



MEXICAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION  
Minutes for the State Board of Directors Meeting  
Luna's Italian Restaurant, 349 Pollasky Ave., Clovis, Ca 93612  
May 19, 2023

Topic: MAGA State Meeting

Time: 12:00 P.M. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

1. Call to Order: 12:01 p.m.

A. Board of Directors

President –	Ray Baca
Vice Pres. –	Summer Baca
Secretary -	Ben Rodriguez
Treasurer -	Victoria Acosta
Parliamentarian –	Joe Calistro (absent)
Yearbook Editor -	Mike Gonzalez
Bylaws/Hall of Fame -	Marc Longoria (absent)
Webmaster -	Reene Smith
State Tournament Director –	Reene Smith

B. Council Directors

Northern Council Director – Reene Smith acting on behalf of Arnold Salazar (absent)  
Delegate – Alicia Meiners  
Delegate – Summer Baca

Central Council Director – Ben Rodriguez  
Delegate – Tom Avila  
Delegate – Joe Acosta

Southern Council Director – Ray Derma  
Delegate – Debra Sullivan  
Delegate – Chris Sullivan

2. Introduction of Guests:

Reynaldo Rodriguez, Sophia Robledo, Larry Gapuz, and Kathy Ingram

3. Moment of Silence was held in honor of our Founding Fathers and Deceased Members.

4. Approval of the Agenda: Alicia Meiners made a motion to approve the agenda and Joe Acosta second the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes from the November Meeting. Summer Baca made a motion to accept the minutes and Alicia Meiners second the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report – Victoria Acosta presented the report. All Chapters have paid the State their dues. Also, all Councils have been forwarded their dues. We have 636 total members in the State. Reiterate to all Chapters if you receive new members, please forward State and Council Dues to the State. Alicia Meiners made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Joe Acosta second the motion. All were in favor with none oppose. The motion passed.
7. 2022 State Chairperson – Southern Council Ray Derma and Debra Sullivan presented the report to the Board. The total amount of players was 103. The Southern Council was able to provide a profit and return the seed money to the State with some additional money from the 60/40 split. The Board gave the Southern Council an applause for sponsoring a wonderful event. Treasurer V. Acosta mentioned the State Board agreed to offset some of the cost per player so the State would write a check to the Southern Council for that amount and the amount for the state luncheon. Joe Acosta made a motion to accept the report as given, Summer Baca second the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.
8. Correspondence: Nothing to Report
9. REPORTS:
  - A. President/Vice President Report – Ray Baca mentioned Tom Avila has done a superb job on the Western Regional Championship and should be an outstanding tournament. Also, Ray mentioned the State would be working on a survey to find out what improvements or changes could be done to improve MAGA. Many times, members have ideas about improving MAGA but do not come forward, therefore a survey may help them express these ideas. Look for that survey in the near future.
  - B. Southern Council – Ray Derma reported Imperial Valley is struggling to improve membership. Ray expressed he will use some of the money made from the State Tournament for publicity to increase membership. For San Gabriel Valley, Rod Valdiviez has put on some really good tournaments and is on schedule for additional tournaments. For Menifee, Debra Sullivan reported they are trying to increase membership and is supporting tournaments in the other chapters. All is going well.
  - C. Central Council – Ben Rodriguez reported the Central Council Championship will be held at Lemoore Golf Course in August. The CC Mandatory dates have been set with Fresno Chapter having their mandatory in early February. One issue is the

amount of rain the Central Valley has been accumulating causing issues with golf courses and the change of mandatory tournament dates. Chapters have been working with each other to change tournament dates and the cooperation is working well. All Chapters are helping to support the tournaments.

- D. Northern Council – Reese Smith reported the Northern Council Tournament is coming up on June 10, 2023 at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo. In addition, the Northern Council is hosting the State Tournament in Carson City, Nevada and believe it will be successful. Reese mentioned membership has been increasing which is very good and the Northern Council is looking forward to a positive year. Sophia Robledo, President of the Sacramento Chapter is requesting assistance with raffle prizes for the State Tournament. Sophia handed out a letter so members could use to assist in obtaining raffle prizes from all MAGA Members throughout the state.
- E. Libro Ano/Yearbook – Mike Gonzalez presented El Libro Ano/yearbooks to chapter presidents and board members. Mike passed out ten books to each chapter and if members would like additional books to contact him.
- F. Bylaws/Hall of Fame – Marc Longoria was absent. No report completed.
- G. Webmaster – Reese Smith advised the website is more stable and is working better. Reese Smith requested chapters send her tournament dates and the name of all of their officers' names so she can update the website.
- H. State Tournament Director – Reese Smith reported the State Tournament is moving forward and believes the tournament will be a success.

#### 10. Unfinished Business:

- A. 2023 State Tournament – Reese Smith and Alicia Meiners reported the State Tournament will be held in Minden, Nevada on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The information for the state tournament is on the state website. Also, registration as well as lodging information can be completed online through the link on the Mexican American Golf Association State Website. The Ladies Function is still being worked on and hasn't been finalized.
- B. 2023 – Western Regional Championship Update was given by Tom Avila. Tom Avila reported the tournament will have 116 players. The two courses are in very good shape and the schedule of events should all run smoothly. The City of Clovis will have a car show and Farmer's Market during the WRC dates which will create a good atmosphere for all and create some parking issues. The reception and dinner will be held at Classic Catering which is nearby the Hotel where all are staying. The registration is schedule from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall near the Hotel where most members are staying. No shuttle will be used but volunteers are available to transport members if needed.

Break for Lunch 12:50 p.m.

Return to Order 1:05 p.m.

- C. Scholarship Donations – Summer Baca emailed Chapters throughout the state to determine what chapters had scholarship programs. Of the 17 chapters in the State numerous have scholarship programs. Larry Gapuz requested a donation from the State for the Santa Clara Scholarship Golf Tournament. After discussion, Alicia Meiners made a motion to sponsor a hole at the Golf Tournament for \$100. Tom Avila second the motion and all voted in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.
11. New Business: The Hall of Fame Nominations were presented to the voting board members. Three nominees were submitted for the Hall of Fame. All three nominees were unanimously approved for the Hall of Fame. **Michael Cunningham** of San Jose Chapter, **Manuel Medina Jr.** of Stockton Chapter, and **Arnold Salazar** of the Santa Clara Chapter were all nominated to be in the Hall of Fame.
12. General Announcements for the Good of the Order: Conrad Sanchez of Visalia-Tulare MAGA made a hole in one at the Valley Oaks Golf Course.
13. Next State Meeting will be on Friday, August 25, 2023 in Minden, Nevada at 12 p.m. at a location to be announced.
14. Adjournment: Ben Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Summer Baca second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.