

ASGA Board Meeting Minutes

The ASGA Board met on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Attendees:

Paul Corby, President; Troy Newell, Treasurer; Sally Thompson-Bell, Membership Chair; Maria Ascanio, 2016 Golf Chair; Joanne Kendall, 2017 Golf Chair; Deb Delp, 2016 Social Chair; Maria Zuliani, 2017 Social Chair; Josie Sharp, 2016 Communications Chair and Chris Brady, 2017 Communications Chair

Discussion:

The 2016 Chairpersons discussed the transition of roles to the new owners. Paul Corby thanked past chairpersons for their contributions and welcomed new Board members.

Golf Schedule

Maria Ascanio and Joanne Kendall discussed the upcoming golf season. Several members have agreed to coordinate popular courses, and there are more opportunities for others to coordinate an outing.

Any member may coordinate an outing no matter your tenure with the group. If interested, contact Joanne Kendall as soon as possible to discuss scheduling. Look for the "Coordinating an Outing" tip sheet on the chapter website to see the details.

Overnight outings:

Penn National, July 4th weekend. Karen Eckert has booked this event for July 1-3, a Saturday arrival. A September outing in the Poconos is also being considered.

Saturday events

Tentative dates, as many courses are not taking bookings this early in the year.

April 8: Landis Creek (Paul Corby)

April 29: Butter Valley (Josie Sharp)

June 3: Old Homestead (Al Griffiths)

June 17: Ravens Claw (Sally Thompson-Bell)

Aug. 12: Wyncote (Deb Delp)

Sept. 9: Spring Hollow (Al Griffiths)

Sept. 23: Golden Oaks – Club Championship (Rene)

Tbd: Mainland (Debbie Kindt)

Tbd: Twin Ponds golf and Barbecue (Sharon Weaver)

Tbd: Center Square (Tricia Steege)

The Board agreed to set a limit of \$250 for deposits at courses. Non-refundable deposits will not be supported. To negotiate deposits and other benefits with courses, coordinators should remind pros that ASGA is a national organization, and that our chapter has been booking events with them for years.

The Board discussed that outings would be organized with tee times and modified shotgun starts. Shotguns can add cost to the greens fee at some courses because they must block other tee times to accommodate the group. The Board agreed that everyone finishing on time is a nice advantage for a better dinner experience.

Social Schedule

The Board strives to promote stronger bonds among members through off-season social events. Deb Delp and Maria Zuliani discussed popular social events from the past. Maria has held two January events, a Comedy night and an NFL Playoff /Pool Meetup. Maria would appreciate logistical support from others at these social outings. Contact her to volunteer.

Other social options in discussion:

Bowling night at Facenda lanes (organized by Rene Kuenkel)

Friday night casual happy hour meetups

Playaround Golf Simulator

Movie Tavern night

Deb Delp suggested a potential event to attend the Crump Memorial Golf Tournament (September 24), when the public can roam the fairways at Pine Valley GC, one of the best and most private golf courses in the USA.

Participants enjoyed the 2016 Holiday party at the DoubleTree. Maria has booked the event there again, for Saturday, December 9, 2017. She will be negotiating favorable discounts for hotel rooms.

The first **Meetup of 2017** will be March 14 at the Chesterbrook Embassy Suites in Wayne. New members are encouraged to attend this happy hour event to meet chapter members and learn about the upcoming golf season.

Finance

Troy Newell reported that the chapter bank account has \$4,748.85, a \$750 increase over prior year revenues.

In February, we'll need to make a deposit for Penn National on Feb. 27 and a deposit to the DoubleTree for the Christmas party on Feb 22.

Members are reminded that ASGA fees subsidize social events. The Club gets \$3 back per person from golf green fees, which support the Christmas party, the summer barbecue, etc.

Communications

Josie Sharp and Chris Brady met to transition the newsletter editing, Board minutes and other communications responsibilities. The newsletter publishes on or about the first of every month, and updates are sent to the chapter as needed. Members should send news,

photos, and other copy ideas to Chris ideally five days before publication to make the next month's edition.

Chapter Bylaws

Josie Sharp has reviewed the ASGA bylaws to determine where changes might be needed to reflect differences at the local chapter level. She will distribute the document with her observations to the Board in advance of the next meeting.