

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting
Via Zoom
September 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 10:00 AM.

1. State Golf Committee Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS)

Gary Smith (GS)

Pete Morelli (PM)

Jim Trudel (JT)

John Harrison (JH)

Dan Powell (DP)

Bobby Hairston (BH)

Ron Dovichi (RD)

Members absent:

Steve Johnson

Butch Evans

Non-Member Present

Ray Gilcrest (RG)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

- a. (JH) requested that the minutes be provided earlier.

3. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report submitted prior to the meeting was accepted.

a. (PM) Requested clarification for the closest to the pin expense. (MS) said he would get a clarification.

4. Policy Changes:

a. (MS) informed that the tournament fees would be increased from \$3 to \$6 in the event that there is no qualifier.

b. An open discussion regarding the handicap breaks for the Team Championship. No change. The current open qualifiers are 1(open)per region, 2 per region and 1 per area.

5. Golf Genius:

a. (PM) related that the cost of Golf Genius Enhanced is \$2,500 per club. They would consider SIR Branches to be separate clubs, but will discount the total cost to \$15,000. They are inflexible in this and so Golf Genius Enhanced will not work for us.

b. (PM) Still has no complete rosters from the branches.

6. Status of Golf Regions:

a. *Region 1 (JT)-*

Area 1: Branch 129- Monthly events with low turnout on 2 courses.

Branch 84 and 52- No information

Area 2: No information

Area 3: Branch 98- per (PM) Golfing with other branches. There is a lower turnout, from 2/3 to 3/4 of prior attendance, and some cart restrictions.

Area 4: Branch 49- Golfing with attendance above last Cart restrictions.

Branches 91,93,69,50- Golfing with no problems.

Branch 12- "Doing their own thing."

Branch 117- No information.

b. Region 2 (BE) absent. (MS) gave report previously sent. "To my knowledge, and/or, I have not been advised of any problems with

Areas or Branches, beyond some are playing and some are not by choice.

Staffing was in place when last I checked. And all playing are in conformance with the covid parameters/guidelines.

Area 19 is playing; the Sierra foothills is playing: Lake Tahoe was playing; Area 18 N(Yes) and S(Not) they will likely attend and can speak for themselves." Per memo to (MS)

c. *Region 3 (JH)* Region 3 has 33 branches. One half are playing and half not. There is 505 participation based on course limitations. They have three tournaments per month.

d. *Region 4 (RG)* Area 13, Branch is playing a non- SIR affiliated tournament every Wednesday

e. *Region 5 (RD)*

Area 15: No information

Area 16: Playing individual (not official SIR events)

Area 17: Playing limited golf. Limitations are due to cart restrictions.

7. 2021 Tournaments: (PM) lead a discussion on future tournaments.

a. Individual Championship is set for Oct 11/12 at Hiddenbrooke.

b. Reno is tentatively set for 6/20 with courses to be determined. A general discussion followed regarding potential courses for this tournament.

c. Team Championship is set for Rancho Solano with a date to be determined.

d. A general discussion was held regarding setting all tournaments after June 1, 2021. Per (PM) this would only effect Napa as all others are set after that date. Qualifiers could be set on a case by case basis.

8. Miscellaneous: (MS)

a. Because of Covid, there is a projected loss of membership of 25%.

- b. SIR had hired a professional consultant regarding future membership issues. One finding is that the number one reason for joining SIR is the golf program.
- c. General discussion regarding how to help branches without strong golf programs develop one. The general consensus was that the golf Committee should develop a program.
- d. There is no SIR manual for the above purpose. (GS) said that branch 159 has a monthly chairman manual and agreed to provide it to (MS).
- e. (RG) the NCGA has specific requirements for their manuals.
- f. (PM) The NCGA has a training program for the above.
- g. Day Tournament- (JH) Suggested that more people would play in a one-day tournament. (JT) said that regions were already setting them up.
- h. Other suggestions 1) short course golf, 2) get more ladies involved.
- i. (PM) Potential courses for the Reno tournament – Wolf Run, Arrowcreek, Red Hawk;
- j. (BH) He has guest certificates for Chardonnay. If you would like one, contact him.
- k. (MS) The next meeting will be called between Oct. 21 to Oct. 30.

The meeting was adjourned via Zoom at 12:00 PM.