

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting
September 14, 2023, via Zoom

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

1. State Golf Committee:

a. Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS)

Ray Gilcrest (RG)

Lee Lamp (LL)

John Harrison (JH)

Butch Evans (BE)

Bobby Hairston (BH)

Jim Trudel (JT)

Ben Gikis (BG)

Steve Johnson (SJ)

Ray Gilchrest (RG)

Mike Kearns (MK)

b. Members absent:

Pete Morelli (PM)

Gary Smith (GS)

Jim Gurke (JG)

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

3. Minutes:

a. The minutes of the 6-9-23 meeting were not available.

4. **Treasurer's Report: (BG)** The transition to the new treasurer is complete. All further financial transactions will be done through Ben Gikis.

5. **Tournaments:**

a. (JT) will handle the Individual Tournament in the absence of (MS). (BR) will be checking in the entrants in the morning.

-The entry fee includes range balls.

b. **Team Championship:**

1. (MS) 55 teams competed.

2. All reviews were good.

3. A team from Fairfield won.

4. Coats have been ordered and all prize money has been distributed.

5. (JT) Some have been asked why the prize money was top-loaded and not more evenly distributed. (MS) Because that's the way it was set up! There was no particular reason for doing so. The winning team participants received \$150.

6. (BG) suggested putting the winning team bench on the published results.

7. (MS) Special thanks should be given to (MK) for all his work on this tournament.

b. **Reno:**

1. (MS) 80 golfers were at the tournament which finished last week including several committee members.

2. The state partnered with Branch 116 in this successful tournament.

c. **Individual:**

1. (MS) 112 are currently signed up for this tournament.

2. (JT) Will take the lead. We are currently awaiting the final pairings.

3. (MS) We still need course marshalls. They will have walkie-talkies.
4. (MK) What is the cutoff date for indexes? (MS) 9-1.
5. (JT) The cutoff date for entries is 9-25. The final cutoff date is 10-1. When (JT) takes charge.
6. (MS) This is a two-in-one tournament with flighted scores and a net score tournament. There is no closest to the pin contest as a result of pace of play considerations. The pace of play in Reno was between 4:45 and 5:45 on the first day and under 5:00 on the second day.

8. Committee Makeup: (MS) The Golf Committee is losing about ¼ of its members next year who need to be replaced. He will not remain Committee Chairman after this year. (PM) will not be the Operations Chairman.

a. Region 1: (JT) Will resign after this year.

b. Region 2: (BE) Okay

c. Region 3: Not present

d. Region 4: (RG) Okay

e. Region 5: Not present

f. The following will continue on the committee next year: (BH), (BG), (MK), (LL), (Playball)

g. (SJ) This position will be discontinued.

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