

Cinnabar Hills Men's Golf Association (CHMGA)

Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes

April 22nd, 2025

Meeting Details	
Meeting Date:	April 22 nd , 2025
Meeting Time:	6 pm
Meeting Location:	Holder's Country Inn 1424 Saratoga Ave, San Jose
Dial-in Info (if required)	Dial-in #: XXX-XXX-XXX Passcode: afcdef Meeting id: XXX XXX XXXX
Minutes Taker:	Jeff Fell

Meeting Called to Order	
Time: 5:57 pm	Steve Shortt

Attendance		
President	Steve Shortt	Present
Tournament Director	Erik Feldman	Present
Secretary/Membership Director	Jeff Fell	Present
Treasurer	Nick Egan	Present
Handicap Chairman	Justin Smith	Not Present
Rules Chairman	Paul Vieth	Present (30 min late)
Club Operations Chairmen	Erik Feldman	Present
Members Operations Chairman	Richard Lebakos	Present

Priority Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOPIC: Discuss agenda and plans for annual meeting on May 3rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DISCUSSION: Reviewed tentative agenda and agreed to timing and topics. Each person will plan their presentation within the time assigned. Jeff will plan to have a projector and screen ready (along with a PC). If people have information to present, provide to Jeff at least a day before the meeting so I can preload my PC with the materials. <p>Discussed sharing items such as late withdrawal fees, flighting guidelines, pre-registration options. Erik to balance items to share in newsletter vs. annual meeting.</p>

Discussed using the time to get feedback on Cinnabar Cup, next year's tournament schedule and possible tournament formats, bay area senior golf association, plan for survey later in the year,

Committee Reports

President

- **ACTION:** Update on events for membership socials.
 - **UPDATE:** No change from previous update.
- **TOPIC:** Update on 4/29 Twilight 9 hole tournaments
 - **UPDATE:** Rescheduling 4/29 tournament to 5/27 given low sign-up (18 members). Jeff to send out message to members regarding rescheduling. Board to solicit more feedback from members on what would get more interest. Board felt 24 is the minimum number. Richard suggested reaching out to the Old Fashioned group to get their interest. Discussed publishing the availability on NCGA/Golf Genius and CHMGA social websites.
- **ACTION:** Update on joining BBSMA and BASA to expand membership
 - **UPDATE:** No change from previous update.
- **ACTION:** Update on changes to Bylaws
 - **UPDATE:** Jeff distributed the updated bylaws to the membership on 4/13 and posted the new bylaws with a summary of key changes on the website. Will also highlight the changes in the newsletter in preparation for annual meeting voting.

Tournament Director

- **TOPIC:** Review remaining 2025 tournament schedule and recommended changes to the format for each event.
 - **DISCUSSION:** Reviewed Erik's updated schedule and his proposed changes. Primary discussion was around the Majors and mostly the two Stableford Majors. Discussed how to modify one of them to another format.
 - **DECISION:** Change Event #15 to be Individual Gross tournament. Change event #17 (last major) to a 2 man total net. Event #19 will stay as an Individual Net. Event #22 to be determined later.
- **TOPIC:** Confirm modification of tournament fees for major tournaments from \$50 to \$25 per person
 - **DECISION:** Board confirmed to charge only \$25 for major tournaments (same as normal tournaments), but with double Cinnabar Cup points for majors.
- **TOPIC:** Discuss remaining NCGA qualifiers and whether CHMGA should fund them.
 - **DISCUSSION:** The board discussed eliminating the NCGA Senior 4-Ball qualifier on 5/3 and voted 3-3 (tie) regarding it. Pros: Less work for Erik, save

money by not sending 2 teams. Cons: We've had this on the schedule all year and some members may be counting on playing in it.

