

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee meeting August 6, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M.
2. Members present:
 - a. Mark Stuart
 - b. John Harrison
 - c. Steve Johnson
 - d. Jerry Strain
 - e. Bob Hairston
 - f. Butch Evans
 - g. Gary Smith
 - h. Ron Dovichi
 - i. Pete Morelli

Members absent: Dan Powell

Non-member present: Bill

3. **Gary Smith** was approved as the new Secretary of the Golf Committee by acclamation of the members present.
4. **Steve Johnson** reported that the audit of the committee was completed in June. There is \$9,000 in the checking and \$6,500 in savings with additional undeposited receipts to be added.
 - a. He will perform the duties of the Treasurer and operations until the end of the year but would like to be relieved of the Operations duties at that time. **Pete Morelli** volunteered to perform as Operations if he can get help. It was explained that the duties of the Operations Chair is to set up four tournaments in the upcoming year.
 - b. **Jerry Strain** stated that he would not be webmaster after the first of the year.
5. Tournaments- reported by **Steve Johnson**:

Napa: 82 men and 26 women participated,

 - a. There was a net surplus of \$882,
 - b. Chardonnay withheld \$52 too much and Bob Hairston has been in touch with them about the refund.

- c. The possibility of playing both tournament days at Eagle Vines was discussed.
- d. The courses have already been booked for next year.

Reno: 75 men and 21 women played

- a. We did not meet the number required for comps but the number was waived by Atlantis.
- b. Questionnaires were distributed to the members and were very favorable.
- c. The anticipated surplus is approx. \$900.
- d. Issues discussed-
 - a. Reducing the tournament to two days,
 - b. Staying at other venues,
 - c. Special banquet and room pricing.

6. Fall Classic:

- a. **Butch Evans** requested that the format be clarified. The names are confusing. The Open is two days. The Fall Classic is one day will run concurrently with the Open.
- b. Several areas had no individual qualifiers.
- c. Issues discussed- Split tees, sandbaggers, participation.
- d. Regional Chairmen informed the committee of the number of qualifiers in each Regional final.

7. Other issues:

- a. **Steve Johnson** asked for help for the team finals.
- b. Format changes for tournaments- **Bill Hairston** suggested split tees. **Pete Morelli** suggested adjusting tees based on handicap. This is already done by applying slope. **Ron Dovichi** suggested that getting participation is like pulling teeth. **Jerry Strain** informed of the general decline in participation.
- c. There is a problem getting information about the tournaments to the general membership. **Jerry Strain** informed that all information is posted on the website. Regional chairs should meet more often with the area and branch golf chairmen to keep them informed.

8. Bob Hairston meeting with NCGA at Teal Bend:

- a. Bob met with Martin Fuentes and Lindsey Horton regarding SIR issues with the NCGA.
- b. Issues discussed:
 - a. Coordination between SIR, the second largest club in the NCGA.
 - b. Getting Poppy Hills back on the SIR tournament rotation. They will do it for \$65 per round.
 - c. SIR tournaments should be promoted by NCGA.
 - d. Representation of SIR on the NCGA board.

- e. Training for Golf Genius and Member Planet. Martin agreed to do the training. World Golf is handling the system with the USGA.

9. Forms:

- a. **Jerry Strain** needs the NCGA contact information updated and handed out current forms showing data which is formatted for pre reorganization. We need this information updated as the NCGA only has the info that was input.
- b. Jerry will do the updates when the information is returned.
- c. Jerry needs the Form 6 returned. **Pete Morelli** suggested streamlining this form.
- d. **Steve Johnson** said new forms need to be made for Golf Genius.
- e. Form 7: E-mail addresses for golf chairmen and tee boxes for the course rating need to be added.
- f. Jerry said that he made all forms himself before Golf Genius was available.

10. **Steve Johnson:** There have been 14 requests for Feather in the Cap so far this year.

11. New Tournament Schedule:

- a. We need to start planning for next year's tournament schedule now.
- b. We should try to put Poppy Hills on the schedule.
- c. New tournament formats were discussed. It was mentioned that the ladies enjoy the current format. **Pete Morelli** suggested a Fed Ex/ Ryder Cup style format that they use in his Region.
- d. A potential Couples tournament and short course tournaments were discussed.

12. **Mark Stuart** took a poll regarding who would serve on the committee in 2020. No one opted out.

13. The responsibility of the State Golf Committee vis a vis recruiting was discussed.

14. The next meeting of the committee will be at Hiddenbrooke at the tournament on October 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.