

# **MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION at CEDAR CREEK**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I NAME and PURPOSE**

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Men's Golf Association at Cedar Creek (MGA-CC). The MGA-CC derives its identity from the community of Cedar Creek and is affiliated with the Cedar Creek Golf Club.

Section 2. The primary purpose of the MGA-CC is to arrange and conduct friendly competition golf activities, promote good fellowship, and undertake such other activities as may be appropriate to further camaraderie and socialization between and among its members.

Section 3. A secondary purpose of the MGA-CC shall be to participate in functions that may enhance community relations and support charitable activities as may be agreed upon by the membership of the association.

### **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership in the MGA-CC shall be open to all men who reside or are property owners in the community of Cedar Creek. Non-resident male members of the Cedar Creek Golf Club are also eligible for membership. Once established, uninterrupted annual dues renewal is the only requirement for membership retention.

Section 2. Membership in the MGA-CC shall entitle a member to participate in all MGA-CC events and representation in determination of the use of the association's resources.

### **ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION and MEETINGS**

Section 1. The MGA-CC shall be governed by a Board of Directors comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director(s) each of whose duties shall be in conformance with traditional functions performed by these officers. In the event a vacancy occurs the President, with concurrence of the Board, shall appoint a member of the MGA-CC to the vacant position. In the event the President is unable to complete his term the Vice President shall succeed him and will appoint a member of the MGA-CC as Vice President.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint advisors to assist in the conduct of affairs of the association. The Board may also establish standing or ad hoc

committees to arrange and promote golf-related activities or for other specific purposes of the association.

Section 3. The Board of Directors will meet regularly with the general membership to transact such business as may be appropriate for the conduct of affairs of the association. The Board of Directors may meet in executive session at the call of the President or by no less than two other members of the Board with a minimum of three days notice to prepare for business for presentation to the membership.

Section 4. The MGA-CC will operate on a fiscal year basis from the first of October to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September the following year.

Section 5. An annual meeting of the association shall be held in September at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors for the proper election of officers and conduct of other year-end business. Officers may be re-elected and succeed themselves for a term not to exceed three successive years.

Section 6. The members present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. Communication regarding any regularly scheduled or annual meeting including agendas for same as well as tournament activities and all other matters relevant to the MGA-CC between and among the Board of Directors and members shall be via email together with posted announcements on the bulletin board at the club.

Section 8. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the MGA-CC.

#### **ARTICLE IV DOCUMENT AMENDMENT**

The Constitution and By-Laws of the MGA-CC may be amended by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting provided notice of the proposed amendment is submitted to the membership not less than 30 days in advance of the meeting. The call of the meeting shall include the proposed amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE V DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution of the MGA-CC may occur with not less than 30 days prior notice and approval by a majority of members present at a meeting called for that purpose. All outstanding bills will be paid, and the remaining money will be returned to the members or, by vote of the members, given to a charity or charities of their choice.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

Section 1. An annual membership fee shall be established by the Board of Directors. Any change in the annual fee from one fiscal year to the next together with rationale for same shall be presented to membership at the annual meeting and approved or disapproved by a majority of those present.

Section 2. Proceeds from annual fees shall be used for administrative expenses of the MGA-CC and such other purposes proposed by the Board of Directors or a member and approved by a majority of members at any regular meeting. Any expenditure in excess of three hundred dollars (\$300) must be approved by a majority of members present at a regular meeting of the membership.

### **ARTICLE II**

Section 1. Tournament Director(s) shall organize and conduct tournaments for members of the MGA-CC at the Golf Club at Cedar Creek or at other courses they deem appropriate. The venue and format of all tournaments shall be determined by the Tournament Director(s) and communicated to the membership not less than three weeks prior to the event date. Participants must commit and remit the specified tournament entry fee to the Tournament Director(s) not later than one week prior to the event. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s).

Section 2. Prize money shall be distributed to at least thirty-three percent (33%) of the participants in any event. Closest-to-pin winners are not included in the 33% calculation.

Section 3. The distribution of fees and award of prizes shall be as nearly equitable as possible among categories of play(ers) established for each tournament.

Section 4. Fees not awarded at any tournament will be retained in the treasury of the MGA-CC and signified for distribution as may be proposed by the Board of Directors or a member and approved by the membership.

### **ARTICLE III**

Section 1. Members of the MGA-CC must have a USGA certified handicap to be eligible for prize money. MGA-CC members may play in any event without participating in the tournament competition per se by declaring same and remitting only the host club cost of the event.

Section 2. A member who may be required to withdraw from a tournament prior to the event date and who may not be able to secure another to assume his entry may have his tournament entry fee returned only at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s).

Section 3. Members may have guests with USGA certified handicaps play in MGA-CC events by registration with the Tournament Director(s) and declaration as such provided that the tournament format permits guest play. The guest tournament fee will be established by the Tournament Director(s). Guest eligibility for prize money will be determined by the Tournament Director(s).

#### **ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. All MGA-CC tournaments will be played in accordance with USGA rules and any local rules applied by the host club.

Section 2. A maximum handicap of 36 is allowed for play in any tournament for any member or guest of the MGA-CC.

Section 3. When the format of a tournament includes players in competition with one another from differing tees, e.g., “member” and “senior” tees, an appropriate adjustment to handicaps will be made by the Tournament Director(s).

Section 4. When necessary to complete a team lacking a member for certain events a score – signified as a “blind” score – of a non-team member may be drawn by the Tournament Director(s) and used to complete a team score. The person whose “blind” score is used is eligible for prize allocation only with the team with which he played and not with the team to which is score is applied.

Section 5. Scorecards must be signed by all tournament participants. If appropriate, adjusted gross scores must be posted in the handicap system.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The MGA-CC may sponsor, contribute to or otherwise promote through funding or advertisement golf and golf-related activities such as, for example, but not limited to the Cedar Creek Interclub Team, Silver Bluff High School golf team, Hook-a-Kid on Golf, and others taken under consideration by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

#### **ADDENDUM**

Upon the death of a current or past member in good standing the MGA-CC will make a \$50 memorial contribution in the name of the deceased to an organization designated by the deceased’s family together with a sympathy card to the surviving family. The memorial contribution should indicate acknowledgement be provided to the family by the designated organization.

Amended/Approved by decision of the MGA-CC Board of Directors and vote of the members of the MGA-CC: November 10, 2015