- **DECISION:** The Board decided to continue with the senior qualifier, as long as we could keep the tee box options simple so it would minimize work for Erik. Agreed teams who want to play the qualifier need to play from the Combo tees. Other teams can choose from QS or Cinnabar tees
- **TOPIC:** Review replacement policy for NCGA events where a member is subsequently unable to attend the NCGA event.
 - **DECISION:** For 4-ball events, the board agreed that if a team member in a 2-ball team can't make the qualifier date, that the next place team in our qualifier will replace them. For 4-some events (that are made up of 2 2-ball teams, we'd use the same method. If a team member in either of the 2-ball teams can't make the qualifiers, we'd replace that particular 2-ball team with the next place team in our qualifier. For individual tournaments, if a player can't make the qualifier, we just replace them with the next place individual in our qualifier.
- **TOPIC:** Approve and publish flighting guidelines on website and newsletter
 - **DECISION:** Jeff to incorporate Erik's feedback into the final flighting guidelines. The Board approved the flighting guidelines based on this and Jeff will publish after reviewing with Erik.
- **TOPIC:** Discuss payout amounts for season points and match play winners
 - **DISCUSSION:** Discussed the payouts planned for the Match Play tournament. Nick confirmed that the club has planned for \$1,000 to be used to increase Match Play tournament winnings during the tournament, with \$100 for a plaque in the club house for the overall winner.
 - **DECISION:** The Board agreed not to make any change to amount of money set aside for both the Cinnabar Cup points winner and the Match Play tournament for 2025. Expect end of year budget around \$3,000.

Secretary/Membership Director

- **TOPIC:** Approval of March 11th minutes
 - **UPDATE:** Board approved March 11th minutes
- **TOPIC:** Update on February membership numbers
 - **UPDATE:** We have 84 full members as of the end of March (not counting 17 NCGA renewal only members)
- **TOPIC:** Update on March/April newsletter
 - **UPDATE:** Board members to provide updated information for their sections by the end of the week (Friday the 25th)

Treasurer

- **TOPIC:** Review and approve March finances
 - **DISCUSSION:** The club's had ~\$15,000 in our account as of the end of month. Nick to send out updated spreadsheet to board with current finances by month and YTD totals.
- **TOPIC:** Debit card for CHMGA account
 - **DISCUSSION:** Nick informed the Board that we now have a debit card tied to our account, so we are able to pay bills using the card. Nick to work with Mike Tovish to move current bills from tools to the card (Mailchimp, Webhosting, etc.)
- **TOPIC:** Update on 2024 tax filing
 - **DISCUSSION:** Club taxes filed. Expect no taxes given our revenue is below the thresholds to be taxed.
- **TOPIC:** Club monthly balance
 - **DISCUSSION:** Discussed how to get better return (interest) on our monthly balance given we're currently running at \$10,000 plus for a balance. Also discussed BMO options to offset MemberPlanet transaction fees for membership dues and bonus options for members who open BMO accounts.
 - **ACTION:** Board agreed to stay with MemberPlanet for payment of membership dues (simple, easy) and not to pursue bonuses for members opening BMO accounts. Nick to look at options to get better interest on money sitting in our BMO account.

Handicap Chairman

- **TOPIC:** Justin to work with Erik and Paul to agree on audit methodology and perform the annual audit.
 - **UPDATE:** No update. Justin has the action to complete by 8/31, either using the "Handicap Review" function in the admin section of USGA GHIN database, or some other method.
- **TOPIC:** Discuss any changes to TI calculations for members with less than 20 tournament scores
 - **UPDATE:** Justin is contemplating some tweaks to the TI (for new members). To be reviewed at the next Board meeting when he's present.

