

Vema Board Meeting April 4th 2024

Roll Call: Secretary Harvey Meister took roll indicated with the following attendees.

Board: Rich Gagliardi, Ben Dickerson, Harvey Meister, Glen Tarsha, John Perino

Committees and Ad HOC:

Old Business: Minutes from 1/11/2024 board meeting were previously approved for the purpose of opening a new bank account and so can be posted officially.

New Business: Several Items were brought for discussion with the following outcomes.

- 1) A brief financial report was given by the treasurer indicating that all accounts were current and on track to meet budget expectations. We have 137 current members and an expected end of year balance of around \$1500.
- 2) The slate of nominees for the year 24/25 board was presented. There were no applicants to run so all incumbents who previously agreed to stay on the board will run unopposed in the May Annual Members meeting. For the Record.
 - a. President Rich Gagliardi
 - b. Vice President John Perino
 - c. Treasurer Glen Tarsha
 - d. Secretary Harvey Meister
 - e. Tournament Chairman Ben Dickerson
 - i. Ad HOC Web Master (non elected) Mike Schmitt
- 3) A discussion was held regarding changing some of the tournament rules for handicapping and tee locations as this item was brought to the board unofficially by a member. The specific consensus was that while there were some valid points to address, they were not acted upon because of several factors
 - a. VEMA and events are running relatively well and smoothly and by some accounts better than they have in many years. So now is not a time to make changes.
 - b. Adding complexity of scoring and payouts for events is a fairly involved process VEMA already has a fairly complete and somewhat complex system and it did not seem like a good idea to make it more complex, hence more difficult to manage.
- c. While VEMA is not perfect nor makes any claims to this, there will always be criticisms and complaints about fairness for various reasons. After some discussion, it is clear that adding or changing rules will not eliminate these types of complaints. Many various complaints and suggestions have been raised over the years. Some changes were made and then discarded for good reasons. Not a lot of really new innovations related to this game of golf are brought to the board which have not been considered and tried before.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting adjourned by membership at 2:00 pm.

Minutes provided by Secretary, Harvey Meister