

76th Annual Midwest Deaf Golfers Association
Delegates Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 30, 2023

MDGA Delegates meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Willie Miller.

The following were present:

President: Willie Miller

Secretary: Bob Dramin

Treasurer: Mark Venz

Trustee: Dale Saline

Past Presidents: Darrell Hovinen and James Potter

Illinois: Bryan Jendra and Charles Peckham

Indiana: Charles Macintosh and Thomas Perkins

Iowa: Clayton Clairborne

Kansas: George McCarley and Andrew Stone

Michigan: Willy Dobos and Karl Gruetzner

Minnesota: Alan Kayser and James Potter

Missouri: Bob Lister and Bill Roberts

Wisconsin: John Dyreson and Roy Siskind

President Miller began the meeting by explaining that the officers (President, Vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) convened via Sorenson's group call on July 25, 2023.

1. We discussed the affiliate fees and agreed that if the state sends \$260 after the deadline, which will be on July 1 this year (2023), the state will pay a \$25 late fee. That means the state must pay \$285 to MDGA if it pasts the deadline.

2. We discussed State scramble teams and agreed they would not pay late fees if golfers submitted the names and money past the deadline.
3. We discussed future MDGA tournaments. We expect to see the prices go higher for entry fees. Due to the economy, the greens fees, luncheon, banquet, etc., costs might increase. The future entry fees could be up to around \$325. MDGA is still cheaper than SEDGA, SWDGA, and FWGAD.
4. We discussed 501c3 and EIN. President Miller received advice from Mark Sorokin, the Deaf lawyer, about legal work that could cost MDGA about \$500. MDGA needs 501c3 and EIN to protect MDGA and the officers. In addition, we agreed that we use the state of Iowa as a permanent for filing the income tax. We agreed to start work on this soon.
5. We discussed MDGA's new website.
6. We agreed to revise the MDGA Guidelines regarding fundraising to earn a minimum from \$4000 to \$2500. MDGA Guidelines need some updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Darrell Hovinen motioned that if the state sends \$260 after the deadline, which will be on July 1 this year (2023) that the state will pay a \$25 late fee. That means the state must pay \$285 to MDGA if it is past the deadline.
Seconded by Charles Peckham. Passed.
2. Bob Lister motioned that MDGA starts procession to work on 501c3 and EIN.

Seconded by Alan Kayser. Passed.

3. Alan Kayser motioned that the host shall raise a minimum of \$3000 instead of \$2500 for the tournament prize fund for Thursday prizes only.

Second by Karl Gruetzner. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We had approximately a total of 110 MDGA/MDLGA golfers and fans.

Tournament Bid: Thomas Perkins bid Indiana to host the 2027 MDGA/MDLGA tournament.

The 2024 Missouri Tournament Host announced MDGA/MDLGA will play at Fair Oaks Golf Club in Caseyville, Illinois.

At the general meeting will have an election for Vice-president, Treasurer, and one trustee.

The delegates' meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

The drawing on tee times for State Scramble teams begins as follows.

7:30 – Illinois Stars

7:40 – Illinois Hogs

7:50 – Westside Washington

8:00 – All-State Team

8:10 – Illinois #2

8:20 – Iowa

8:30 – Michigan

8:40 – California
8:50 – Kansas
9:00 – MDLGA "B"
9:10 – MDLGA "A"
9:20 – Minnesota
9:30 – MDLGA "C"
9:40 – Nebraska
9:50 – Colorado/Utah
10:00 – Wisconsin
10:10 – Missouri
10:20 – Indiana
10:30 – Florida

The open golfers will hit the ball from blue tees.
The senior golfers will hit the ball from white tees.
Super Senior golfers will hit the ball from green tees.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dramin

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General Meeting Minutes
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The general meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by President Wille Miller.

James Potter signed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of silence and in memoriam of Ted Myhre (IN), Wayne Goforth (NC), Roy DeMotte (CO/FL), Andrew Lisac (OH), Jim Hynes (MD/FL), and Daniel Pietraszewski (MN).

First time participation in MDGA: Ismael Briseno (UT), Alfred Casaccia (TX), John Hayes (CA), Louis Pedroza (CA), Robert Sherwood (IA), and Clarendon Willer (IL)

PRESIDENT Willie Miller's report:

Had a Delegates meeting last night and some new business from delegate meeting will be discussed tonight.

VICE-PRESIDENT Greg Gantt's report:

Greg is not present due to surgery on his right hand.

SECRETARY Bob Dramin's report:

No report.

TREASURER Mark Venz's report:

Showed and discussed in 2022 financial report on the PowerPoint.

HISTORIAN Bob Dramin's report:

Congratulations to David Costa (IL) and Dale Saline (IL) for their 20th time to attendance MDGA tournaments. Gave them the golf bag tag.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN Willie Miller's report:

Explained about the weather for this week, driving range, remind about luncheon and banquet tickets, skins, putting contest on Tuesday after luncheon, chipping contest on Wednesday after luncheon, and MDGA group picture will be on Wednesday morning.

Total 82 golfers: 40 Open golfers, 23 Senior golfers, and 19 Super Senior golfers.

State Scramble winners: Total 16 team's participate.

1st place – Missouri (-12) \$120

2nd place – Minnesota (-10) \$100

3rd place – Westside Washington (-9) \$60

4th place – California (-8) \$40

NEW BUSINESS:

1. If the state sends \$260 after the deadline which will be on July 1st this year (2023) that state will pay \$25 late fee. That means the state must pay \$285 to MDGA if it goes past the deadline.
Seconded by Darrell Hovinen. Failed.
2. The host shall raise a minimum of \$3000 instead of \$2500 for the tournament prize fund that is for Thursday prizes only.
Seconded by Jeremy Warshaw. Passed.

3. Mark Venz made a motion that MDGA to have a new website for four years under GoDaddy instead of iPower.
Seconded by John Dyreson. Passed.

CLOSED NEW BUSINESS motioned by Darrell Hovinen and seconded by Jonathan Rose. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Explained about future MDGA tournaments that we expect to see the prices go higher for entry fees. Due to the economy, greens fees, luncheon, banquet, etc. costs might go higher. The future entry fees could be up to around \$325. MDGA is still cheaper than SEDGA, SWDGA, and FWGAD.

2024 – (Missouri) Bob Lister and Eric Brumm explained and used the power point to show the golf course of Far Oaks Golf Course in Caseyville, Illinois.

2025 – (Kansas) Andrew Stone explained and used the power point to show the two different golf courses that they have not decided which one that MDGA/MDLGA will be played at.

2026 – (Wisconsin) Mark Venz said that golf course will be in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

2027 – (Indiana) Thomas Perkins said that he will start to look the golf courses in the Indiana.

ELECTION:

Vice-president: Greg Gantt was nominated, and he accepts the nomination. James Potter cast the vote for Greg as Vice-president (2024-2026).

Treasurer: Mark Venz was nominated, and he accepts the nomination. James Potter cast the vote for Mark as Treasurer (2024-2026).

Trustee: Bryan Jendra was nominated, and he accepts the nomination. James Potter cast the vote for Bryan as Trustee (2024-2026).

CLOSED THE MEETING motioned by Jeremy Warshaw and seconded by Richard Chadwick.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dramin