

Viera East Men's Golf Association (VEMA)

Minutes of **SPECIAL** Board Meeting May 29, 2025

Attendance: Simon Cole, President; David Hill, Vice -President; Glen Tarsha, Treasurer; Gary Tyler, Tournament Director; Harvey Meiste, Secretary; Bob Gustavson, Secretary Elect.

Meeting commenced at 12:40 pm

Meeting called to order and opening Comments by new President Simon Cole:

Simon thanked the returning board members as well as the outgoing members for their services performed for VEMA over the past year(s).

The meeting followed the printed agenda provided by Simon (attached). Some items were not necessarily discussed in the exact order as seen on the agenda.

the following discussions and actions were taken.

MINUTES APPROVAL FROM LAST BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2025

Minutes were approved with the following change. Cutoff for new members under Other: item 3 has been removed. The bylaws contain the membership prices and policies and will not be amended at this time.

Minutes approval by motion from Glen, seconded by Dave.

Calendar – after a brief discussion on calendar events for the remainder of this year and next, it was decided to have Gary Tyler review this and provide any input and recommendations at the June 12th board meeting.

By- Laws– after a brief discussion, it was decided to have Simon and Dave review the current by laws and bring any suggestions/items to the June 12th board meeting.

Financial Report- Glen Tarsha presented the financial review. This followed by a discussion to answer various questions and to allow the new board members to get up to speed on things. The current financial situation shows \$3,259.01 cash on hand with approximately \$800 in upcoming expenses by years end with an estimated Year end balance of \$2,285.57 (projected)

Credit Payouts and New Viera East computer system- Some discussion were held on the potential of going to a course credit payout versus the current cash system. Pros and cons were heard on this issue. It was decided to bench this discussion for now as the Course is implementing a new POS and computer system next week which will be a significant determining factor in the final decision here and since that system is very new, it's best to learn how it works and allow the course staff to implement and get familiar with it.

LOCAL RULES- We entered discussion on some recently implemented local rules for the purpose of clarification of some unclear language and understandings.

- 1) The root rule – This is covered under the USGA rules of Golf as well. It applies to any situation where a tree root may interfere with the swing. The rule is 1 club length from nearest point of relief. For Vema’s purposes this is anywhere on the course.
- 2) Coquina Shell - There is some new areas of Coquina shell in addition to holes 8 and 15 as well as existing beds of shell on several other holes. The current rule adopted in December 2024 allows for relief with no penalty on some areas but was not specific enough. Gary Tyler is going to review this as the course is also planning to put down more coquina in areas that did not have it before. He will communicate his decision to the board and members. The consensus at this time was to allow free relief no closer to the hole for all coquina shell areas. The concern was can players easily discern what those areas are.
- 3) Left Side of Fairway 6 – the ruling from the December 2024 board meeting was to allow free relief in that area as defined by the “no cart” stakes. This was deemed to be somewhat unclear and currently seems unnecessary as the course is dry and much of that area is playable and it has also shown improvement in general condition for play. Therefore, the ruling of free relief here is deleted. This will need to be communicated to members.

If there are conditions that warrant relief due to excessive water, we may proceed under the “standing water” guidelines of the USGA. As tournament director, Gary Tyler can announce any modifications to this rule for any events at his discretion.

COMMITTEES - The board moved to eliminate the handicap committee. Any issues handled by that committee will come before the board. Motion by Simon, seconded by Dave Hill and approved.

Media Liaison – Simon Cole is taking on the responsibilities of media liaison in the place of David Horst.

Web Site- Simon will speak to Dave Parker regarding assuming some duties, if necessary, to maintain the VEMA web site. He will report back on this to the board at the next meeting.

Harvey Meister - Secretary