

SIR STATE GOLF COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday January 4, 2018

Chez Shari, Manteca

8:30 AM

Call to Order:

Verify quorum Present – Participants: SSGC Members Present – Stephen Johnson, Dan Powell, Rich Provost, Ed Benson, Mark Stuart, Bobby Hairston, Butch Evans, Pete Morelli, Bill Ekerd, John Harrison, and Chairman Jerry Strain.

Introduce Guest/New Member(s)

Derek Southern, Jim Trudel, and Jack Glenn, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Report distributed by: Bob Miller

Vote to accept: Jerry Strain

Moved by Dan Powell

Seconded by Pete Morelli

Treasurer's Report Approved

Secretary Report

Approval of October 15, 2017 Minutes

Moved by Bob Miller

Seconded by Butch Evans

Minutes approved

Division Reports

Division 1 – John Harrison

Division 2 – Pete Morelli

Division 3 – Bill Ekerd

Division 4 – Stephen Johnson

Division 5 – Butch Evans

2018 Tournaments Discussion:

Napa (Spring Time in Napa) – April 23-24. Stephen Johnson will be the host for this event. The first day will be at Eagle Vine and the second day at the Chardonnay course. The cost is set at \$150 for the two days. A discussion followed with a possibility of having some kind of food after the first day (a target price of \$15 per person). Stephen Johnson will check with the course on this. The idea is to get our golfers to stay and socialize with each other (make new friends and get caught up with old ones). The cost may be a concern. Steve will provide more info at the next committee meeting. He will also look into a possible leader board after the first day. It was also mentioned to eliminate putting the prize fund information on the flyer. It was also suggested that we try to get local area golf chairmen (local branches) involved with helping coordinate state events. They have more local knowledge about the courses/lodging/food locations. Getting them more involved may precipitate more players from that area. For the ladies we make the hole assignment but the ladies organize their own pairings. We collect and pay out their prize fund. The women's side of the event was run by Bev ?. No handicap required but can participate on the par 3's, closest to the pin.

Reno – June 11-15. Jerry Strain (and others) will be the hosts for this event. A discussion followed about the mass mailer put out by the hotel that may not be cost effective. A motion was made by John Harrison to do away with the mailer and was seconded by Pete Morelli. The motion was passed unanimously. The prize fund is now \$50. In the past it was \$30 with a \$40 buy in. Almost every one participated in the buy in so the committee included the buy in as part of the total prize fund. Jerry will talk to the hotel and get a revised proposal for his signature. Steve Johnson will provide a flyer to Rich Provost and Derek Sutherland. They will then get the information out to all the branches electronically. Once the individual branches get the information they can include it in their monthly newsletter/update and each branch golf chairman can talk up not just this event but all of them. This prompted a lot of discussion. We need to really ensure that this info gets to all of our golfers regardless if they play or not. If they are not interested all they have to do is delete the email.

Fall Classic – September 17-18. Mark Stuart and Pete Morelli will be the hosts for this event. Pete has a signed copy of the contract. Golf will be held at Sun City, the Hills and Orchard courses in Lincoln. The format will be a scramble. Flyer with lodging, reception, and prize fund are to be determined and put out later. Pete will check with the course about a social get together after the first day (finger food) and provide more information at a later date.

Team Event 4 man scramble – August 13. Host Jerry Strain (Stephen Johnson)? The tournament is scheduled for Rancho Solano. The flyer will all the associated costs and directions will be provided at a later date. Currently we are charging \$200 per team with a cost of \$180 leaving \$20/per team towards a prize fund. We will be subsidizing one team from each area \$100. This is the team that either won their local qualifier or was designated, in advance, as that area's representative. An area may have more than one team representing it, but only the primary team is subsidized. If the designated team does not play, that subsidy will not be paid out. First place winners get a jacket provided by the state.

Individual Championship Event – October 15-16. Host Mark Stuart? This tournament is currently scheduled for Laguna Seca. Mark informed us that there were some complains about the course conditions. More information will be provided at a later date. Mark has someone in Branch 45 checking with the Bayonet and Black Horse courses on costs for us to move our Individual Championship. The location is to be determined at a later date. We have no PLAN B.

SIR NCGA membership verses being a SIR member and having an NCGA from another club. There was a lot of discussion here. Currently for our two state events it is a requirement to be a SIR NCGA member to participate. Our current branch/area/division chairmen need to be more proactive in following thru to ensure this doesn't happen.

Seeking out new courses: Local branch/area golf committee should be on the look out for new courses for our Team and Individual championships. Possibly looking at moving courses each year north/south.

Have an Operations Chairman!!! Jerry may have a copy on the position on his computer.

Old Business –

New Business –

A. Mark Stuart made a motion to establish an NCGA liaison. Bobby Hairston reported the last meeting with the NCGA was about two years ago. Mark Stuart and Pete Morelli were to prepare a job description in line with current policy along with Bobby Hairston. Bobby Hairston seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The position may need two people at least one being fully computer literate and one or both familiar with all areas of golf.

B. Bobby Hairston discussed possible creating a policy to aid local tournament chairmen in regards to guest playing versus SIR members who have an NCGA membership but not with that particular branch. ????

General Discussion:

Do we play golf for the money or fun with our friends?

We don't have opportunities for social interaction after our state tournaments. Should we look at having a social gathering after our rounds? We should possibly lower the prize fund and use some of it to maybe provide finger food for the people. Now after the round everyone makes it to their cars and heads home. Each tournament host will look into possibly making this happen.

Realignment- Most of this discussion was provided by Derek Sutherland using a visual presentation. He showed us how the State realigned the new Regions and Areas. The scope of the discussion was: do we want to realign our Golf Divisions to coincide with the State Regions. The discussion provided a lot of input and showed a number of possible problem areas. Jerry tasked us to take a good look at this possible realignment and be ready to discuss and vote on it at our next meeting. Possible change to the name of Divisions, to Regions (example: from Division 1 Golf Chairman to Region 1 Golf Chairman).

Qualifier – Qualifying for state tournaments is by Area. If there is no qualifier in your area you may go to another area. If there is a “definite situation” where some one can not participate in their area qualifier they can go to another area within their Division to qualify, if the other area wants to allow them. We need to have a policy in place to handle this situation.

HOST RESPONSIBLY - Mark brought this up for discussion and should be included for all of our hosted tournaments. Jerry may have a copy of something like this.

NCGA/GHIN – There will be a change in the NCGA area designation from 2 or 3 numbers to 4 numbers. This should be done sometime this year. ???

SIR RECRUITMENT – Ed Benson would like the branches to purchase a banner/sign to be place in front of the pro shop in an effort to attract new SIR members. We had a lot of discussion here. One third of the branches are growing with two thirds are shrinking. Branches with multiple activities seem to thrive over those that only have one or two.

GOLF GENIUS – Mark Stuart brought up the use of Golf Genius (?) because the NCGA will be doing away with there form of handicap computing. The use of Golf Genius versus TPP. Using webinars' to teach area/branch golf chairmen the new system???

RYDER CUP COMPETITION -

USING CREDIT CARDS TO PAY FOR GOLF TOURNAMENTS – The credit card has a cash back policy and the area/branches use the funds to support the area/branches.

NEXT MEETING

February 20, 2018 – 0930

Manteca GC, 305 Union Road, Godfather room, (209) 825-2500

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.