

# Cinnabar Hills Men's Golf Association (CHMGA)

## Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes

### June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Meeting Details	
Meeting Date:	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Meeting Time:	6 pm
Meeting Location:	Panera Bread 501 East Hamilton Avenue Campbell, CA 95008
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: 6:04 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	Present
Rules Chairman	Paul Vieth	Present (10 min late)
Club Operations Chairmen	Erik Feldman	Present
Members Operations Chairman	Richard Lebakos	Present

Priority Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TOPIC:</b> Discuss feedback from Club Championship Format survey and decide on changes for 2025.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>DISCUSSION:</b> Jeff shared summary of membership feedback from Club Championship survey (34 members responded). Key takeaways:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 54% wanted to expand the Club Championship to allow more participants (either via a qualifying tournament or expanded format).</li> <li>▪ 15 people indicated they would play in the Club Championship even if they had to hit from the Hawk tees using Gross scoring.</li> <li>▪ 80% said they'd play in a NET Championship tournament if they couldn't play in the Club Championship tournament.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- No consensus on how to do qualifying for the NET championship.
- Key Takeaways from discussion:
  - Significant doubt we'll get more than 8 people who want to play in the Club Championship with Gross scoring from the Hawks, despite the survey.
  - Board agrees we need to keep the requirement that members competing for the Club Championship need to have played in at least 6 CHMGA tournament in 2025.
  - No consensus among the board on the having a single NET champion, multiple NET champions (by tee box) or scrapping the idea and just having Match Play for the NET players like 2024.
  - Concern about members that can't make the qualifying tournament being out of the Club Championship
- **ACTION:** Erik to draft a follow-up message to membership to make sure those who said they wanted to play in the Club Championship understand they have to play Gross scoring from the Hawk tees AND that if they miss the qualifier they don't play in the Club Championship Match Play. Board will then further deliberate on final decision regarding Club Championship.
- **TOPIC:** Follow-up on TI postable rounds discussion. Justin to send analysis of 4 out of 10 rounds vs. 8 out of 20.
  - **ACTION:** Justin to forward his analysis to board for review and sharing in the next newsletter. No resolution of low post-able rounds. Having a post-able round per month would help, although not everyone plays every tournament.
- **TOPIC:** Discuss Cinnabar Cup series changes for 2025. Erik to share his thoughts for modifications.
  - **DISCUSSION:** Erik shared his approach (and sent to the board via email) to improving competitiveness of Cinnabar Cup tournament. Involves grouping qualifiers into high, medium and low handicap groups and team captains drafting their selections across the groups to balance the field. Also modifies how match-ups made by team captains similar to the real Ryder Cup. Board was positive on the suggested changes. No further action. Should publish on the website when finalized.
- **TOPIC:** Feedback on recent NCGA representative meeting Nick attended
  - **DISCUSSION:** Nick shared information provided at NCGA representative meeting he attended. Key takeaways:
    - Suggested clubs use Poppy Hills or Poppy Ridge for member tournaments when club courses are being aerated.
    - Remind members of NCGA benefits. We could include in our website with a link to the NCGA sheet.
    - NCGA desires clubs to participate in NCGA tournaments.
    - Jeff needs to see why he's not getting NCGA club rep newsletter
    - NCGA finder tool being developed to look at clubs near you and what they provide at what cost.

- A third to half of the clubs represented use Golf Genius. The others use Blue Golf.
  - NCGA provided some materials on how to advertise club affiliation with the NCGA.
- **TOPIC:** Discuss and decide board actions around weekly sweeps and other membership outings like Poppy Hills/Poppy Ridge
  - **DISCUSSION:** Board agreed outings like the upcoming Poppy Hills event put together by Steve are not CHMGA events and no need for support from the Board (No need for Golf Genius, etc. to be used), and do not need to be advertised to all members. They are simply events members are putting together on their own (which we want to encourage). No further action required.
- **TOPIC:** Follow-up on membership survey. Timeline for finalizing questions and sending to membership
  - **UPDATE:** Jeff distributed an initial list of questions for the annual survey planned for late July (along with a copy of the one sent last year). Board members to review and provide feedback on the questions prior to the next board meeting in July so it can be finalized for distribution after the board meeting.
- **TOPIC:** Discuss spam messages being sent to board members.
  - **DISCUSSION:** All board members are being spammed with emails requesting money or gift cards. Do **NOT** respond or take any action without confirming authenticity with phone calls to the board members being spammed.
- **TOPIC:** Share any feedback on pace of play policy
  - **UPDATE:** No additional member feedback received. Erik shared that we've done very well in meeting our pace of play requirement for the last two tournaments.

