

Vema Board Meeting December 19, 2024

Call to order: President Gagliardi 1:00 pm

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

Board: Rich Gagliardi, Gary Tyler, Harvey Meister, Glen Tarsha, John Perino

Committees and Ad HOC: None

Old Business: 1) Approval of minutes from Board meeting of November 11, 2024.

2) Vema has received sponsorship renewal for next years Golf Carts Unlimited tournament. While this was confirmed a while back it was not included in prior minutes.

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

- 1) Gary Tyler accepted the position of Tournament Director effective immediately and valid until the next election This was unanimously approved.
- 2) Local course condition clarifications. These are considered rules for VEMA played events and are subject to change as conditions vary.
 - a) “COQUINA SHELLS” Holes 8 and 15 coquina (shell rock) beds will be played as “free relief, with no penalty”. **Determine the point of entry and drop your ball on grass within 1 club length of that point, no closer to the pin and resume play from there.** As we adjust to this new rule, consult with your group to make sure the play is being conducted correctly. If all players agree, it is sufficient.
 - b) “TREE ROOTS” Any ball that is either visibly in tree roots or if not visible, is likely to cause the club to come into contact with tree roots is entitled to “free relief with no penalty”. This is mostly in play for the large oak near the green on the 12th hole, but can be applied to any lie that may cause the club to contact tree roots throughout the course.
 - c) HOLE 6 The left area past the fairway bunker is unplayable much of the time. It will be “free relief with no penalty” outside of the area that is marked NO CARTS. Same as in item a) for how to proceed.

Rich Gagliardi will send this notification out to all members pending final approval and any necessary edits.

- 3) Financial Report
 - a. Glen Tarsha reported that VEMA account balances are within budget thus far in the year.
 - b. The initial results of changing the 50/50 drawing to a \$1 must pay and \$20 payout for 5 players has gone well and the amount of money collected for the treasury to help sponsor events and food is about the same as it was under the prior format.

- c. A suggestion was brought to purchase \$50 holiday gift cards for the following Viera East employees who go above and beyond to help us run Vema Events.

David Owens, Phil Choi, Mark Weber.

This was unanimously agreed to.

4) Other Business

- a. Glen has ordered some new Closest to the Pin stakes and tape measures as the current ones are in need of replacement due to wear. The measuring tapes have been donated by Mark Gallaway.
- b. Upcoming Ryder Cup event entry fee remains at \$20 per player with all participants eligible to attend the drawing which includes complimentary wings and beer at Beef's. This event is currently sponsored by Joe Ferrara, realtor and VEMA friend.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting adjourned by membership at 2:30 pm.

Minutes provided by Secretary, Harvey Meister