

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting

February 18, via Zoom

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

1. State Golf Committee:

a. Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS)

Pete Morelli (PM)

Gary Smith (GS)

Ben Gikis (BG)

Jim Trudel (JT)

Lee Lamp (LL)

Butch Evans (BE)

Bill Wilhelm (BW)

Don Fuller (DF)

Duke Marshall (DM)

Mike Quint (MC)

Roger Smith (RS)

b. Members absent:

Ray Gilcrest (RG)

Jim Gurke (JG)

Bobby Hairston (BH)

Sig Heidemann (SH)

Ed Marlovitz (EM)

Jim Keller (JK)

Jim Cary (JK)

Bill Rutherford (BR)

c. Nonmembers Present:

Steve Johnson (SJ)

2. (MS) Reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no additions to the posted agenda.
3. **Minutes:**
 - a. (GS) Moved that the minutes be approved. 2nd by (BG). The minutes of the 8/26/22 meeting were approved unanimously by acclimation.
4. **New Committee Members:** New committee members Roger Smith, Bill Wilhelm, and Duke Marshall were welcomed by (MS). Area 6 has expressed no interest in the committee.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. (MS) The current bank account balance is \$5266. The beginning balance was \$3132. There are outstanding checks which will reduce the total balance.
 - b. Profit from tournaments was approximately \$2,000.
 - c. We received a cashback from the credit cards of \$950.
 - d. (JT) What were total expenditures? (MS) Will find out. Total revenue was about \$37,000- \$40,000.
6. **Feather in the Cap Award:** (SJ) 29 awards made @ \$25 each.
6. **2023 Schedule: 8:16** No contracts have been made to date.
7. **Policy Manual Changes:**
 - a. (MS) Proposed changes to Golf Manual were discussed. A copy of the proposal submitted by (JT) is attached as Exhibit 1.
 - b. (GS) What committees does the document refer to? (MS) the only existing committee is the Policy Committee.

- c. (GS) Would it be appropriate to add a phrase to allow the State Chairman to designate another person to vote? (MS) No. (PM) No. (JT) Chairs and Co-chairs? (MS) No.
- d. (GS) Wording should show a person acting in place of a voting member can vote.
- e. What should be a quorum? A general discussion of what should be the quorum followed.

8. **Format changes for 2023 tournaments:**

- a. (JT) Made proposals for upcoming tournaments. A copy of the proposal is attached as Exhibit 2. Proposed changes to the Team Scramble Tournament are attached as Exhibit 3. Proposed changes to the Individual Championship Tournament are attached as Exhibit 4.
- b. (JT) The total revenue for these tournaments played with these changes would be between \$4,000-\$5,000.
- c. (PM) The prize fund should be optional.
- d. (MS) Presented an alternate proposal. This is attached as Exhibit 5.
- e. (MS) led a general discussion regarding changes for upcoming tournament formats. The primary issues were:
 - 1. Qualifiers: Should the Individual and Team Championships have area and/or regional qualifiers?
 - 2. Costs of the various options?
 - 3. Competitiveness: Should the tournaments be open to all who want to compete or limited to only those who qualify? (JT) Believed that to keep the championships special, the entrants should be limited.
 - 4. Should the tournaments be held on one or two courses over a one or two-day period?
 - 5. Should the Teams in the Team Championship maintain the current A, B, C, and D player format or have an open format?
 - 6. Declining participation.

7. Comments: (MQ) Area qualifiers are ridiculous, (DM) Only one branch participated in his area, (LL) If there are too many entrants, it should be on a first come first served basis. (MS)(BW) Participation is trending down. We need people to step up to help with the tournaments and we should discuss branch help with them. (PM) Suggested one tournament in each region. But proximity to the course should not be a problem. (MS) The bowling website should be reviewed. They hold 18 tournaments each year.

f. An informal vote was taken on the issue of whether or not the tournaments should have regional qualifiers or be open to all at the state level. The results are as follows:

1. Individual Tournament: Should have a Regional Qualifier

2. Team Tournament: Should be Open, with no qualifier. (PM) It should have a capped number of teams and retain the ABCD format.

9. Miscellaneous:

a. (JT) Inquired about the status of the Napa Tournament. (MS) Said that he and (PM) ran every tournament last year. (BG) said he will run the tournament at Napa if someone else gets the courses.

b. (BE) Inquired about fees for the revised format. (MS) Opined that they should be \$10 as that would cover the loss of revenue due to the elimination of area qualifiers.

c. (MS) Committee members have traditionally been covering their costs. They should be remitted by the State Committee.

d. (JT) What are the costs paid by the committee per year? (MS) He will supply the exact breakdown but the committee expenses are approximately \$2,000. The breakdown of major expenses is ½ for Feather in the Cap Awards, 20% for software, and 105 for bank fees.

e. The Total number of tournaments.

f. (MS) The next meeting will be held in March. Please send in your recommended dates.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40

Proposed Changes to State Golf Policies and Operations Manual

The State Golf Committee is comprised of all Officers and Regional, Area Golf Chairs and Committee Chairs and their members. Each member of the committee will have voting rights on any topic brought before the Golf Committee.