## Committee Reports

### President

- **TOPIC:** Gift for Adam Loran's wedding (7/26)
  - **ACTION:** Decision was made in May meeting not to do something as a club but as individuals. Jeff to forward Adam's registry information to the board members for them to contribute if they wish to
- **TOPIC:** Steve shared that Callaway offers great discounts on pre-owned clubs. And suggested we share with membership via our newsletter.
  - **DECISION:** Board agreed and will include the link to the Callaway site in our next newsletter.

### Tournament Director

- **TOPIC:** Discuss tournament schedule and upcoming tournaments.'
  - **UPDATE:** Flighting for next tournament will by tee boxes based on HC, gross scoring. Erik will determine the tee box assignments after looking at the members that sign up.

- **TOPIC:** Late fee update
  - **UPDATE:** Thus far we have not collected any late fees (due to medical reasons for the drop, other legitimate reasons, or if we filled the slot). Late drops have gone down. Discuss being less forgiving on second drop and they either pay the \$25 fee quickly or they get removed from the next tournament(s), and put on the waitlist.

Secretary/Membership Director

- **TOPIC:** Timeline for June newsletter articles
  - **UPDATE:** Newsletter to be published at the end of June (before July 1<sup>st</sup>). Jeff to forward template for board members to update by next week (June 19<sup>th</sup>). Steve said the CHMGA pros would like to take advantage of the newsletter for promoting.
- **TOPIC:** Share status on side bets at tournaments (skins, other) and future actions to take (if any).
  - **DECISION:** Jeff shared that he contacted both Drew and Michael about having them coordinate the skins/side betting given their previous interest. Both declined given the effort it would take. No other volunteers have come forward, so the board is closing this item.
- **TOPIC:** Approval of May 13th minutes
  - **UPDATE:** Board approved the May 13<sup>th</sup> minutes
- **TOPIC:** Update on May membership numbers
  - **UPDATE:** We have 94 full members as of the end of May

Treasurer

- **TOPIC:** Review and approval May finances. Nick shared key expenses for May.
  - **UPDATE:** Current balance is \$13.8K (\$250 in new member fees, ~\$800 in NCGA membership payments, \$1,600 in NCGA tournament payments, \$1,150 in food/beverage for annual membership meeting). Tournament escrow is now at ~\$1,300. Credit due to autopay with NCGA resolved. Jeff to post Nicks summary sheet to the website.
- **TOPIC:** Status on moving annual/monthly fees for MailChimp and Web Hosting to association debit card.
  - **UPDATE:** Nick that both MailChimp and Webhosting have now been moved to the CHMGA debit card (vs. paid by M. Tovish).
- **TOPIC:** Status on options to get better interest on money sitting in our BMO account. Nick asked if there was something specific we wanted to invest in.
  - **UPDATE:** Nick shared discussions he's had that questioned the value we'll get by investing the money given the small amounts. Paul questioned this given we have a big influx of credits at the beginning of the year and our expenses fall more at the end of the year. Nick to relook at it again.

Handicap Chairman

- **TOPIC:** Justin to work with Erik and Paul to agree on audit methodology and perform the annual audit.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>UPDATE:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<p>Rules Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>TOPIC:</b> Share progress on addressing Cinnabar Hills course condition and set-up issues for tournaments (drop zones, dirt areas, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>UPDATE:</b> Paul has pulled together a list, but not yet shared with Adam or the greenskeeper. Paul has the action to do so.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>TOPIC:</b> Update on CHMGA purchasing a clock for Cinnabar Hills to be placed at the starters box (and maybe the driving range). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>UPDATE:</b> Paul received initial cost for purchasing clocks. Will approach Adam S. about Cinnabar’s willingness to provide electricity to the closes (one in range and one near starter shack). Assuming they are, then Paul will solicit donations from members (and non-members?) to see if there’s enough interest to fund them. Initial pricing Paul got was \$12K for a Windsor clock and \$16.5K for a Cambridge clock</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>TOPIC:</b> Discuss position on Preferred Lies; Lift, Clean, and Place; and Divots for summer tournaments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>DECISION:</b> Board agreed to stay with Life, Clean, and Place for the foreseeable future. Closing issue for now.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Club Operations Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No items discussed</li> </ul>
<p>Member Operations Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No items discussed</li> </ul>

## New Business

## Meeting Adjourned

Time: 7:49 pm

Steve Shortt

## Past Board Decisions (Archive)

### May 11th, 2025 Meeting

- **DECISION:** Board decided to cancel the May 27<sup>th</sup> 9 Hole Twilight tournament and the rest of the twilight tournament series. Will focus on other membership opportunities to play together instead. Jeff sent message to membership.
- **DECISION:** Board approved Pace of Play policy and implemented the policy starting on the May 17<sup>th</sup> tournament. New policy sent to membership and posted on website.

