

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting

August 26, 2022, via Zoom

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 3:05 PM.

1. State Golf Committee:

a. Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS)

Pete Morelli (PM)

Gary Smith (GS)

Ray Gilcrest (RG)

Lee Lamp (LL)

John Harrison (JH)

Butch Evans (BE)

b. Members absent:

Jim Gurke (JG)

Bobby Hairston (BH)

Jim Trudel (JT)

c. Nonmembers Present:

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

- 2. (MS) Reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no additions to the posted agenda.**

3. Minutes:

a. The minutes of the 6/24 meeting were not available for approval and will be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

4. Dave Gonzales (DB), The State Vice President stated the success of SIR as an organization correlates with the success of golf. He asks that suggestions for improvement of the golf program be forwarded to him.

5. Fall Classic:

a. (MS) The winning team from the State Team Championship came from Branch 106.

- The Fall Classic will be held on September 14/15. So far, 85 have signed up.

- Only 13 ladies have signed up for the first day and 9 for the second. We would like to have more for both days.

6. Individual Championship:

a. (MS) The last of the regional qualifiers will be held next Monday (8/29).

c. Ed Marlowitz (EM) Reported that Region 3 has a total of 24, and Region 1 will have 52. There was no number reported for Regions 2,4 and 5.

6. Fall Classic:

a. (MS) Information and applications for this tournament are on the website.

b. Day one is a four-man two-best ball. Day two is a scramble in which the teams may select their team members. The minimum goal is 100 players. There is no limitation on A, B, C, or D players on a team.

7. Golf Genius (GG):

a. (MS) Branches are split in their choice of Golf Genius (GG), Blue Golf (BG), and individual branch golf programs.

b. (PM) The cost of Golf Genius is presently \$350 to \$400 per branch. The cost for the entire program for all branches is \$3,000 now and will be increased to \$3,500 in 2023.

- To put all branches under a single GG program we would need approximately \$5 per playing member to cover the expense. That would be the worst-case number.
- Steve Behnke (SB) asked if the \$5 number for each active golfer or those who are carried on the roster since the number of active participants is significantly less than the number of golfers on the rosters?
- (PM) Believes the numbers are the opposite.
- (LL) Believes less than half the golfers on the roster are active.
- Other comments were made during the general discussion.
- John Jordan (JJ) believes GG is decades ahead of Blue Golf.
- (DG) The number of golfers is likely to increase as Covid restrictions are lifted.
- (PM) All golfers should be surcharged.
- Mike Garb (MG) All golfers should be required to join NCGA through the branch.
- (RH) (BG) is free.
- (RG) suggested the cost be paid by charging an additional fee at branch tournaments.
- (DG) Is willing to submit a budget request to the State Committee. He cannot guarantee what amount if any would be approved.

c. (MS) canvassed the meeting to see who would approve of member golfers paying for the GG program. Most representatives approved of the suggestion with the following dissenters:

- 1) (DF) Area 4 will use its programs.
- 2) (BE) Area 5 has a “country club” program. He is not sure about Area 6.
- 3) (SB) Branch 175 uses its own program, GG or Blue golf would be easier.
- 4) Mike Quint (MQ) Branch 125 would not want to use GG.

5) Rick Hansman (RH) Branches 32 and 39 are being combined.

8. **2023 State Committee:** (MS) The Golf Committee is losing several members in 2023 and they need to be replaced.

9. **2023 Schedule:**

a. (MS) Next year's schedule needs to be made asap.

- Preferable dates seem to be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

- A Reno tournament in April could be on 4/13-14 or 4/20-21.

- Potential dates for the Fall Classic are in mid to late September. It seems members are more reluctant to travel.

- It has been suggested, that to increase participation, there be no qualifiers.

9. **Miscellaneous:**

a. (DG) Asked how the state can help improve golf. Close to 70% of new members play golf

- (BE) Added that there could be a tangible incentive to bring younger golfers. Some better golfers may be turned off playing shorter tees.

- (MS) Suggested that there may be a disconnect between the levels of golf leadership. Further, women should be welcomed to play at all levels.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40