



MEXICAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION
Minutes for the State Board of Directors Meeting
Vejar's Mexican Restaurant, 1293 South K Street, Tulare, CA 93274
November 18, 2023

Topic: MAGA State Meeting

Time: 9 A.M. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

1. Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.

A. Board of Directors

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

B. Council Directors

Northern Council Director – Arnold Salazar
Delegate – Alicia Meiners
Delegate – Marc Longoria

Central Council Director – Ben Rodriguez
Delegate – Tom Avila
Delegate – Tony Morales

Southern Council Director – (absent – email in report)
Delegate –
Delegate –

2. Introduction of Guests:

Merci Calistro -Visalia Tulare
Mike Carrizales – Fresno
John Whaley - Visalia Tulare

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 Arnold Salazar second the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes from the August Meeting. Correction to the Date (August 25, 2023) Alicia Meiners made a motion to accept the minutes and Tony Morales second the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report – Victoria Acosta presented the report. Victoria advised we have 643 members in the State. Alicia Meiners made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Marc Longoria second the motion. All were in favor with none oppose. The motion passed.
7. Correspondence:
The Western Regional Championship will be held in Tucson, Arizona, May 18th & 19th, 2024. Alicia Meiners sent an email with the Flyer Attached to everyone on the state board to forward to all members.
8. REPORTS:
 - A. President/Vice President Report –Ray Baca commented on his first year as President of the State MAGA. He went to the Sacramento Chapter Dinner/Dance fundraiser. The WRC hosted by Fresno Chapter was outstanding. The State Tournament was excellent. All in all, his first year as State President was good. He learned a lot and is still learning.
 - B. Southern Council – No one present, but Ray Derma sent a report. Summer Baca read the report to the board. Derma expressed the Southern Council is trying very hard to make the Chapters bigger, stronger, and to promote family. Ray reached out to San Gabriel President Rod Valdiviez and they have upcoming tournaments, and are trying to improve membership. Menifee Chapter – Deborah Sullivan is under the weather. Imperial Valley Chapter elected Simon as Chapter President and they are working on membership improvement. Ray expressed he will send in yearbook information to Mike Gonzalez as soon as he can.
 - C. Central Council – Ben Rodriguez, membership growing in Visalia Tulare Chapter. This year's mandatory tournaments were all completed and the Fun Tournament went off well. The format was a 6-6-6 format which members enjoyed. The Council Championship was well attended. The golf courses are not working with Tournament set-up as they are not letting shotgun starts so tournament takes 5-6 hours of play. All chapters are playing golf. For membership, Ben Rodriguez brought up the State make business cards again for new members. Marc Longoria advised Terry

Longoria made the cards years ago and he will try to have card sent to Ben for follow up.

- D. Northern Council – Arnold Salazar, membership growing. Our scholarship tournament helped to increase membership and raised \$12,000 for scholarships this year. With the success of the scholarship tournament the Santa Clara Chapter is looking into obtaining a 501©(3). The Northern Council hosted the State Tournament in Carson City, NV. The tournament was well received by members. Northern Council Championship went well.
 - E. Libro Ano/Yearbook – Mike Gonzalez has everything received pictures from Porterville Chapter, San Benito, Stockton, Sacramento needs President's message. All others should turn in pictures, message preferably on a thumb drive as it makes the transition easier.
 - F. Bylaws/Hall of Fame – Marc Longoria looking into some changes but currently do not have anything to report
 - G. Webmaster – Reene Smith – Information given about website as company is no longer maintaining the website. Nothing else to report.
 - H. State Tournament Director – Alicia Meiners on behalf of Reene Smith reported the State Tournament went well. The casino worked well with MAGA and the food was outstanding.
9. Unfinished Business:
- A. State Tournament Report - Alicia Meiners reported the tournament made a profit especially with the help from the Raffle Prizes. The tournament was a success. Arnold Salazar made a motion to accept the State Tournament Report and Marc Longoria second the motion. The motion carried all in favor.
 - B. WRC – Tom Avila reported the budget/profit & loss from 2023 WRC Tournament. Marc Longoria requested to get reimbursed for food due to having a medical issue. Tom Avila informed the board they reimbursed Marc Longoria for some of the items he purchased from the WRC Entry Fee but could not reimburse the food as they had to pay for the food he signed up for.

