



MEXICAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION  
Visalia/Tulare Chapter  
January 8, 2025

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. at Vejar's Restaurant, Tulare, California.
- II. Recognition of Past President-Mary Serrato. This item moved to later in the agenda.
- III. Board of Directors consist of Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers: President - Dan Leon; Vice Pres.- Mary Serrato; Secretary – Victoria Acosta; Treasurer – Joe Calistro and Sgt. At Arms – Joe Acosta

Chairs: Tournament Director - Tino Serrato; Junior Members & Social Media - Lupe Mendoza; Handicap - Conrad Sanchez; Public Relations & Member Recruitment - Ben Rodriguez

- IV. Approval of Agenda

President Dan Leon requested a review of agenda for any corrections or additions.

Added to Agenda

- M/S/C Ben Rodriguez/Mike Alvarez to add Moment of Silence for Deceased members
- M/S/C Manuel Costales/John Whaley to add New Business Tournaments alternating between golf courses.

M/S/C Ben Rodriguez/Lupe Mendoza to accept the agenda as amended.

- V. Correspondence and Announcements

President Dan Leon stated he received Merced Mandatory flyer set for February 16, 2025. This flyer was sent out via email to the membership.

- VI. Approval of Minutes

Mary Serrato advised she misplaced the notes of the December meeting. No minutes for December meeting.

- VII. Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report – Joe Calistro reported that membership dues deadline is January 31, 2025. As of this date 26 regular members, 2 nonplayers, 1 multi-member. Still receiving membership dues. Received NCGA invoice for members that signed up in 2024 for membership in 2025. Will be coordinating with Conrad Sanchez to compare NCGA roster with members that have paid dues.

M/S/C Ben Rodriguez/Lupe Mendoza to approve treasurer's report as submitted.

- VIII. Committee Reports

- Tournament Chair – Tino Serrato stated the next tournament is February 9, 2025 Two Man Best Ball, currently scheduled for Valley Oaks. Location in question due to construction at Valley Oaks and club house being closed.
- Junior Members/Media Chair – Lupe Mendoza

Discussion to be held as to Juniors under Old Business item. Mary Serrato to give Lupe Mendoza permission to get on Visalia/Tulare Facebook page to add and edit as Media Chair.

President Dan Leon wanted to recognize Mary Serrato, past President for her 10 years as Chapter President of Visalia/Tulare. Joe Calistro presented Mary Serrato with a plaque, President Leon gave Mary Serrato flowers, two gift cards for her service to the Visalia/Tulare chapter and thanked her for her service.

- Handicap Chair- Conrad Sanchez stated he is working on the NCGA roster for 2025. Will be meeting with Joe Calistro to confirm who has paid their dues. The deadline for deleting members is January 9, 2025.
- Public Relations/Member Recruitment Chair – Ben Rodriguez stated he is working on recruiting new members and getting information together for weekly get together.

## IX. Unfinished Business

A. Junior members follow up report – Victoria Acosta reported she contacted NCGA in November to clarify the Junior membership fee. Tad of NCGA stated that the price break for GHIN for Juniors was done away with in 2023. The chapter representatives were notified in 2022 of that change. The Juniors were being charged \$18.00 and the member were being charged \$46.00. 2023 everyone is being charged \$46.00. NCGA stated they encourage chapters to enroll their Juniors in Youth on Course (YOC), which charges \$30.00 as their dues. Belonging to YOC gives the Juniors the following benefits: GHIN, playing on listed golf courses for \$5.00 and some courses free range balls.

On the Chapter NCGA roster there are several Juniors that our chapter paid \$46.00 per Junior in 2023 and 2024. Discussion held in November meeting to review whether Visalia/Tulare Chapter will continue paying the NCGA fees for Juniors. Discussion held.

M/S/ Ben Rodriguez/Joe Acosta the Juniors pay the Chapter \$10.00 for Junior membership. Discussion held. Motion withdrawn.

M/S/C Ben Rodriguez/John Whaley Visalia/Tulare charge the Junior member \$10.00 to belong to the chapter and the Junior has to join Youth on Course or NCGA on their own.

B. President Dan Leon stated he requested Joe Calistro to check with the bank as to setting up Zelle or Venmo to make it easier for members to pay for tournaments and membership dues. Discussion held. This item to be put on next meeting agenda.

## X. New Business

A. President Dan Leon stated the survey results will be tabled for the next meeting.

B. Alternating golf play between Valley Oaks and Tulare Golf Course. M/S John Whaley/Manuel Costales that Visalia/Tulare Chapter tournament play be alternated between both courses. Discussion held. Motion withdrawn.

M/S/ Manuel Costales/John Whaley Tournaments alternated between Valley Oaks and Tulare Golf Course or another course decided on. Discussion held. Motion tabled to next meeting.

President Dan Leon appointed an ad hoc committee as follows to discuss tournaments: Tino Serrato, John Whaley, Alex Cantu and Manuel Costales to review tournament schedule and bring recommendations to next meeting. Request to have a coast tournament be reviewed and brought to next meeting.

## XI. M/S/C Ben Rodriguez/Lupe Mendoza to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m.

*Minutes respectively submitted by  
Victoria Acosta*