Rules Chairman

- **TOPIC:** Update on CHMGA purchasing a clock for Cinnabar Hills to be placed at the starters box (and maybe the driving range).
 - **UPDATE:** Paul has discussed with Adam about installing a clock if we bought one (no feedback yet). Paul also got feedback from several members who agreed it would be nice to have one installed at the range and starter's shack. Cost still to be confirmed (~\$2,000 to \$3,000) and options for funding the

<p>purchase (not to be funded by CHMGA). Paul will share progress and get feedback on May 3rd membership meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOPIC: Discuss rules education and communication (School of Rules, Players Handbook link) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DECISION: Erik agreed to include link to the Today's Tournament Rule/School of Rules on the CHMGA rule site. Jeff to provide a link that won't change from each tournament to tournament to Erik.
<p>Club Operations Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOPIC: Update on CHMGA name change plans and actions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DECISION: Close this action item. Re-open in the future as time permits for a board member to pursue, and until our fictitious name expires in 3 years.
<p>Member Operations Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No items discussed

New Business
<p>Rules Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOPIC: Discuss local business advertising on CHMGA website or newsletter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UPDATE: Steve to get member feedback at annual meeting to see if there is any interest in us pursuing this further. • TOPIC: Discuss offering a young executive/member discount <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DISCUSSION: The board discussed the pros of providing a discounted executive/member discounted (getting more members) vs. the cons (potential lawsuits for age discrimination). ○ DECISION: Decided not to offer a young executive/member discount but continue with our mid-year promotion of \$150

Meeting Adjourned	
Time: 7:48 pm	Steve Shortt
Past Board Decisions (Archive)	
Feb 11th, 2025 Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DECISION: Jeff Fell will take responsibility for the CHMGA Website on an interim basis. The board voted 6-0, with one member in absentia (Justin), that Erik Feldman will assume the responsibility for CHMGA Tournaments on an interim basis with Mike’s active assistance for the next two tournaments. Board will assign ownership for the remainder of the year at the next board meeting. Other responsibilities still to be assigned include:	

CHMGA marketing, Pro-shop interface beyond tournament management, CHMGA surveys.

- **DECISION:** Given the current tournament schedule has already been communicated to the membership, the board voted 5-0, with two members (Justin, Nick) in absentia, NOT to change the overall tournament schedule dates, the Cinnabar Cup qualifying criteria, end of season monetary payouts for 2025, and double points/payments for Major tournaments. The board will discuss potential alternatives to the Club Championship format at the next meeting, as long as they fit within the current 3 dates we have scheduled for the Club Championship. Erik will review remaining 2025 tournament schedule for review and approval at the next board meeting.
- **DECISION:** The board voted 5-0 with 2 members in absentia (Justin, Nick) to use the Chapman Scotch format for the 2/22 tournament. Mike and Erik will decide how to flight the tournament as a GROSS tournament. **NOTE:** Subsequent to the meeting, it was agreed to flight the tournament as a NET tournament with three flights (Cinnabar, Combo, and Quicksilver).

Jan 25th, 2025 Meeting

- **DECISION:** Board discussed moving NCGA qualifiers (like the Feb 8th 4-man qualifier moved to later in the year, closer to the actual NCGA event. Board agreed NOT to do so and leave the schedule as it currently is.
- **DECISION:** The board unanimously approved (with one absent) the continued use of the TI handicapping for CHGMA tournaments through 2025.
- **DECISION:** The board unanimously approved (with one absent) using the Cinnabar tees for the low handicap flight during Winter/Fall, and the Hawk tees during Spring/Summer
- **DECISION:** The board unanimously approved (with one absent) to hold our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. Location to be determined, although most board members felt

