

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

June 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 4:00 PM.

1. State Golf Committee Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS)

Stephen Johnson (SJ)

Gary Smith (GS)

Pete Morelli (PM)

Jim Trudel (JT)

Butch Evans (BE)

John Harrison (JH)

Dan Powell (DP)

Bobby Hairston (BH)

- Members absent:

Jerry Strain

Ron Dovichi

- An additional 12 SIR members attended. References to those non-members who attended and added to the discussion are indicated by their Zoom screen names

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

- Motion to amend to reverse the dates of the tournaments which were reversed. Made by (DP). Second (JH). Motion passes unanimously.

3. Golf Carts/Car Pooling: General discussion regarding the specifications for using golf carts and car pooling to tournaments.

- (DP) suggests just following local guidelines.

- General discussion offered by John Ready(JR), John Harrison(JH), Charles Robinson(CR), Jack Glenn (JG) and Lee Lamp(LL).

- We should just follow state and local course rules.

- (DP) Everyone must have access to golf carts by rule for NCGA qualifiers.

4. Golf Genius: Presented by (PM).

- There is a possibility of incorporating all branches into one account of Golf Genius Premium.

- The use of Golf Genius Premium would raise various administrative problems.

The Golf Committee will continue to study the potential use of Golf Genius Premium.

5. Open Division Play: Presented by (JT).

- Only 1% of SIR golfers have a handicap below 10. Therefore the proposal to have an Open Division in the state tournament is withdrawn.

6. Branch Programs: A general discussion/survey regarding the opening of branch golf programs was held.

- Region 1 (JT)

- Region 2 (BE)

- Region 3 (JH)

- Region 4: No report

- Region 5 (RD) Alameda and Contra Costa Counties are still closed.

- There are a total of 36 SIR branches now open and a possibility of 10-15 more potentially open by 8/1.

7. Rosters: Presented by (PM)

- (PM) The program for rosters is easy to use.
- (JT) Proposed that each branch be sent a letter from either (MS) or (PM) setting forth what the branch needs to do.
- No accurate roster is available from the NCGA.
- (BE) One branch in Region 2 refuses to comply until it receives authorization from every golfer.

8. Team Championship:

- (SJ) The team championship is scheduled for 8/1 at Rancho Solano and is limited to 36 teams.
- (MS) Discussed the potential of having an open tournament without qualifiers. This would incur an increased cost and there would be no cancellations.
- The field could be increased to 160 players utilizing a two day tournament.
- (BH) Suggested pushing the tournament back into October. The consensus was that the branches do not want to do that.
- (JT) Region 1 does not want to have the individual tournament.
- (PM) Changes discussed would raise insurmountable problems.
- (BE) Yes, move the tournament to October even with qualifier.
- (PM) The tournament does not need area approval as it is a state activity.

9. Team Championship: (PM)

- (PM) Moves to cancel the Team Championship.
- (BH) Moves to amend the previous motion to include the qualifiers.
- (PM) Seconds the amended motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

10. Further discussion on Team Championship

- (BH) Potential changes on format to include:

- a) Open format.
- b) First come first served entries.
- c) 2 days to accommodate more players.
- d) Increase in price.

- Tabled for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45.