

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting

August 11, 2021, via Zoom

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

1. **State Golf Committee Members present:**

Mark Stuart (MS), Pete Morelli (PM), Gary Smith (GS), Jim Trudel (JT), John Harrison (JH), Steve Johnson (SJ), Bobby Hairston (BH)

Members absent:

Dan Powell (DP), Butch Evans(BE), Pat Reed (PR),

Non-Members Present

Nonmembers who attended will be identified within these minutes based upon their comments.

2. Treasurer's Report:

3. Napa: (PM) reported that 30 men and 32 women have signed up for this tournament. All have paid. One paid player will drop out. Flyers have been disseminated.

-Jerry Strain (JS) asked if we could get a list of golfers from the NCGA and was told no.

-(MS) reported that only 3- branches had provided golfer contact information.

-(JT) reported that six branches in his area do not participate in golf.

4. Individual Qualifying Tournaments:

- (JS): Qualifying is completed for Areas 18North and 18 South.

- (JH): 24 golfers are set to qualify in Area 3.

- (JT): 63 golfers are competing at Peachtree next Monday.

- (MS): There are no qualifiers in Region 5. There are about 150 potential players in all qualifying tournaments. We are paying for 70 players at the state tournament. Issue- Should we have 70 players if 70 have not qualified or limit the number?

- a. (PM) suggested that we augment the tournament with additional members who would pay their green fees.
- b. (LL) suggested pro rationing by the number of qualifiers in each qualifying tournament.
- c. (SJ) advised that we usually lose around \$3100 on this tournament.

- Ben Gikis (BG): the Region 4 qualifier is in August. They expect 16 players.

- (BH) advised we should limit the number in the Championship to 56 players, and the extra players would compete in open play.

-After a vote without a formal motion, it was decided the number in the Championship would be limited to 56.

5. Miscellaneous Discussion

- (SJ): All money from the scramble tournament is in the bank account. We need a breakdown when money is sent in for the qualifiers. Don't just send in the money

- (MS) asked if we should have the Napa tournament with only 30 players.

-(PM) advised that some courses need a minimum number of players for a shotgun tournament. Some players have entered as teams.

- (JT) suggested there will be Covid issues such as masks in clubhouses.

- a. (PM) said only five players have sent in waivers.
- b. (JT) advised, for the Individual Championship, branch waivers are on file.
- c. (MS) advised the tournament director is responsible for compliance.

4. Hiddenbrooke: Everything is okay and on schedule.
 - (SJ) All course deposits are non-refundable.
5. Elkhorn / The Reserve:
 - (JS) said there is no mention of a price. (MS) replied that this was still in discussion. Also in discussion is tee times vs. shotgun starts.
 - (LL) said there is nothing on the state website.
 - (BR) said he is expecting a good turnout from his area.
6. State Meeting: There will be a state meeting on 8/25. There will be a presentation on the importance of a golf program.
7. State Reopening Meeting: 9/14 at Chardonay
 - (MS) said that there would be a putting contest and volunteers are needed. Volunteers may get a complimentary round of golf from SIR.
8. Communication: (MS) stated that communication is a problem.
 - (LL) believes that there is no lead time for events, and little information is disseminated.
 - (MS) asked if golf chairs even look at the golf website.

(JS) replied that minutes go out to all branches. People just don't read it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM