

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting

May 24, 2022, via Zoom

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 3:00 PM.

1. State Golf Committee

a) Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS)

Pete Morelli (PM)

Butch Evans (BE)

Ray Gilcrest (RG)

Bobby Hairston (BH)

Don Fuller (DF)

Seth Hertzog (SH)

Bill Rutherford (BH)

Lee Lamp (LL)

b) Members absent:

Gary Smith

Jim Trudel

c) Nonmembers who attended will be identified based on their comments within these minutes.

Lenny Silva (LS)

Daryl Hands (DH)

Paul Goodwin (PG)

2. (MS) Reviewed the meeting agenda. No other topics were added for discussion.

3. **Minutes:** (DF) Moved to approve the submitted minutes. The motion was seconded by (RG). The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** (MS)

1. There is a little over \$4,000 in the bank account. The Reno event was canceled. There was no further activity.

2. Feather in the cap (FIC) award: Should we honor FIC requests from Region 5 as there is no participation from that region?

3. The base course rating for the award is 66. (DF) stated the course rating limit should be reviewed. (MS) said it is currently the subject of discussion.

4. **Reno Tournament:**

1. (MS) The Reno tournament was canceled this year due to a lack of participation. Fifty-two signed up. Reasons included the cost, waiting to see how they felt, wanting to play with buddies, and distance to the tournament.

2. (PG) A problem may have been the scramble format. They enjoyed low net, low gross and four-ball.

3. (SH) There was still some concern for Covid from his group. He had two groups who would sign up, but the cancellation occurred first. (MS) We may have to set an earlier deadline to avoid this problem.

4. (DF) Some said three days was too long.

4. (LS) Did we lose money on this tournament? (MS) No.

5. (LL) said he has trouble getting players to play at all.

6. (SH) They have opened it up to women, and the numbers have increased.

5. (MS) We may have to separate the room from the tournament, so we do not have to meet a minimum number. The participation trend in all tournaments is down.

5. **Team Qualifiers:**

1. (RG) Only two teams so far. He is waiting to hear from others in his area. Numbers are low. They are running a double tournament to fill the field.
2. (NL) Area 8 has six teams, double from last year.
3. (DF) 13 teams.
4. (BR) Five playing tomorrow. Their problem is they have too many "A" players.
5. (BE) Five teams played in Area 19. Three teams dropped out on the day of the event.
6. (LL) None
7. (BG) Area 13 8. (MS) The problem might be that the format requires A, B, C, and D players on a team. We will look at revising the form.
8. A lot of second and third-place teams will be going.
9. A general discussion followed regarding the costs and problems.

6. **Fall Classic:**

1. (MS) The tournament is on September 14 and 15 at Blue Rock Springs. It is a two-day tournament. Day one is a two-man best ball. Day 2 is a scramble. The drop-dead date would be at the end of August, but that is not set in stone. We are committed to 100 golfers.
2. (BE) Set the date the week before.
3. (MS) The tournament will have split tees.

7. **Golf Genius:**

1. (PM) The cost for the product is \$3000 but does not include the branch fees, which are \$600. They said they would reduce the price to \$300 if the state bought the more expensive program. However, they would not put that in writing. While they could make each branch a different league, the branches would have to designate tournament directors. All branches could not be put into a master roster. There

could be some separation, but these would all be a trade-off. Various solutions are available, but all would require changes.

2. (MS) Eight to ten branches now use the \$300 product, but the cost will most likely rise.

3. (PM) State can do nothing to reduce the branches' costs without some money. How will players react to paying an additional sum? Without additional funds from the branches, the state cannot do anything.

4. (PG) believes his branches would pay an additional sum.

5. (MS) If leagues could be formed, the cost per branch would be reduced proportionally with more branches participating.

6. A general discussion followed regarding how SIR could collect the fees necessary to use Golf Genius.

8. Miscellaneous:

1. We need committee members for next year.

2. Wants golf schedule for 2023 early, so we should look at dates and courses for next year.

3. Next meeting is on June 24.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18