

MEXICAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION
Colima's Mexican Restaurant 500 South Linwood Visalia, CA
Minutes for State Board of Directors Meeting
September 3, 2021

1. Call to order:12:07

A. Board of Directors

President Alicia Meiners
Vice President- Gabe Rodriguez- AB
Secretary-Terry Longoria
Treasure -Victoria Acosta
Parliamentarian-Joe Calistro
Yearbook Editor-Mike Gonzalez
Bylaws/Hall of Fame-Marc Longoria
Webmaster-Reene Smith
State Tournament Director - Reene Smith

B. Council Directors

Northern Council Director- Arnold Salazar by Al Martinez
Delegate- Larry Gapuz
Delegate- Reene Smith

Central Council Director- Ben Rodriguez
Delegate- Mary Serrato
Delegate-Tony Morales

Southern Council Director-Ray Derma
Delegate -none
Delegate- none

2. Introduction of Guests: Mercy Calistro, Gabe Gonzales Jr & Gabe Gonzales Sr (Santa Cruz), Kathy Ingram (San Benito)

3. Moment of Silence (Deceased Members)

4. Approval of Agenda Add: State guidelines and Elections at next meeting Al/Joe - ALL

5. Approval of Minutes from May Meeting (uploaded to web) Reene/Al ALL

6. Treasure's Reports for May and September –

- Reports distributed and discussed. No Questions.
- Expenses are down because of Covid impacts. But revenue is also down because we only charged \$1 for dues.
- We have 587 members.
- We are still holding money for Southern Council. They know that they can access it when they needed. They are hoping to put more infrastructure together to support the chapters.
- Motion to accept report: Ray/ Larry/ All

7. 2021 State Chairperson-Visalia/Tulare- Mary Serrato

- Mary thanked everyone for coming. She did express frustration that they did not get a lot of support for running this tournament. It was basically just her chapter.
- There were some plans that had to be changed – such as registration. The hotel could not have so many people for registration – so event moved to park across the street from hotel.
- Ben reviewed the plans for the Tournament. He asked that everyone be patient because due to Covid, things change at the last minute. They have had to be creative. Lunch, for example, will be on the turn at the golf course.
- There will be a ladies' event at the hotel organized by Victoria.
- Details of the day will be posted in the lobby of the hotel.

8. Correspondence- None

9. REPORTS:

A. President/Vice President- Gabe Rodriguez

- Gabe talked to Alicia and let her know that he can't make this meeting and he also can't continue for next year as VP due to issues with his work schedule.
- Calistro mentioned that if he resigns, President can appoint. Alicia clarified that he will finish out this year but will not run next year.

B. Southern Council-Ray Derma

- Still struggling to bring people in. Still has two chapters and they are playing. San Gabrielle and Imperial County stay in touch, but no one wants to step up to run business of the Council. They just work together to get it done.

C. Central Council- Ben Rodriguez

- Council meeting held live recently and well attended. They had Central Council tournament and got 2 players to state tournament.
- Doing pretty well for right now. They are working with Juniors to get some more involvement
- Some golf courses are changing rules and prices

D. Northern Council-Arnold Salazar by Al Martinez

- Everything is going pretty well
- Northern Council tournaments have been held

- Next Northern council meeting will be live
- E. Libro Año Yearbook- Mike Gonzalez
- Reviewed what he had for yearbook
 - Only Northern Council info is from Sacramento
 - Larry gave him package and Victoria has rosters which she will provide
 - Still trying to pull it together – working with his son
 - Once it is finished and approved, he will print and distribute five at a time to chapters to reduce waste. If chapters want more, he can reprint
 - Needs more pictures and Presidents letters. He would also like info on deceased members for “in memory” section.
- F. Bylaws/HOF-Marc Longoria
- 7 inductees – 3 from 2020; 4 from 2021
 - Awards will be Sunday – Joe has plaques – Alicia will do presentation
- G. Webmaster- Reene Smith
- Not much action in 2020 because of Covid
 - Trying to get more tournament info up for 2021
 - Get pictures info etc. on website
- H. State Tournament Director - Reene Smith
- Reene will be working with course to make sure all the skins, flights, etc. are handled appropriately. The course is entering the scores.
 - She’s also available to assist anyone with computer scoring issues
 - Gratitude expressed for Reene’s assistance. Discussion of frustration with automated scoring programs, in general, also discussed.

10. Unfinished Business:

- A. New Guidelines for forming a new chapter.
- Marc put together draft guidelines and sent through email to Board
 - He used Alicia’s chapter as template
 - It has fill-in blanks for spots that can be entered by developing chapter
 - Packet distribution must go through council or State Director
 - Motion to accept proposed guidelines Ray/AI – ALL
 - The Guidelines go back to Councils for their approval and then back to State for final approval.
- B. Update on State Guideline revisions
- Gabe was not able to get that accomplished
 - Alicia appointed Reene to work on guidelines. She will form committee and develop simplified guidelines; Ben Rodriguez volunteered; Marc Longoria also.
 - Alicia expressed desire to streamline and simplify.
 - Joe reminded all, that guidelines are different than bylaws and committee should look at both to make sure they are consistent.
- C. State Tournament 2022- Ray Derma

- They have not settled on a site – it may be in Carson City, Nevada, or San Diego – he is trying to make connections.
- May be week after Labor Day to keep cost down and approve availability – Covid 19 is of course impacting planning.
- Ben Rodriguez suggested potential to go to Paso Robles as he has connections.
- We will get update at next meeting.

11. New Business:

A. Elections will be in November – Council Directors check with chapters to see who may be interested. Ben Rodriguez will chair the nominating committee

12. General Announcements for the Good of the Order: Ben suggested that State MAGA should put together State Tournament Committee instead of relying on councils. A lively discussion followed. History reviewed. No action taken.

13. Next State Meeting November 20, 2021 (Elections!)

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 1:52 Reese/Mary - ALL