- **DECISION:** Board decided not to pursue membership advertising on club website or newsletter at this time. Issue closed.
- **DECISION:** Board decided not to have the club buy Adam Loran a gift for his wedding, although board members are interested in chipping in as individuals. Steve/Jeff to get Adam's registry information for board members wishing to participate.
- **DECISION:** Discussed tournament payout tables. No changes planned for 2025. Will discuss any changes for 2026 later in the year. Jeff to add a webpage to the CHMGA web site that shares the tables with membership and Erik to flight tournaments to minimize impact of flight differences on Cinnabar Cup points race.
- **DECISION:** Board voted 5-2 to play preferred lies for May 17<sup>th</sup> tournament, mainly due to concern about mud balls for initial early morning tee groups.
- **DECISION:** Vegas Golf Series. Jeff will notify the top 8 finishers from May 17<sup>th</sup> tournament that they are eligible to represent CHGMA at the Vegas Golf Series if they want to.

#### **Apr 12th, 2025 Meeting**

- **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.
- **DECISION:** Board confirmed to charge only \$25 for major tournaments (same as normal tournaments), but with double Cinnabar Cup points for majors.
- **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
- **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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **DECISION:** 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.
- **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.
- **DECISION:** Decided not to offer a young executive/member discount but continue with our mid-year promotion of \$150

#### **Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting**

- **DECISION:** Paul to share possible rules education sessions with membership at annual meeting to get feedback on which they'd be interested in pursuing.
- **DECISION:** Agreed to have Paul, Rich Morton, and Justin Smith act as the Rules Committee for tournaments to assist members on the course during tournaments with rules interpretations. Paul/Erik to work to rotate them through different foursomes each tournament.
- **DECISION:** Agreed to publish one new rule (rule of the tournaments) in the Player Handbook for each tournament to help members learn the rules. Paul to work with Erik to make happen.

- **DECISION:** Agreed we want to avoid members playing with the same foursome every tournament (twosomes are okay). Erik to work to do so during pairings.
- **DECISION:** Board agreed to continue to use the existing CHMGA platforms for the remainder of 2025. Will need to start picking up the cost from Mike. Jeff to take action to work with Mike and Nick to transfer cost and ownership to the Association.
- **DECISION:** Board agreed to institute a drop fee of \$25 for any late drops within 72 hours of the tournament start. Erik/Jeff to include in May newsletter. Erik will need to track so Nick can process the fees to members.
- **DECISION:** Board agreed not to have a hole be CTP for both tees, but instead have 2 Cinnabar (Hawk) CTP holes, and 2 Quicksilver holes that are different holes. Whenever the member tees from drives which hole the record CTP on. Erik to update future tournaments accordingly.
- **DECISION:** Board agreed (6-1) to offer mid-year discounts through the remainder of 2025 (\$150). Nick to update Memberplanet.
- **DECISION:** Board voted (8-0) for Erik to be the TD for the remainder of the year.

#### **Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting**

- **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:** 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.
- **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).
- **DECISION:** The Board decided not to reopen the previous Boards decision to move back to Golf Genius in December.
- **DECISION:** Jeff to pull membership statistics from MemberPlanet as the source for tracking our monthly membership numbers.
- **DECISION:** Future minutes to be posted on existing CHMGA web site under a secure page accessible only to board members. Jeff to set-up. Summary of key board decisions to be included in bi-monthly newsletter.
- **DECISION:** Board to publish a laminated hard card of Cinnabar Hills/CHMGA local rules to address concerns about membership not knowing these rules.
- **DECISION:** Push back any discussion regarding a CHMGA 12 man NCGA Team Match group to 2026 due to lack of time.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DECISION:</b> 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.</li><li>• <b>DECISION:</b> The board unanimously approved (with one absent) the continued use of the TI handicapping for CHGMA tournaments through 2025.</li><li>• <b>DECISION:</b> 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</li><li>• <b>DECISION:</b> 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 Campbell was a good central location. Steve/Jeff will coordinate to determine location ahead of next board meeting.</li><li>• <b>DECISION:</b> 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.</li></ul> |  |
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