There must be a quorum of the committee to hold an official meeting and vote any any items. A quorum is defined as 50% plus one of all committee members. The committee is made up of four Officers, 5 Region Golf Chairs, 18 Area Golf Chairs and one Committee Chair making a total of 28 members of the State Golf Committee. If a position(s) are unfilled then the total number of committee members is decreased by that number when determining a quorum. A member of the committee can serve as "Acting" for a position but they will not increase the number used to determine a quorum.

3. There will be an Executive Committee comprised of the Officers (4) and Regional Chairs (5). The Executing Committee can meet when needed to take action on any pressing issue that might come before the State Golf Committee. For this Committee to meet a quorum of 50% plus one must be at the meeting.

Exhibit 1

SIR STATE GOLF COMMITTEE

NEW 2023 STATE REGIONAL / CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR IN REGARDS TO THE SIR STATE REGIONAL / CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS.

1. REDUCE THE STATE TOURNAMENT FEES FROM \$10.00 TO \$5.00 (NEED TO SEE 2022 YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT).
2. ELIMINATE ALL AREA GOLF CHAIRMAN (4 PER REGION / 5 REGIONS = 20 AREA GC)
 - 2.1 WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONVERT 20 AREA GC INTO 5 REGIONAL GC TO SUPPORT NEW PROPOSAL
3. HOLD REGIONAL QUALIFIERS AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS WITH THE EXISTING STATE TEAM SCRAMBLE AND INDIVIDUAL GUIDELINES.
4. NO REGIONAL OR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FEES WILL BE PAID BY THE SIR STATE GOLF COMMITTEE
5. ALL PRIZE FUND FEES TO BE PAID FOR WITH PLAYER TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES
6. ELIMINATE FEATHER IN THE CAP AWARD / EXPENSES (CURRENTLY FUNDED/RECOGNIZED WITHIN INDIVIDUAL BRANCH DUES / FEES)
7. DOWNSIZE STATE GOLF COMMITTEE TO THE 5 REGIONAL GC AND ADMINSTRATIVE POSITIONS IE: SEC, TREASURER ETC.

SPECIAL NOTE: I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF HAVING AND OPEN TOURNAMENT FOR ALL TEAM / INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP WITHOUT FOLLOWING OUR EXISTING FORMATTED GUIDELINES !!!!!

Exhibit 2

SIR STATE TEAM SCRAMBLE FORMAT

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT:

1. 10 – 15 TEAMS PER REGION (40 – 60 PLAYERS)
2. 5 REGIONS TIMES 60 PLAYERS (200 - 300 PLAYERS) \$5.00 PER PLAYER = \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00
3. TOP 4 - 5 TEAMS PER REGION ADVANCE TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS = 80 - 100 PLAYERS
4. WE DO NOT GO BELOW THE 5TH PLACE TEAM TO DILUTE THE FIELD
5. PRIZE FUND - PAID WITH PLAYER ENTRY FEE

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

1. 80 --100 PLAYERS TIMES \$5.00 PER PLAYER = \$400.00 - \$500.00
2. PRIZE FUND – PAID WITH PLAYER ENTRY FEE
3. 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE RECEIVE RECOGNITION
4. 1ST PLACE TEAM RECIEVE JACKETS

Exhibit 3

SIR STATE INDIVIDUAL FORMAT

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT: (ONE DAY TOURNAMENT)

1. 7 FLIGHTS PER REGION - 10 PLAYERS PER FLIGHT = 70 PLAYERS
6. 5 REGIONS TIMES 70 PLAYERS (350 PLAYERS) \$5.00 PER PLAYER = \$1,750.00
7. TOP THREE PER FLIGHT ADVANCE TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (21 PLAYERS TIMES 5 REGIONS = 105 PLAYERS)
8. WE DO NOT GO BELOW THE 3RD PLACE INDIVIDUAL TO DILUTE THE FIELD
9. PRIZE FUND - PAID WITH PLAYER ENTRY FEE

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT (ONE DAY TOURNAMENT)

1. 105 PLAYERS TIMES \$5.00 PER PLAYER = \$525.00
2. PRIZE FUND – PAID WITH PLAYER ENTRY FEE
3. 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE RECEIVE RECOGNITION
4. 1ST PLACE PER FLIGHT RECIEVE JACKETS

Exhibit 4

Propose Operating Tasks



- We would co-sponsor 4-6 tournament working with branch/area golf programs
- Provide some hotel information to participants, no arrangements
- Informal Welcome Event announcing location and time for attendees to mingle
- Results, we or host branch would do, post on State website, post if appropriate to NCGA
- Registration, we or host would do that after discussion with co-sponsoring branch/area
- Format, we would work with sponsoring branch/area to set tournament format for each day
- All tournaments except State Individual and Team Championships would be open to all members, guests, women
- State Individual and Team Championships would be open to all members with verifiable index
- We must determine if we have enough carts available for all attendees, set player limit based on available carts, 100 golfers – 50 carts, 144 golfers – 72 carts, 300 golfers – 150 carts, possibly split the day, morning and afternoon sessions would allow us to have larger number of golfers participate
- If we wish to hold a 2 day event, determine both locations working with co-sponsoring branches/areas

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Exhibit 5