

Dunes West SMGA GOLF ENTHUSIAST

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Dunes West Golf & River Club Senior Men's Golf Association (SMGA)

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- Mission
 - The SMGA's mission is to promote the game of golf and foster member fellowship.
- Membership
 - Membership in the SMGA is open to all men 50 years of age or more who are members of and have an established handicap at Dunes West Golf & River Club. A member in good standing may participate in weekly golf matches, tournaments, social events and SMGA matches with other clubs. Members may invite male guests provided they follow the same rules of golf expected of the membership. Female players are limited to special events only.
- Membership Dues
 - The SMGA operates on a calendar year basis (January 1 through December 31). Annual dues are established by the Board of Directors. Active membership will commence upon payment of dues. The SMGA Board of Directors is responsible for the collection, expenditure, and reporting of all organization funds.
- Board of Directors (Board)
 - Directors of the SMGA will be elected by the membership at the organization's annual business meeting held during the 4th quarter of the calendar year.
 - The Board is comprised of 6 Directors, each of whom has committed to a 2 year term of service. A sitting Director has the option of extending his term of service to a third year.
 - Replacement Directors will be elected each calendar year. New Directors will be elected from a slate of nominees generated by the membership prior to the annual meeting, and will assume their responsibilities starting January 1 of the new year.
 - The Board will select a **President** at its first organizational meeting of the new year. The **President** presides over Board meetings and oversees the assignment of other Director responsibilities as follows:

- **Communications Secretary** is responsible for all communications with the membership and oversight of the SMGA website.
- **Recording Secretary** is responsible for documenting Board meeting actions and coordinating Daily Game Coordinators.
- **Treasurer** is responsible for maintaining the financial records, budget, expenditures, and membership list.
- **Tournament and Event Coordinators (2)** are responsible for planning and conducting tournament play and special events. Tournament and Event Coordinators are also charged with monitoring member handicaps.
- If a vacancy should occur on the Board, regardless of the reason, the remaining Directors shall select a replacement from the current SMGA roster to fulfill the remaining term of a departing Director.
- A Director who is unable to fulfill his duties, regardless of the reason, may be replaced by unanimous vote of the remaining Directors .
- A majority of Directors (4 minimum) must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum to conduct business.
- Director voting: The Communications Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament and Event Coordinators each cast one vote on Board matters. The Chairman only votes to resolve a voting deadlock by other Directors.
- Director records: Each Director maintains records in his area of responsibility which will be handed off to the following year's director responsible for that function.
- Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - Maintain "Rules of Play and Games" which govern daily and tournament play.
 - Plan and coordinate tournaments and special events
 - Serve as the SMGA Rules Committee to interpret and resolve disputes regarding USGA and local rules of play. The Board has authority to maintain or modify the "Rules of Play and Games."
 - Collect dues and produce an annual report of receipts and expenditures.
 - Arrange recognition or other means of expressing concern for members who may be ill, hospitalized, etc, or in need of support.
 - Represent SMGA members in interfacing with Dunes West Golf & River Club.
 - Conduct regular Board meetings as appropriate and midyear and annual business meetings. Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
 - Recognize members who have achieved a "hole-in-one" during sanctioned play by providing a \$75.00 reimbursement for celebratory expenses.
- The "Rules of Play and Games" provide continuity of daily and tournament play. The membership is encouraged to propose to the Board modifications to rules and games which would benefit the organization's spirit, resolve controversy, speed of play and reflect course conditions.
- Electronic Distance Finders
 - Many SMGA members utilize electronic and laser distance finders. Their use is permitted under USGA rules provided local committee rules allow them. As the SMGA Rules Committee, the Board has determined to permit the use of these devices in all SMGA events. However, their use in competition with other clubs and Interclub events must be decided by the planning committees responsible for those events. Members are

encouraged to check each such event organizer before assuming that they are permitted in that event.

- Amending the Charter

- Any SMGA member can suggest amendments/ changes to the Charter. Suggestions must be presented, in writing, to the Board.
- The Board will review the proposed amendments/ changes and will present them to the membership in writing and with a recommendation, at least two weeks before a regularly scheduled business meeting.
- At least half of the SMGA membership must vote on the proposal, either in person or by proxy. Two thirds of members casting votes must support the proposed amendments/ changes for them to be adopted. Members unable to attend the meeting may vote by signed and dated proxy which must be presented to the President prior to the meeting, or by electronic means as established by the Board.

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