

Grandfathers For Golf
Board of Directors Meeting,
Thursday, May 9, 2019
Golden Era Golf Course Clubhouse.

Members Present:

Executive Board:

Tony Viola, President
Ernie Kercmar, Vice President
David Hiemenz, Vice President
Jim Crandall, Secretary
Arnie Giannotta, Treasurer

Board Members:

Brad Haskell
Jon Hemmati
Danny Crosser
Bob Wadlow
Linda Greilich
Dennis Chavez
Norm Kyriss

Excused absences:

Walt Kercmar
Ivan Johnson

Tony Viola called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Bob Wadlow moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept them as submitted. Seconded by Linda Greilich. Unanimous approval.

Agenda

Marty Finn Results

Treasurer Arnie Giannotta reported that the Marty Finn Memorial Golf Tourney took in \$6,026, with expenses for food of \$950, leaving a profit of \$5,076.

Tony reported that with that and the \$10,000 contribution from the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, and donations, Grandfathers is in good financial shape.

Soboba Tribe

Many members of the board of directors participated as volunteers in the Soboba Fundraising tournament. The group send out a card of thanks for the \$10,000 donation we received from the tribe.

Club Storage

Tony said that Grandfathers VP David Hiemenz was a great, last minute help in arranging with the Blue Fountain Mobile Home park to move our golf club storage container onto that site.

Summer Schedule

Tony submitted the summer schedule for Pee Tees, Beginners and Intermediates. Secretary/Webmaster Jim Crandall was asked to publish the schedule on the Grandfathers website.

Need for Volunteers

Tony urged all board members to reach out to fellow golfers and encourage them to volunteer as instructors for the Grandfathers program.

GFG Board Letter to GE Productions on course conditions

There was a lot of discussion about the course conditions at Golden Era. The course is in great shape, but the current design includes tall grass areas throughout the course, which creates frustration and slow play for golfers due to lost balls. Tony reported that we lost many of the snowbirds who play the course in the winter with proceeds going to Grandfathers because of the lost balls and frustration. Jon Hemmati moved and Ernie Kercmar seconded the motion to have a committee of Tony, Jim Crandall and Norm Kyriss draft a letter outlining the problems and loss of income to be sent to Pat.

GFG Men's Club lunches provided to non-playing personnel

Tony brought up the problem of Grandfathers providing lunches during Men's Club on Thursdays to non-playing personnel. It started when we had food left over and invited the grounds crew to have a free lunch once in a while. Then it morphed into an expectation that free lunches would be provided to non-playing personnel, which has become a financial burden for Grandfathers. Ernie moved, and Arnie seconded the motion to no longer provide meals to non-playing personnel, with the exception of volunteers who work to prepare and serve the meals. The motion was passed unanimously with the exception of Linda, who abstained.

Peach Jar Flyer Needed

Norm Kyriss volunteered to create a flyer for the Peach Jar program.

Drive, Chip and Putt

Norm Kyriss suggested that Grandfathers look into preparing some of our kids to enter the national Drive, Chip & Putt contest. It was agreed that we would look into that. Possibly implement similar strategies of the Drive, Chip and Putt.

Abuse of Free Golf Benefit

One of the benefits of volunteering with Grandfathers For Golf is that volunteers get to play free golf at Golden Era. Most volunteers do a lot of work for the program and play golf on occasion. But Linda said that she has seen a few Grandfathers For Golf

volunteers who don't do much volunteering but play a lot of free golf. It was decided that only volunteers with active Volunteer Cards will be allowed to play, and Linda will let Tony know the names of any volunteers who might be abusing the privilege.

Committee needed to expand GFG Tournaments to Coachella Valley

Tony said that with the limited participation of snowbirds that we need to reach out to other golf groups and invite them to play tournaments hosted by Grandfathers at Golden Era as a source of new income. The target area would be RV parks in the Coachella Valley. A committee was formed of Bob Wadlow, Jon Hemmati, Brad Haskell and Arnie Gianotta to strategize and visit golf clubs and RV parks in that area.

Linda moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, unanimous approval. The meeting ended at 2 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 after Men's Club (appx. 1pm) at the Golden Era Golf Course clubhouse.