**Cinnabar Hills Men’s Golf Association (CHMGA)**

 **Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes**

**June 8th, 2025**

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| **Meeting Details** |
| **Meeting Date:** | July 8th, 2025 |
| **Meeting Time:** | 6 pm |
| **Meeting Location:** | Casa Fell20523 Manor DriveSaratoga, CA |
| **Dial-in Info (if required)** | Dial-in #: XXX-XXX-XXXPasscode: afcdefMeeting id: XXX XXX XXXX |
| **Minutes Taker:** | Jeff Fell |

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| **Meeting Called to Order** |
| Time: 6:16 pm | Steve Shortt |
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| **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 (15 min late) |
| Club Operations Chairmen | Erik Feldman | Present |
| Members Operations Chairman | Richard Lebakos | Present |
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| **Priority Items** |
| * **TOPIC:** Finalize list of questions for the membership annual survey to be sent out by the end of July.
	+ **DISCUSSION:** Walked through the initial list of questions Jeff distributed at the beginning of June to get initial feedback from group. Jeff to incorporate feedback into questions and distribute for final review in Survey Monkey. Plan is to send out survey by the end of July. Jeff to follow-up with Nick on how much money in going into the Match Play winners from membership fees vs. tournament fees. Same with Cinnabar Cup winners since the tournament escrow excess amounts go to these payouts in addition to membership fees. Also need to look at wording to understand better where members want the money they pay (membership fees, tournament fees, etc) to be allotted.
* **TOPIC:** Finalize timeline for Club Championship and NET Championship sign-ups.
	+ **DISCUSSION:** Agreed that sign-ups for both championships will go out by the end of July (normal timeline) but will be asking member to commit to the Club Championship or NET Championship then so we’ll know how many Match Play rounds we need. Agreed that members competing for both championships must have played at least 6 CHMGA tournaments. Erik/Nick to discuss and share planned payouts for the Match Play winners. Need to look at current plaque in clubhouse for Club Champion. No plan to put a plaque for NET Champion but perhaps put their picture. Also discussed the Cinnabar Cup points for the Aug 23rd tournament are fairly allocated given the Club Championship contenders may be playing Match Play that day. Option 1: For Cinnabar Cup points allotment, treat the Match Play participants as a single flight and aware points based on their gross scores in their Match Play matches. Option 2: Don’t award any Cinnabar Cup points to anyone for the Aug 23rd tournament.
* **TOPIC:** Follow-up on TI postable rounds discussion. Justin to send analysis of 4 out of 10 rounds vs. 8 out of 20.
	+ **UPDATE:** Justin was unable to attend, so postponed discussion. Jeff to follow-up with Justin to have him send results prior to next meeting.
* **TOPIC:** Review upcoming membership sponsored tournaments.
	+ **DECISION:** Board agreed we’ll include member sponsored tournaments in the CHMGA newsletter, but we won’t send specific messages out to the membership about each event (the sponsor will need to do that. It’s also the sponsor’s responsibility to track and work with the course being played how the green fees are paid and to ensure everyone pays. Steve to send current people signed up for Poppy Hills tournament and the foursomes so members who’ve provided a credit card can make sure everyone in the foursome plans to attend. Steve also to follow-up on getting people signed up for the Bayonet tournament.
* **TOPIC:** Discuss any actions to take from recent “altercations” at June 21 tournament.
	+ **DISCUSSION:** Postponed discussion to next board meeting to see if we have further issues and need to take broader action.
* **TOPIC:** Discuss Tournament Rules Committee. Are we still doing this?
	+ **DISCUSSION:** Lots of discussion around the topic. Paul has not taken action since we agreed on creating the rules committee because he’s not felt people (including the board) are serious about having members play by the rules. All the board members reiterated their commitment to having members follow the rules. In the discussions earlier this year, we had agreed we would focus more on education to the membership in 2025, and stronger enforcement in 2026. The board did reiterate the desire to start a tournament rules committee though that is embedded and spread across the tee times during tournaments to help members understand and play by the rules. There was not agreement on how strongly to enforce but agreed we would leave that up to the tournament committee to determine once formed. Paul to draw up a list of people to be on the tournament committee (4-8 people) and contact them about serving on it. Initial people who had volunteered initially were Paul, Justin, and Rich Morton. Additionally, Paul to put together a short summary of the degree of “enforcement” that will be done by the rules committee for review by the board.
