

Bylaws of the Groves Men's Golf Association

Effective March 25, 2017

ARTICLE I – NAME

The official name of this organization shall be:

The Groves Men's Golf Association (herein referred to as "the Association").

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1: To stimulate interest in golf at the Groves Golf & Country Club by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming and maintaining an Association.

Section 2: To promote and foster among members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

Section 3: To encourage conformance to the United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf.

Section 4: To maintain a uniform system of handicapping set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issues USGA Handicap Indexes to the members.

Section 5: To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct Association competitions.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP/FEES

Section 1: Provided that membership applicants have paid Association and fees specified in Section 2 below, the following male applications are eligible for Association membership:

A resident/owner or tenant residing in the Groves Golf and Country Club community

Those non-residents holding an annual golf membership or fifty-play (or more) card with the Groves Golf and Country Club

Any other non-resident of the Groves that are approved by the membership committee or in their absence, by the Association Board of Directors.

Section 1A: The Association encourages members to invite guests to participate in scheduled Association play with the following conditions:

1. Guest/Visitors of the Association are allowed to play, but not participate for prizes during a weekly Association event unless specified in the event announcement as approved by an officer of the Association in charge of the event.
2. Guest/Visitors of the Association will not be allowed in tournament events except in a Member/Guest Tournament.

Section 2: An annual membership fee shall be required to join the Association. The annual membership fee will be distributed according to requirements as establish in Section 6. GHIN fees will be paid directly to the Pro Shop.

Section 3: Memberships in the Association are for a calendar year only, with all membership expiring on December 31st.

Section 4: Each playing member shall be responsible for his cart and greens fees.

Section 5: The fiscal year for the Association will be January 1st through December 31st.

Section 6: All membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Association.

ARTICLE IV – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors (herein referred to as “the Board”) shall consist of five members in good standing of the Association (each Board member considered an “Officer”) and they shall exercise all powers of management of the Association not specifically excepted by these bylaws.

Section 2: Voting shall be by written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast by members present shall be declared elected. The Board shall appoint a committee of three Association members, who are not members of the Board or candidates for election, to supervise the election.

Section 3: The board shall meet at such times and places they may select and a majority of the Board present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 4: In the case of any Officer vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining Officers, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the un-expired term of the Officer whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Trustees. Their duties shall be such that their titles would indicate, as otherwise specified in these bylaws or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

A. The President: Shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association. He shall appoint a chairman for, but not limited to the following committees: membership, tournament, golf, publicity, rules, audit and nominating. President or another Officer appointed by the President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees excluding nominating and audit committees.

B. Vice President (VP): Shall, in the absence of the president, perform the president's duties. The VP will preside at all meetings in the absence of the president; establish a schedule of games to be played, determine the weekly pairings or cause it to be performed by the pro shop and have the pairings posted at the pro shop; direct and/or assist in the organization of periodic social activities of the Association.

C. Secretary: Shall keep records of all meetings, handle all correspondence, maintain and have the current league bylaws and other records pertinent to the league as directed by the president. He shall act as a liaison to the Groves concierge regarding use of the facilities and calendar duties when required and requested by Association officers.

D. Treasurer: Shall keep records of all accounts, collect membership and Association play fees; prepare an overall financial report for all meetings or as directed and have records complete for annual audit. He shall receive from all committee chairmen an accounting of monies received and dispersed. The treasurer shall establish a bank account(s). Said account(s) shall have all current titled officers listed as authorized signers. The treasurer shall be required to sign all checks and have co-signed by one (1) titled officer. In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary or other Association officer appointed by the Treasurer, shall be empowered to co-sign checks in the name of the Association.

E. Trustee: Shall assist the board in the establishment of policies that determine the purpose and course of action of the Association. Ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Association. Assure that the Association remains financially sound by reviewing financial statements periodically and make recommendations to the board and general membership when necessary.

Section 2: The terms of elected Officers shall be two years. The office of President, Vice President and Trustee shall be elected to begin serving on the even numbered years and the officers of Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to begin serving on the odd numbered years.

