

September 18, 2025, RGC Open Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 6:30 PM

The August Meeting Minutes have been approved and posted

Present: Tim Turnquist, Steve Hendrickson, David Bills, Michael Rossiter, Jose Salcedo, Paul Wilson, John Wharff, Dan McCullough, Scott Herman, Ron Floyd, Ken Lyon, Harry Wharff

Members: There were 13 members in attendance.

Absent: Tom McElhatton

President's Message: David thanked the members for attending. He relayed that Duane Appl just passed away. A moment of silence to commemorate Duane was held. David recognized the hard work of the board, and he introduced the ballot system. Members who hadn't voted were able to.

VP Message: John shared the importance of signing up for the upcoming Invitational. He will have a Newsletter coming out next week chronicling the recent results of the election and other new business.

Tournament Director: Harry reported 58 people have signed up for the upcoming Invitational. Away events Rooster Run has 13 signed up and Foxtail only has 8. The cost for each course is \$125. At least 20 are needed per tournament to move forward.

Tournament Bookkeeper and Treasurer's Report: Jose has all tournament money and skins money paid. The tournament accounts are in good standing.

Secretary's Report: The 2025 RGC membership finished with 210 members with 38 non-renewals. The last two years have been very similar in membership numbers and renewal rates. The shadowbox is updated with the 6, 6, 6 results. An application will be prepared soon to show the change in rates for 2026. While the renewal rate remains the same, members who do not renew prior to January 1st will pay an additional \$10 service charge. Any service charges collected will go directly to paying off the more expensive Golf Genius tournament platform.

Webmaster's Report: Tim has the website updated except the posting of the last two tournaments. They will be posted within the next week.

Rule's Chairperson's Report: Ken shared the change in the out of bounds ruling. As it stands, if everyone sees the ball heading towards the OB, the player must hit a provisional. If the ball is not found, the provisional must be played. For all other shots heading towards the OB direction, a ball may be dropped in the fairway at an agreed upon spot, and the player will be hitting "4" from a tee shot. The ruling is strictly for pace of play and the NCGA has implemented the ruling in the same way.

Handicapper's Report: Mike has the Eclectic updated. Anyone who has signed up for the Eclectic tournament now receives a summary after each event. He is updating the handicap lists to remove people who are no longer members of the club. The Eclectic tournament will be flighted at the end to make each flight equal in numbers.

Correspondence:

- A new member application was received and the secretary called him to let him know his application would be processed in January 2026, but he will be treated as an Invitational new member and receive the bonus of being eligible to play for the rest of 2025. He is interested in playing in the Invitational tournament and is looking for a partner.
- Ron found two golfers interested in joining and want to play in the upcoming Invitational, and they have since been placed in partnerships for the tournament.

Old Business:

- Harry will update the Perpetual trophies. He is working with someone and will have details shortly.
- The current GolfSoftware Tournament System is no longer compatible with NCGA. Golf Genius is a better platform but more expensive. A motion was made and passed absorbing the cost increase for the 2026 year (no added cost to membership), with a planned discussion next year about an associated membership fee increase for 2027.
- A motion was made to charge late renewing members \$10 if they sign up after January 1st. This will help improve the efficiency in transitioning to the 2026 season. This was voted on and approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Tom initiated a scholarship proposal for two \$500 scholarships for high school seniors after a First Tee administration vetting process. Suggestions were made among the members and the general consensus was in favor of it. The Board will work to design a framework for its creation.
- Harry introduced the Golf Genius RGC home page. The screen can be found on our website as well as the Golf Genius App. It is live and all tournaments and results can be found on Golf Genius moving forward. Because we had previously used the program, we received a \$1000 discount. Harry gave a brief tutorial of the platform.
- A proposal was made to create pool that people can join to help cover the costs of scoring a hole in one. This will be further discussed next month.
- Election results for the 2026 RGC board positions:
 - President – John Wharff
 - Vice President – Tom McElhatton
 - Secretary – Paul Wilson
 - Treasurer – Jose Salcedo
 - Members-at-Large – Dan McCullough, Yanni Lenakakis, Jim Espinoza, Karry Przepiorski
 - Dan won one position.

- There was a three-way tie between Yanni, Jim, and Karry. A three-way re-vote was made. Yanni won the tie-breaker vote.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 pm