



SMGA Board Meeting Agenda  
1/13/26

**Attendees:** Forrest Urban, John Morales, Mike Anthony, John Eakin, Randy Williams, Larry Tollman, Terry Edwards, John Alton, Steve Kartsonis

**President** – Forrest Urban: Call to Order at 7:30am.  
Guests: Barry Swartzberg, Merritt Harrington

Old Business: Approval of the BOD minutes for December 2025.

- Eakin motioned and verbal approval was unanimous for 12/2/25 and 12/18/25 minutes

New Business:

- CSM Trio band event at Catalina Pizza January 30<sup>th</sup> (and discussion for proposed Fall fundraiser) / Barry
  - CSM is playing at Catalina Craft Pizza on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> with reservations for 5:30pm and band starting at 6pm. Reservation is limited to about 18, but others can go on their own.
  - Concert date at SB2 theatre is tentatively scheduled for 11/15/26.
  - A sold-out venue has the potential of \$9,000 profit. No % or amount was set against the proceeds (to be further discussed next meeting), and we agreed we would like SB2 to make the payment within their contract.
  - Discussion around charity being military since the date is near Veterans Day.
  - Discussion around multiple charities, most felt this would dilute the value.
    - Folds of Honor, another military charity? Folds of Honor already has support from the Pro-Shop team (100 holes by Jane/Molly) and a scramble event.
  - Terry mentioned a high school nearby to support their golf team. We could have them attend the concert and possibly bring them up on stage. Idea could be to have them help sell the tickets to the concert as a fundraiser. He is following up and will update us on what that could look like next meeting.
- Photos, Signs, Banners update / Forrest
  - Photos for lobby, hallway & web site.
    - Discussion on new photos (need in PNG format). Agreed to wear either blue or red shirt and take the photos at the 2/3/26 board meeting. Anthony to send an email notifying everyone what color to wear in advance. The new photos will be used for all locations.
  - Update logos for signs & banners
    - Continuous effort to provide most current logos to ensure sponsors are represented properly.
    - Merritt indicated top sponsors get top billing (in order of value) and are included on more locations than smaller sponsors.
  - Events page opportunity to enhance value.
    - Discussion around getting photos and recaps of any event to Merritt to build out this page.
- SMGA Web Site 2026 expectations / Forrest & Merritt
- Web Site / Merritt
  - Update 2026 BOD/C information
    - Photos, phone numbers, and emails are being updated and verified
  - Could we scroll the website at luncheons? Idea to use projector to do this.
  - Update member roster
    - Randy to work with Merritt on roster. Email to be sent out to members to review personal information. When members renew Eakin gets an email notification.
    - This is a continuous effort. Printed roster books cost \$3,000 and are out of date (although Terry still has one from 2022) as soon as they are published. Verbal agreement around publishing this digitally only.
  - Discuss approach for reviewing SMGA documents (bylaws, rules, games, etc.)
    - Terry offered to review a section at a time (hunt and correct/consolidate) and provide feedback to Merritt in writing. Merritt indicated as content was updated, we should include a date on the document which should be PDF format when published.
    - Merritt indicated if certain documents are updated it could require a vote and approval by the BOD.
- Sponsors update / Morales & Eakin
  - Eakin shared a sponsors list update (see attachment). He indicated we have only collected +/- \$7,450 this year versus about \$28,000 LY. He is concerned we are lagging in collecting this year.

- The list was reviewed and members were assigned to follow up on key sponsors.
- Good news Wendy Harn is now a major sponsor after Morris Hall and Stretch Lab (both closed permanently).
- Steve reminded everyone that Golf Cars of Arizona is having a “customer appreciation event” this Friday, January 16th from 11am to 2pm. He asked everyone to try and attend in support. They are giving free food and a chance to win a Folds of Honor golf cart!
- Discussion around sponsor survey. Terry asked that it not be published on our website. All agreed it should be kept to the BOD and not published beyond this group.
- Merritt indicated we can do more to support sponsors via links to their website from our website to encourage members to use them.
- 2026 Budget presentation / Treasurers Report / Eakin
  - Eakin shared the budget document and showed a balanced fiscal year with cash like prior year. Annual revenue is budgeted at about 4% more than prior year. Discussion around lines within the revenue was tabled. Morales made a motion to approve, and we unanimously approved the budget as it is.
- Roadrunner Member / Guest update / Steve
  - We currently have 54 entries (41 repeat and 13 new) with 3 more verbal commitments. Capacity is 60 teams and break even is 48. Last two years we have had 66 entries (waiting list) which ensures we have a full field.
  - Merritt indicated that we have two banners that we will need to update for 2026.
- Javelina Cup update / Steve
  - There currently are 29 teams with 3 subs.
  - Set for January 28<sup>th</sup> at SB1 (best ball & chapman). January 29<sup>th</sup> at Mountainview (scramble & shamble), with lunch to follow there. Players will be charged \$25 for lunch.
- Process for cancellation of SMGA tournament play during a round prior to completion / Terry
  - The key question was who is responsible for deciding to cancel the tournament.
    - Pro Shop determines whether to close the course. They also determine whether to charge non annual members for golf (9 or 18 holes) that day.
    - SMGA can decide to cancel an event and inform the pro-shop. Ideally, we would work with the pro-shop to align on a decision for the course and event. SMGA can refund the \$10 entry only. Decision makers are responsible in order of priority:
      - Tournament Chairman / President
      - Tournament Chairman / Vice President
      - Tournament Chairman / Asst. Tournament (Rules)
      - If no Tournament Chairman – President / Asst. Tournament (Rules)
- Agenda & minutes flow for upcoming months / Anthony
  - The process below was approved to try for a couple of months and be open to adjust or improve the process.
- Board meeting is on 1st Tuesday of the month.
  - Request email for agenda items will be sent out to all board members on a Friday, eleven (11) days prior with a response deadline on a Monday, eight (8) days prior for topics to be included on the agenda. All responses need to be written via email.
  - Agenda will be sent out on a Tuesday, seven (7) days prior via email.
  - Minutes (including the agenda and other attachments) will be sent out on a Thursday, two (2) days following the meeting (or sooner).

#### Round Table:

- **Vice President** – John Morales /
- **Secretary** – Mike Anthony / Requested that all documents presented at the meeting be sent to him electronically so he can include them as attachments in the Agenda/Minutes recap email communication.
- **Treasurer** -John Eakin /
- **Membership/Public Relations** - Randy Williams / Concern that membership is down from 281 to 257 (8.5%) year on year at a value of \$40 each (\$960). Associate members do not pay.
- **Tournament Committee** - Larry Tollman / Chelsea has a limit of events it can handle. Golf Genius is used by other groups and could be a solution. Merritt indicated we could post a link on the website directing members to the correct location. Larry to investigate this.
- **Asst. Tournament/Rules Committee** – Terry Edwards / Terry will provide rules update monthly. He will also do this at SMGA luncheons.
- **Handicap Committee** – John Alton / Question around review of the top 32 points earners for the Cup. Decision not to review this cycle. Follow up for Terry/Larry to find out how Marvin was doing this. Discussion around scores not being posted and the book in the lobby. Merritt to follow up with a possible digital solution with easy to use drop down fields to allow members to say why they played and did not post (Eakin said he’s never been caught!).
- **Special Events** - Steve Kartsonis /
- **President** – Forrest Urban / Next big luncheon might be an idea to have Merritt teach basic website navigation via projector.

Meeting adjourned by Forrest Urban at 9:23am. Next meeting 2/3/26 at 7:30am.

SMGA Secretary, Mike Anthony