The WRC Guidelines state to receive reimbursement cancellation must be made 14 days prior to tournament. Marc Longoria notified the WRC Committee 9 days prior to the Tournament Date. The committee decided not to reimburse Marc Longoria.

- C. Hearing the situation with Marc Longoria, Ben Rodriguez made a motion to the state board to reimburse Marc Longoria for the loss of money for the food at the WRC. Tony Morales second the motion and the motion was open for discussion. Ben

Rodriguez pointed out Marc Longoria planned to attend but became ill and had to seek medical attention. Due to an unforeseen medical issue, Ben believed the state should take care of its member especially one is good standing and a longtime member. The motion was presented to the board and all were in favor with none opposed. Marc Longoria received \$152 from the State Board.

9:50 a.m. – Break

10:03 a.m.- Return to Order

Ben Rodriguez made a motion to approve the 2023 WRC Report, Alicia Meiners second the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

D. 2024 State Tournament Report – Ben Rodriguez reported, 60 rooms have been secured from the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, CA. Three rooms have been secured.

1. The President's Room
2. The 2023 Champion's Room.
3. Executive Board Room for Registration.

The 2024 State Entry Form is complete with a link to the reserve the rooms. Code for MAGA members is the 08302024MEX. Ben Rodriguez used the link to secure the Champions Room. It worked fine.

The Courses are secured – Ridge Creek GC in Dinuba on Saturday, 8/31/24 and Valley Oaks GC on Sunday, 9/1/24.

The dinner/dance will be held at the home of a member. It will be outdoors, and will have mariachi's, food, drinks, DJ, and Awards/Raffle plus other amenities.

Sunday Lunch after the golf on Sunday, will be held at the member's home. Trophy presentation, awards, etc.

10. New Business:

- A. Golf Genius – Summer Baca explained Reene Smith's message related to Golf Genius. The price for GG increased to \$900 a year. Ben Rodriguez made a motion to increase the annual line-item budget for Golf Genius. Tom Avila second the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Nominations for State Board – Marc Longoria took the floor and opened the board for nominations. Tom Avila nominated Ray Baca for President and Summer Baca for Vice-President. No other nominations were put forward. Marc Longoria closed the nominations. Ray Baca was elected as 2024 MAGA State President and Summer Baca as Vice-President.
- C. Ray Baca asked Victoria Acosta if she would stay on as Treasurer. Victoria Acosta said yes.
Ray Baca asked Joe Calistro if he would stay on as Parliamentarian and he stated yes.
Ray Baca asked Marc Longoria if he would stay on as Bylaws/Hall of Fame person and he stated yes.

Ray Baca asked Ben Rodriguez if he would stay on as Secretary and Ben said yes. Ray Baca asked Mike Gonzalez if he would stay on as Libro Ano/Yearbook Editor and he said yes.

11. General Announcements for the Good of the Order:

- A. Conrad Sanchez, Bill Young, Manuel Costales, and Jaime Ramirez of Visalia Tulare Chapter made hole in ones this year.
- B. Sal Lopez Sr. (Kings Chapter's 96 year old member) was honored at Fresno State Football Game for being a player on the 1958 Fresno State Golf Team. He was taken to the field and cheered on by 30,000+ fans.
- C. Joe Calistro shared information that Chapters should budget for mistakes made when putting on Tournaments. This budget will allow for mistakes made related to the golf tournament in case reimbursement to a member (s) is needed.
- D. Mike Gonzalez mentioned River Island Golf Course is under new management and is working on improving the entire golf course. If the course is able to open, Mike Gonzalez would like to play their Chapter's Mandatory Tournament there. John Whaley (CC Tournament Director) reached out to River Island Pro about hosting the Central Council Championship August 2024.

12. Next State Meeting will be on February 17, 2024.

13. Adjournment: Tony Morales made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marc Longoria second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.