display it at every meeting and other events whenever possible to attract new members.

Jean said she will contact the Golf Guide magazine to see if we can advertise our chapter plus provide the proposed golf schedule.

Manus suggested Jean should check with Tom Alsop to see if he still gives prizes to each member who brings in a new member. If not, he suggested that it might be a good idea for Tom to offer a \$25 gift certificate to one of his National events for bringing in a new member.

Handicap

Beth was not able to make the meeting so Donna Dunlap made the announcement that it is time for members to renew their FSGA GHIN membership for 2010 which is still \$15. Edie will include on the registration form that is sent in the newsletter and posted on our website.

Manus said he will contact Beth regarding the type of prizes for the most improved handicaps for both men and women on a monthly basis. Since not all members are able to make the monthly meeting, Deb suggested the prizes could be a certificate for a discount toward a chapter golf event which could be sent electronically to the members instead of a sleeve of golf balls which was the former prize.

Website

Bill said he will begin redesigning our chapter website this month. Manus asked each committee to send Bill all the new updates as soon as possible.

Newsletter

Diane said Dick has agreed to be the photographer for the monthly newsletter. She also said the deadline for articles to be submitted is the 20th of each month to make sure the information is printed in the next newsletter.

Facilities

Donna Douglass said she is working with Whisky Joe's on Courtney Campbell Causeway to have both our monthly Board and General Membership meetings since they have a private room we can use. We will be able to have the February 2 Board meeting and February 9 General Membership meeting there on a trial basis to see if we want to sign a contract for the year. She said there is no charge for the room and members can order food and drinks off the menu and pay as they go. She said Whisky Joe's will also have Happy Hour prices.

Manus thought it would be a good idea to have a sign in the lobby to advertise our chapter meetings. Donna said she would contact Whiskey Joe's to see if they would agree. Manus suggested we spend no more than \$150 for a formal sign and the Board agreed.

Chairman of the Board

Gay said she will work on our special golf event for this year which will tentatively be a Heat Wave Weekend in July.

Special Announcement

Edie said member Pam Mott won the 50/50 raffle at Tom Alsop's National New Year's Eve event at Champions Gate. She gets \$900 and our chapter will also get \$900.

Manus then said we will discuss the chapter's budget for 2010 at the next meeting and the January meeting was adjourned.