

**Minutes of SIR State Golf Committee Meeting
January 7th, 2022 via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM

Present: Bobbie Hairston, Lee Lamp, Pete Morelli, Steve Johnson, Ned Lawrence, John Harrison, Walt Reno, Butch Evans, Ray Gilcrest, Dan Powell, Mike Guint, Jim Trudel, Dave Gonzales, Don Fuller, Larry Yost, Ben Gikis, Ed Dorn

1. **Committee Announcements**: Ray Gilcrest now Region 4 Golf Chair, Mike Guint will assume the position of Area 11 Golf Chair
2. **Treasurer's Report**: No questions on report provided by Steve. Ask to explain the issue. Steve stated we continue to lose money primarily because of paying for the golfer's green fees at the Individual Championship. Also we haven't gotten any revenue from the Reno tournament (our revenue generating tournament) the last two years. What are we to do? No suggestions from the committee were made as to how to resolve this year except that we plan to hold the Reno tournament in 2022. Steve also report we have not gotten our cash back from US Bank. Mark stated he has instructions on how to get that done, will speak with Steve about it after the meeting.
3. **2022 Golf Schedule** on State Golf Website at www.sirgolf.org, reviewed the schedule of tournament and dates. Napa tournament will require collection of VACS info or negative test because of food component. This will be the dry run for the Reno tournament which will have two days of a food component. State Boarding next week will clarify the whole issue and I will report at next committee meeting. Individual Championship will be played at Tuesday October 11th at Rancho Solano. Need to finalize venue for the Fall Classic. RGC 3 John Harrison presented option at FoxTale. RGC 1 Jim Trudel suggested Northern California hosting at Lake Shasta. AGC 1 Lee Lamp detailed issues with fire issues in summer months. Lee suggested some options other than Lake Shasta courses. RGC 4 suggested Cinnabar Hills courses, three 9's holes, we could be play 2 of the 3 courses. Wente Vineyards were also suggested, Ray will investigate further. Gillipalee was also suggested. Jim and Ray to report at February meeting. Bobbie H. suggested Rolling Hills and Wilcox Oaks. Courses are difficult, links courses. Jim to talk with Lee, Walt and Don. Everyone is good with all events scheduled and will finalize the Fall Classic at next meeting.
4. **Team Scramble Changes**: Jim Trudel described the change. Purpose to get the higher handicap players more involved in tournament and to increase participation in the Team qualify and Final tournaments. C & D Players would hit from forwarded tees, A & B from mid's. Required to take three drivers from each player

during the round. Another element of changes was that all Areas must have a qualifier, no walk throughs into finals. Finally, each 1st place team will have their green fees paid as we do with the Individual Finals. Question is how to we finance that. Many committee members (Ray, Dan, Bobbie, Pete, Mike and others) commented and had some questions. Comments and questions were about amount of State fees to be charged, putting skill, length of drives from C&D players and accuracy drives, increasing participation in events which would also increase revenue, holding a Region team qualifier versus an area qualifier. Steve Johnson stated in 2021 we collect \$1128, 376 participants, State manual only allow use to collect \$5 per day, \$15 for total event such as in Reno. We are not following the State Manual rules, we need to change the manual and/or follow the manual. Various comments on the amount members will accept paying.

5. **BlueGolf versus Golf Genius:** Butch made a proposal via the Zoom Chat feature to have State Committee along with Branch Golf programs pay for GolfGenius TM software license. Pete pointed out that his proposal would not work because our dues fees go to USGA/NCGA for services, Handicap Index, etc. and has nothing to do with the TM software. In 2022 only BlueGolf TM is going to be free as supplied to golf clubs by NCGA. Ed Dorn stated his branch is collecting more money through branch golf dues to help pay for club expenses such as GolfGenius this year. Ed suggested that we contact NCGA that we complain about the change in TM software, we need to apply pressure as SIR State Golf organization. The State Golf Committee, it's member's, has been in contacted with NCGA requesting aid and have been getting little to no response back from NCGA. NCGA has commented to our committee representative Bobbie H. that they are not happy with BlueGolf but will be using it. The decision was not NCGA's but was made by USGA.

6. **Next Committee Meeting:** We will hold a February meeting to further discuss and finalize Team Scramble Golf changes. Mark will be polling committee members as to get dates for Zoom meeting and set date.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Submitted by Mark Stuart for Gary Smith based on audio recording of meeting