<p>Campbell was a good central location. Steve/Jeff will coordinate to determine location ahead of next board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECISION: Jeff to act as a focal point for communication of items to the membership (not the creation and actual distribution, but as a focal point to avoid duplication of activities and streamline communication. May be reassigned to another board member (Erik) pending further discussion. 	
Closed Action Items (Archive)	
<p>Feb 11th, 2025 Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: Mike to send out tee box options for the Feb 8th 4 ball zone qualifier, with his recommendation, for review and approval by the board. Jeff will coordinate a vote on the selection prior to Feb 1st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CLOSED: Board voted 7-1 on 2/1 to play the 4 ball zone qualifier as a 2 man best ball tournament, with the top two teams advancing as the CHMGA 4 ball team to the NCGA next round. Two ball teams will be able to selected between Cinnabar and Combo tees, with both members having to play from the same tee. • ACTION: Provide updates on communications with Adam L and Adam S about men's club tournaments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CLOSED: Insufficient time to cover in board meeting however Jeff to forward Mike's feedback from his recent conversations with Adam L. • ACTION: Share with board conversations between Steve, Jeff, Nick and Mike about not revisiting prior board's December decision to scrap BlueGolf experiment and stay with Golf Genius <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CLOSED: Insufficient time to cover in board meeting, however Steve, Jeff, Nick, and Mike discussed after last meeting. Given the previous board had made the decision to move back to Golf Genius in December, none of us felt we should re-open that decision at this time, and we should move forward with to implement their decision. 	

Jeff will include information as part of upcoming CHMGA Newsletter.

- **ACTION:** Jeff to identify process with Mike and Nick for providing updates on current membership numbers, and report during future board meetings
 - **CLOSED:** Jeff has access to MemberPlanet and can pull updated membership information monthly.
- **ACTION:** Jeff to work with Michael to post meeting minutes on shared repository for board members to access
 - **CLOSED:** Future minutes to be posted on existing CHMGA web site under a secure page accessible only to board members (Jeff to set-up by next board meeting). Summary of key board decisions to be included in upcoming CHMGA newsletter.
- **ACTION:** Jeff to provide CHMGA membership roster NCGA by Jan 31st.
 - **CLOSED:** Roster updated in MemberPlanet as of 1/31. NCGA uses MemberPlanet for obtaining updated roster.
- **ACTION:** Nick to develop monthly financial summary (with starting balance, in/out flows, and ending balance) to be used for monthly financial update and inclusion in meeting minutes. To be complete by Feb board meeting.
 - **CLOSED:** Nick provided January financials for inclusion in Jan/Feb newsletter
- **ACTION:** Justin to send out summary of how well the TI index has worked in achieving the goals it was instituted for (eg. Reducing sandbagging).
 - **CLOSED:** Summary included in Jan/Feb newsletter.
- **ACTION:** Justin to provide a proposal for a CHMGA 12 man NCGA Team Match group, outlining 1) how it would work. 2) how members for the team would be selected, 3) any upfront and annual costs for the team (paid either by members of the team or by CHMGA), 4) the value CHMGA would gain in investing in such a team.
 - **CLOSED:** Justin notified the board on 2/9 via email that he didn't have the bandwidth to

take on this activity in 2025 but would continue to investigate it as a club option for 2026. Closing the action item unless someone else on the board is interested in taking this item on for 2025.

- **ACTION:** Paul to propose how to handle the certain NCGA rules in the men's club, such as 1) How to handle relief in areas being resodded, 2) Use of music by members during tournament rounds, 3) excessive use of cell phones during tournament rounds (adopt USGA/NCGA rule or add new rule to CHMGA local rules) for board review and approval by February meeting.
 - **CLOSED:** Board reviewed and approved as part of Feb 25th phone call (see minutes distributed then).
- **ACTION:** Board also discussed the need to clarify for members the OB rules on Lake #4 and Mountain #4. Paul to investigate with Mike including as part of tournament rules leaflets.
 - **CLOSED:** Board reviewed and approved as part of Feb 25th phone call (see minutes distributed then).
- **ACTION:** Paul to work with Jeff to communicate to the membership that the NCGA will be hosting two on-course events regarding the application of common USGA/NCGA rules. One on April 17th at Stanford and one on April 23rd at Poppy Hills.
 - **CLOSED:** Included as part of Jan/Feb newsletter

Jan 25th, 2025 Meeting

- **ACTION:** Steve to make sure BMO banking signature card needs to be updated with newly approved officers as signatories.
 - **CLOSED**