* **TOPIC:** Discuss Vegas Golf Series 3-person scramble request from Adam
	+ **DECISION:** Jeff to follow-up with Justin. No one felt we should send out a general message to the group if there are some people we believe may be interested already (given the team needs to consist of varying handicaps and costs ~$800 per player).
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| **Committee Reports** |
| President* **TOPIC:** No current topics
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| Tournament Director* **TOPIC:** Discuss tournament schedule and upcoming tournaments.’
	+ **UPDATE:** Discussed 8/16 shotgun. Agreed we would not pay for drinks/food at the tournament like we did for the Annual meeting. Cinnabar Hills may push us to commit to buffet and drinks upfront given the number of people that will be finishing at the same time and the restaurant’s ability to support that number of people. Also discussed doing something fun/social for the group. Maybe a putting contest or a raffle. Cinnabar is also looking for us to lock in the dates for 2026 tournaments. Erik to put together initial schedule (24 Cinnabar tournaments and 4 “away” tournaments).
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| Secretary/Membership Director* **TOPIC:** Approval of June 10th minutes
	+ **UPDATE:** Board approved the June 10th minutes.
* **TOPIC:** Update on current membership numbers
	+ **UPDATE:** Jeff confirmed we have 97 active members.
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| Treasurer* **TOPIC**: Review and approve June finances.
	+ **UPDATE**: Key financial items for June: $250 credit in membership fees, $138 expense in NCGA member payments, $300 expense for Survey Monkey. Current balance is $13.828 across all accounts. Still expecting to end the year at between $3,000 and $5,000 depending on purse for Match Play tournaments.
* **TOPIC**: Status on options to get better interest on money sitting in our BMO account.
	+ **UPDATE:** Nick didn’t have a chance to follow-up on this with BMO. Will do so before next.
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| 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.
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| Rules Chairman* **TOPIC:** Share progress on addressing Cinnabar Hills course condition and set-up issues for tournaments (drop zones, dirt areas, etc.)
	+ **UPDATE:** No change from the last meeting. Paul has pulled together a list but not yet shared with Adam or the greenskeeper. Paul has the action to do so.
* **TOPIC:** Update on CHMGA purchasing a clock for Cinnabar Hills to be placed at the starters box (and maybe the driving range).
	+ **UPDATE:** No change from the last meeting.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
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| Club Operations Chairman* No items discussed
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| Member Operations Chairman* No items discussed
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| **New Business** |
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| **Meeting Adjourned** |
| Time: 8:04 pm | Steve Shortt |
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| **Past Board Decisions (Archive)** |
| **June 10th, 2025 Meeting*** **DECISION:** Board agreed to include a link to the Callaway pre-owned clubs website in our next newsletter
* **DECISION:** The Board has been unable to identify a new coordinator for tournament side bets, so decided to put all side betting in CHMGA tournaments on hold for the remainder of 2025. We will re-evaluate side-betting in 2026 based on the feedback we get during this year’s annual survey in July.
* **DECISION:** Board agreed to stay with Life, Clean, and Place for the foreseeable future. Closing issue for now.
* **DECISION:** (Email decision post meeting). The Board voted to open up the 2025 Club Championship to all members who want to compete for it, as long as they play from the Hawk tees using Gross scoring. In addition, the Board voted to create a 2025 NET Championship for players who don't compete for the Club Championship. For details on the modified format for the Club Championship, and the new format for the NET Championship CHMGA website,

**May 11th, 2025 Meeting*** **DECISION:** Board decided to cancel the May 27th 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 17th 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 17th 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 17th 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 11th, 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 suring 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. Whever 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 remainer of the year.

**Feb 11th, 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 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 Campbell was a good central location. Steve/Jeff will coordinate to determine location ahead of next board meeting.
* **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.
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