



**Annual Meeting**  
**Rolling Road Golf Club**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

*Chris Fernandes, Eric David, Josh Fuhrman, Brendan Rapp, Ryan Kraushofer, Mike Bostian, Joe Haskins, Shaun O'Connor, Andrew Harrison, Vince DiStefano, Chris Sandels*

Ryan Kraushofer called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. 2019 Meeting minutes were made available to the membership via email prior to the meeting. Mike Bostian made motion to approve 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes. Chris Fernandes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve the minutes and asked for amendments or additions to the agenda. No amendments or additions were suggested.

Ryan Kraushofer introduced the current board of directors and welcomed new board members Shaun O'Connor and Vince DiStefano.

Ryan Kraushofer gave a year in review to include events reviews, donations, and obituaries. Ryan made a motion to increase the \$2,459, 50/50 donation money collected to \$3,000, all of which will go to the Robert F. Fogle III Foundations. Mike Bostian 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, "aye".

Eric David gave Government Relations update.

- Prince George County had a bill for up for banning pesticide in lawn care that was put aside for now. Golf was excluded from the bill.
- Baltimore City had a bill for lawn care and schools to put in place a pesticide ban, but golf has not been included.
- We will continue to support Maryland Association of Green Industries as members.
- There is a possibility that MD pest network will try to do a glyphosate ban, but more than likely that will not happen this year due to lack of meetings, virtual meetings, etc.

Joe Haskins presented the golf awards for 2020.

Annual Championship at Westminster National, Nov. 4, 2020

- Superintendent Division
  - Jeff Rice, Low Gross Champion, Rick Wakefield Award
  - Scott Wunder, Low Net Champion, Walter Montross Award
- Affiliate Division
  - Andrew Harrison, Low Gross Champion, Guy McDonald Award
  - Chappy Chapman, Low Net Champion, Benny Benton Award

MAAGCS Match Play Presented by Syngenta

- **Champions:** Craig Snowden & Nik McGuiness "Immigrant Invasion"
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Mike Esh & Andrew Puddester "Strokes Gained Sippin'"
- **Semifinalists**

- Joe Haskins & Todd Cowing “Golf Czars”
- Ed Gasper & Mark Jewell “Whiskey on the Rocks”

Joe Haskins went over the 2021 Event Schedule

- The 2021 Education Seminar will be cancelled due to gathering restrictions
- GCSAA Virtual GIS and Annual Meeting Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Mar 6<sup>th</sup>
- Facility BMP Workshop Joint with VGCSA – Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Equipment Managers Meeting - Spring
- Super/Assistant Challenge - Spring
- Match Play Presented by Syngenta (April – October)
- Social Hours (April, June, July, August)
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Mike Bostian discussed the outreach program headed by Dean Graves. Dean is not currently under contract and the board will discuss bringing him back on board when schools are open and back to normal. Dean has made great connections with the educators and school system and will be in a good position to make headway with outreach when he is back.

Brendan Rapp presented the scholarship Awards.

Repeat applicants were not awarded a scholarship this year but can reapply next year.

Scholarship winners are:

- Member/Child Scholarship – Each student to receive \$1,000
  - Repeat applicants were not awarded anything this year. They can try again next year
  - Natalie Huey \$1,000
  - Shawn Goldman \$1,000
  - Claudia Wendt \$1,000
  - Hunter Wendt \$1,000
- Turf Scholarship winners are up this year
  - Doug Rachel \$1,500
  - Josh Fuhrman \$1,500
  - Mason Hofmeister \$1,500
  - Michael Parks \$1,500
  - Sean Watson \$750

Chris Fernandes gave a financial update. As an association we are doing well. We need to be mindful that we need to continue to bring things value to the membership, especially in the COVID climate.

Ryan Kraushofer announced there are no by-laws updates for 2020. Ryan asked if there was Any new business for this portion of the annual meeting. No new business was presented.

Ryan gave the GCSAA report from the Chapter Delegates Meeting. He outlined the association report from Rhett Evans

- Strong financial position to provided member services with over 10 million in the bank.
- Membership is strong with 18,602 members.
- 40 States currently have BMPs with 10 states nearing completion. Government affairs they are doing very well with grassroots ambassadors.
- Rounds 4 Research raised 263,000, slightly less than last year. 2021 R4R April 26-May 2
- There is 3% dues increase proposed for GCSAA dues. MAAGCS votes against the dues increase. If dues go up, they will be \$415 per year.
- The Virtual Golf Industry Show will give you the ability to network with colleagues, attend a virtual trade show and virtual town hall sessions.
- A by-laws amendment is proposed so that board members can stay an extra year in situation like 2020 with COVID or other major events that take away from the board members being able to serve the association.

Election of Officers:

Nomination Committee Chairman (Kraushofer)

Ryan Kraushofer and Chris Fernandes have just completed the second year of their two-year term, elected in December 2018. Brendan Rapp has completed 2 years of his two-year term and will run for a two-year term as Vice President/Treasurer. Chris Sandels will run for a two-year term as Secretary.

The current members have agreed to run for the following two-year positions:

- Past President – Ryan Kraushofer
- President – Chris Fernandes
- Vice President/Treasurer – Brendan Rapp
- Secretary – Chris Fernandes

Anyone opposed to this slate of officers? No

Election of Board Directors:

Election Committee Chairman Ryan Kraushofer outlined who was running from the board and asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented.

- Eric David, Josh Fuhrman, and Joe Haskins have all agreed to serve another year as directors on the board.
- Shaun O'Connor of Timbers at Troy will run for the Membership Director position.
- Vince DiStefano of Musket Ridge will run for the Newsletter Director position. Both positions are two-year terms.
- Kraushofer announces that the board is also seeking an Equipment Manager representative.

Mike Bostian announced results from the elections.

- President – Chris Fernandes – Rolling Road GC
- Past President: Ryan Kraushofer – Westminster National GC
- Vice-President/Treasurer: Brendan Rapp – University of Maryland Golf Course
- Secretary: Chris Fernandes – Mount Vernon Country Club
- Membership Services: Shaun O'Connor – Timbers at Troy
- Government Relations: Eric David – United States Naval Academy Golf Club
- Golf: Joe Haskins – Renditions Golf Club
- Education: Josh Fuhrman – The Golf Club at South River
- Media Public Relations/Newsletter: Vince DiStefano – Musket Ridge Golf Club
- IAC Rep: Andrew Harrison – Pocono Turf
- Assistant Representative: Alejandro Biaocchi – Woodmont Country Club

Mike Bostian made comments thanking Ryan Kraushofer for his service and highlighted his many accomplishments over the year.

Chris Fernandes addressed the board with his vision for the next few years.

All board members agreed to The Oath to serve as MAAGCS board members.

Adjourn: 10:45 am