

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting 2023, via Zoom

11-17-23

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 9:00 A.M.

1. State Golf Committee:

a. Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS)	Ben Gikis (BG)
Ray Gilcrest (RG)	Jim Gurke (JG)
Lee Lamp (LL)	Gary Smith (GS)
Pete Morelli (PM)	Jim Trudel (JT)
Butch Evans (BE)	Roger Smith (RG)
Ray Gilchrest (RG)	Bill Wilhelm (BW)
Mike Quint(MQ)	Bill Rutherford (BW)

b. Members absent:

Bobby Hairston	John Harrison
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2. Golf Committee Openings:

(MS) Reviewed the openings on the 2024 Golf Committee. The following have agreed to serve as Area Golf Chairmen in 2024:

Area 2- Gary Bell
3- Mike Kearns
5- Butch Evans
7- Jim Keller
8- Bill Wilhelm
10- Jim Gurke
13- Ben Gikis

18N Roger Smith

18S Bill Rutherford

19- Duke Marshall

3. Regional Golf Chairmen:

(MS) Questioned the need for Regional Chairmen due to Regional Qualifying Tournaments being discontinued.

1. (JT) 85% of those whom he questioned think no qualifying is a good idea.
2. (MK) All he asked seemed to like no qualifying.
3. (LL) Eliminating regional qualifying is a cost-saving.
 - (JT) Eliminating qualifying is a revenue loss.
 - (MS) Any loss will be partially made up by funding from the state.
 - (BR) Golf fees have increased by about 35%.
 - (MS) Tee times cost about \$12-15 less per player.

4. Extension of Committee Term:

(MS) Requested that all serving members of the Golf Committee extend the term of service until after the January 2024 Area meeting. It will be an in-person breakfast or lunch meeting. Branches hosting tournaments will be an issue discussed. Other issues will be filling roles in the committee, and branch co-hosting.

1. (MS) There is no interest expressed for the open positions on the golf committee. requested that the Area Chairs contact those in the branches in their area to solicit volunteers for the open positions before the Area Meeting.
2. (RG) Has a meeting already scheduled for this purpose on 11/27.
3. (LL) Only 38 of 87 branches have submitted their Form 20. He has trouble getting Area 2 to respond.

5. Treasurer's Report:

(BG) There is currently \$4,173 on deposit.

6. Individual Championship Review:

1. (BG) The Individual Championship broke even.
2. (JT) There were no complaints about the tee times. The target of five hours rounds was achieved. There were only two permanent marshalls needed. There is an NCGA Exceptional Tournament Chart for players' handicaps whose scores are much lower than their handicaps.
 - (GB) Why are we using the June handicap for an October tournament? This effects the exceptional tournament issues.
 - (MS) Since there was no qualifying tournament, the September handicap was used.
 - (LL) Why not use the current handicap since it is constantly updated?
 - A general discussion regarding the issue of tournament players playing rounds significantly below their handicaps was discussed.

7. Napa:

(BK) We have the option of April or October dates. Branch 35 will be the host branch.

1. It will be a team tournament. The first day will be at Chardonnay. The second day is at Eagle Vines. The total cost is \$129. Day two is a scramble.
2. Issues discussed were:
 - (a) Should there be a Ladies Division?
 - (b) Should there be a Couple's Division?
 - (c) Should there be no flighting?

8. 2024 Schedule:

(MK) would like to host Fall Classic.

(MS) queried that since there is only one tournament currently on the 2024 schedule, and since there is little interest in filling committee roles for next year, what purpose does the committee even have?

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.