

Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting

March 18, 2021 via Zoom

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 3:00 P.M.

1. State Golf Committee Members present:

Mark Stuart (MS), Dan Powell (DP), Jim Trudel (JT), John Harrison (JH),
Steve Johnson (SJ). Pat Reed (PR)

Members absent:

Pete Morelli (PM), Butch Evans (BE), Bobby Hairston (BH),
Gary Smith (GS)

Non-Members Present

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

2. Minutes:

-Rick Kindle (RK) and Jerry Strain (JS) attended the February meeting and were not listed in the minutes for that meeting.

-The minutes of the February 21, 2021 meeting as revised were unanimously approved.

3 Treasurer's Report (SJ):

There has been no activity, and the Treasurer's Report is unchanged from the last month. The Treasurer is holding a \$375 check from Region 5 Golf Chair. This is monies to operate the Region 5 Area and Region events. Treasurer will await further instructions on what to do with it.

4. Operations Chair Report:

-(MS) informed the committee that he had received the report's submissions from various branches but still needs help from Area Golf Chairmen to get them all submitted.

-Updates to the Golf Website:

a) more changes have been made to the **State Golf website**

b) The calendar of events has been revised and is now up and running

5. Regional Golf Chairmen Report:

a) Region 1 (JT):

- The branches in this Region have shown little interest in attending state golf events.
- Area 1 (LL): Most branches in Areas 1 and 2 are uninterested in state golf events. There are some exceptions in certain branches in Area 1. Branches in these areas may send teams without qualifiers. There is an unofficial event this week in which 30 members have signed up.
- Area 2: (JT) has spoken with Walt Reno. Branches 45 and 109 are active. Other Branches in this area are uninterested.
- Area 3: (JT) Branches 98 and 102 are active.
- Area 4: Don Fuller (DF) There is no change from the last month.
- (MS) will be **holding a meeting for Area 1 Big Sir's.**

b) Region 2 (BE):

- Area 18N: Bill Rutherford (BR) Branch 44 is up to full speed and having tournaments. They will send qualifying tournament dates to (MS) for scheduling per his request.

c) Region 3 (JH):

- There is no activity in this Region until April because of protocol concerns.
- 15 of the 17 branches in this Region have sent their reports to (PM)
- Jerry Strain (JM): Stanislaus County is still in the red tier.

d) Region 4: Pat Reed (PR):

- Reports from Areas 13 and 14 need still need to be sent to (PM).
- (MS) Kudos to Ray Gilchrest.

e) Region 5: John Haffner (JoH):

- Area 15 in Fremont is still organizing. Branches 173 and 174 are holding tournaments.
- (MS) **has a list of open Region and Area Golf Chairs positions for both Regions 4 and 5, both Region Directors and Area Governors have been contacted to request info on any potential candidates to fill these positions**

6. Policy Chair Report: (DP):

- Handicaps for state tournaments have been raised to 45 maximum.
- Distribution of money. Questions have been raised regarding the distribution of the entry fees from qualifying tournaments. According to the manual, the payments are to be sent to the Regional Golf Chairman. (MS) There are no changes. **Treasurer Johnson will investigate further and present recommendations at next Committee meeting**

- The fees are \$3 for the Area qualifier, \$3 for the regional qualifier, and \$6 for the Regional if there is no Area qualifier.

- Changes to the Policy Manual were discussed. (SJ) suggested changes in the event there is no qualifying tournament. Another should be to change entry fees to the State Treasurer rather than the Area Golf Chairman. He will make no motion regarding these changes today. **Treasurer Johnson will investigate further and present recommendations at next Committee meeting**

(DP) There are some errors regarding the calculations on page 12 for the Team Championship. The errors will be corrected.

Motion:

(DP) It is moved that the changes be made in the Policy Manual.

(JT) Seconds the motion, Motion passes unanimously

7. Tournament Schedule: (MS)

- **Fall Classic:** The Fall Classic is tentatively set for Chardonay and Eagle Vines on Monday and Tuesday, October 8th and 9th. The green fee is \$57 at Eagle Vines. There is no contract as of this date. **Bobbie Hairston is finalizing agreement and will have contract for us for next meeting.**

-**Holiday Classic: Bill Rutherford (BR):** We have reserved Monday and Tuesday, the first two weeks in November, as potential dates for the tournament.

- Personnel at Woodbridge need authorization before they can give a definite date.

- Reserve needs 72 entries for a shotgun start. They would have their regular players tee off after 9:00 A.M.

- (MS) We are not tied to Monday and Tuesday for either tournament. A problem could be the minimum number of entrants. Which days do branches play golf?

- (BT) will look into a tournament at Elkhorn.

8. New Business (MS):

- **State Golf Protocol Document:** Areas of concern **that have been raised** are (a) shotgun starts, (b) carts, (c) after golf socializing.
- (BR) The Protocol may be behind the curve as almost all players are vaccinated. (MS) How do we verify vaccinations?
- (BR) discussed shotgun starts vs. tee times. (MS) Shotgun starts are **now** allowed under **revised State Golf Protocol** permitted if all other protocols are followed.
- (RG) How do we handle green fee collection at the tournaments? (MS) Green fees may be collected at the tournaments if other protocols are followed.
- (LL) People who do not follow protocols should be confronted.
- (DP) We must make sure that the courses follow our Protocol.
- (JT) Electronic payment works well with their branch.
- (MS) The State Golf Protocol document is a living document, changes to it will be made as necessary in the future. We should go forward with the document and discuss these points in the next meeting.
- By a show of hands, a majority of those present endorsed the Protocol. (SJ) would disapprove of the Protocol if brought to a vote.

9. Miscellaneous:

- (JH) Oakland Branch #59 sent him a check for \$8,000 from their account. They lost 20-25 members and have only 45 members left.
- (JG) The conditions at Hiddenbrooke are satisfactory. (BH) has looked into it.
- (MS) The next meeting will be scheduled for Mid-April.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.