Section 3: The Board shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. The president shall appoint chairmen and members of all committees, and the President or an Officer he delegates shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees.

Section 4: The Board shall be authorized to make expenditures up to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for Association related activities.

Section 5: The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees, as the president may deem necessary or advisable

A. Golf

1. Plan and conduct all competitions
2. Prepare schedule of events, and upon approval, distribute to members.
3. Publish and post special conditions of play.
4. Assist in preparation of local rules, if any, to be used for play
5. Create suitable social activities in conjunction with the golf program.

B. Publicity

1. Keep members advised of activities
2. Distribute information regarding the Association to the Groves newsletter, media and sponsoring organizations.

C. Membership

1. Shall welcome new members; distribute Association information, including a copy of these bylaws and USGA rule book.

2. Maintain a current membership list.

D. Rules

1. Shall advise members on questions relating to local and USGA rules

2. Act as a rules official in the event of infractions.

E. Audit: Shall review the records of the Treasurer for accuracy of all finances of the Association at least once a year.

F. Nominations: Prepare nominations of candidates for Association Officers and selects two Association members to assist in the nomination process; post nomination sheet prior to general election meeting; tally votes and announce results.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall hold its annual general membership meeting in November. The Board will select the date, time and place. Notice will be posted on the pro shop bulletin board at least thirty (30) days prior to a meeting. In addition to the normal order of business, election of Officers shall be held during the November meeting.

Section 2: Association Officers shall meet at the call of the president, and a minimum of six (6) times per year. A majority of Officers present shall constitute a quorum at the Board meeting.

Section 3: The president may call a special meeting at any time, or upon written request of fifteen (15) members. Date, time, and place shall be posted on the pro shop bulletin board at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Section 4: At all meetings of the Association, the order of business shall be:

- a. Roll call
- b. Reading and/or approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- c. Unfinished (old) business.
- d. Reports of officers.
- e. Reports of committees.
- f. New business.

g. Adjournment.

Section 5: Meeting procedure

Roberts Rules of Order-Revised in effect as of the date of these bylaws shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by these By-Laws

Section 6: Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership shall constitute quorum at all general and special meetings. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. If a quorum is not present, the presiding Officer shall adjourn the meeting to a day and time fixed by him.

ARTICLE VII –ASSOCIATION PLAY

Section 1: On Association day(s), playing member shall pay an entry fee.

Section 2: In order to participate in league events, members must sign or check off the appropriate participation sheet(s) posted on the League bulletin board by the date and time specified on or with that posting.

Section 3: Play shall be from any tee. A member will determine his tee of choice when he signs up to play. If a member chooses to play from a tee different than the back tees (blue), his handicap will be adjusted by the number of strokes indicated on the scorecard; including special tournament play.

Section 4: Results of the Association play shall be emailed to the General Membership or posted to the League Bulletin Board in a timely manner indicating the standing(s) and amounts distributed to members and the Association.

Section 5: The Association shall; retain a percentage of Association day(s) monies collected; provide the balance of monies for disbursement to the winners. The Board shall continually review this structure to ensure its merits and adjust accordingly.

Section 6: USGA rules of play shall prevail; exceptions thereto are those local rules that may be considered and shall require approval of the general membership.

Section 7: No Association member will be eligible to compete in an Association sponsored

tournament unless he has completed a minimum of six 18-hole games of regular

Association play in the prior year. New members joining the Association in a current year may participate without meeting the aforementioned requirements with the approval of the Association officer acting as tournament director.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

The board shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be in effect until approved by a majority vote of the members of the Association present at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein. Notices of proposed amendments are to be emailed to the General Membership and/or posted on the league bulletin board thirty (30) days prior to the next general membership meeting.

Revised: March 25, 2017

Mike Spoon, President

Mike Marek, Vice President

Jim Nearey, Treasurer

Bob Herzing, Trustee

Stephen Zilavetz, Trustee

Attest: Rod Merritt, Secretary