

Palm Desert Greens Men's Golf Club
General Meeting Minutes
1/16/2025

Call to Order: 09:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Warren

Roll Call by Secretary Floyd:

Elected Officials:

President - Dan Cameron:	Present
Vice President- Jack Allen:	Present
Secretary - Eric Floyd:	Present
Treasurer - John McClain:	Present
Club Liaison - Steve Warren:	Present
USA Member At Large - Clark Sharar:	Absent
Canadian Member At Large - Rich Davidson:	Present

Committee Chairmen:

Handicap - Richard Warburton:	Present
Membership - Doug Hodson:	Absent
Tournaments –	
Scott Slagle:	Present
Larry Reynolds:	Present
Mark Sanders:	Present
Publicity - Gary Bennett:	Present
Care and Compassion – Dave Levandowski:	Absent
Hole in One - Doug Hodson:	Absent
SCGA Delegate - Bob Shakespeare:	Absent
Rules - Byron Harvie:	Absent
AM Sweeps - Ken Gordon:	Present
Past President - John Coyle:	Absent
Parliamentarian - Dale Erickson:	Absent
Web Master - Jim Pollard:	Absent

Minutes:

Minutes for the January 2, 2024 Board Meeting were approved with minor comments.

President's Report:

President Cameron requested a “show of hands” vote of those in favor of a Breakfast Meeting on March 19th. A majority of attendees were in favor of the event.

Vice President's Report:

No Report.

Treasurer's Report:

The PDGMGC had a balance of \$24,771.03 at the end of November 2023. During the month of December, there were expenses of \$8,164.83 and deposits of \$11,107.00, resulting in a balance of \$27,713.20 at the end of the month.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Club Liaison's Report:

The Divot Party was well attended. Efforts are currently underway to establish an "Adopt a Fairway" program similar to the current Greens Care program.

It was reported that the pace of play in the recent Member/Member Tournament was much too slow.

Adherence to the pushcart policy which prohibits the presence of push carts on Tee boxes and between bunkers and greens has been very good.

The designated pushcart parking area (located adjacent to the Club House) is being used, but not by everyone. This provides a place to park a pushcart that is accessible and out of foot traffic areas. There are plans to make the area more usable by replacing the current ground cover with decomposed granite or a similar material.

At Large USA Report:

Nothing to report.

At Large Canada Report:

Nothing to report.

Handicap:

Members should not post their scores when playing in tournaments and sweeps. Scores during these events are now automatically posted by the Golf Genius application.

Membership:

There are currently 310 paid members, including 30 new members.

Tournaments:

A charity tournament to raise money for Parkinson's Disease is scheduled for March 16th. Information is available in the Pro-Shop, and we are still seeking tournament sponsors.

The Member/Guest tournament is scheduled for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of February. There are still openings available for this event. Entries will close at midnight on 1/30/24.

Publicity:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee for the 2024 - 2025 season (Bob Larsen and Bob Barrie), identified one person for each elected PDGMGC board position: These are:

President	John McClain
Vice President	Stan Dodd
Secretary	John Tierney
Treasurer	Clark Sharar
Club Liaison	Steve Warren
Member at Large-USA	Bob Barrie
Member at Large-CND	Bill Brown

The Nominating Committee will identify this slate of candidates at the February PDGMGC meeting and also call for nominations from the floor. Candidates that are nominated and accept must do so at that time. Their acceptance can be in person or by letter.

When the nominations are closed, the President will call for a vote to elect candidates to uncontested positions. Candidates must be elected by a membership majority. Positions with two or more nominees will be elected by ballot.

Ken Dobson moved to change future PDGMGC tournament times to Wednesdays and/or afternoons. The reasoning for this is the slow pace of play that these events cause. The pace of play resulting from these events affects all golfers on the course (not just tournament participants). Restricting tournament times to Wednesdays and/or afternoons would reduce the impact of these events on the greater golfing community. The motion was seconded by Scott Slagle and will be discussed by the PDGMGC tournament committee and BOD to evaluate options.

Golf cart parking in front of greens continues to be a problem, especially at holes 9 and 18. Golfers should always move their cart to the area at the back of the green once they are on.

Methods to disseminate golf course policies and procedures to all golfers were also discussed.

Hole in One:

David Levandowski received a bag tag for his December 4th hole-in-one on No. 14. He used a 6 iron from 163 yards.

Last season, there were 9 hole-in-ones, with a payout of \$176 for each. Doug Hodson reported that one person still has not picked up his hole-in-one winnings.

Rules:

The new World Handicap System (WHS) procedures started today (1/16/24). Under these new procedures, players that do not complete a round can no longer use the “net par” procedure to score un-played holes. Under the new procedures, the WHS will use an algorithm to “automatically” score the un-played holes. However, there are two important caveats:

- 1 The player must have completed 9 rated holes (e.g., the front of back nine at our course); and
- 2 The score must be entered in the “hole by hole” format.

Holes not played can be marked with an X or left blank.

Byron Harvie is planning to have a rule review for match play in the future. The date will be announced when it becomes available.

Care and Compassion:

The PDGMGC notes the passing of member Bob Tempelton. Our condolences are extended to his family.

Meeting Adjourned: 09:40

Next PDGMGC Board Meeting: 2/6/24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Palm Room