

**Wisconsin PGA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 7, 2016
Embassy Suites, Brookfield, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the spring 2016 Wisconsin PGA Membership Meeting minutes.

There was a moment of silence for WPGA Past President, Mr. Manuel de la Torre and Mark V. Krause.

Marty Swab – WPGA Junior Foundation Member (guest)

Marty gave an overview of the fundraising initiatives he conducted throughout the golf season. He thanked each host professionals at the facilities he visited. In total, four thousand dollars was raised for the foundation. The money will be used to create the new Kid to Kid Scholarship.

John Morrissett, Erin Hills Competition Director (guest)

John gave an update on the 2017 U. S. Open scheduled for June 12-18 at Erin Hills. He updated the membership on the golf course, an overview of the layout and on the sales for the event. John thanked the membership for their ongoing support of the event.

Joe Stadler, PGA – Executive Director WPGA

Joe presented an update on the Fair Labor Standards Act and gave illustrations on compensation options and eligibility guidelines for salaried versus hourly employees.

Reports of the Officers & Executive Director

Report of the Secretary – Brian Baus, PGA – filling in for Jim Richerson, PGA

Mr. Baus announced the quarter/half century member, newly elected members. The quarter/half century members in attendance were presented with a memento.

Report of the Vice President – Brian Baus, PGA

Mr. Brian Baus presented the WPGA Section financials. The 2016-17 fiscal year was successful. Brian touched on a few variances such as the Las Vegas Pro-am. Section is \$18,000 ahead of budget without investments or golf in schools. The balance sheet continues to be in a strong position.

Report of the President – Rob Elliott, PGA

Mr. Elliott gave an update on PGA of America initiatives and activities. He gave an overview on Jim Richerson's campaign for PGA Secretary. Rob also mentioned that the board is already discussing options for officers of the section for when Jim is elected. He asked the members to visit the sales representative's rooms. Lastly, he announced that Ron Hurab and Thor Lundgren were elected as Honorary Members of the Wisconsin PGA.

Report of the Executive Director – Joe Stadler, PGA

Mr. Stadler thanked Chris Hoel, Andy Landenberger and Erika Pirkl for their efforts. He mentioned the PGA Merchandise Show, showed a video and promoted the Teaching/Coaching Summit. He then gave a brief sponsorship overview. Mr. Stadler mentioned the PGA HOPE clinics at Oakwood Park GC and the efforts being made at the VA Hospital in Tomah.

Report of the Executive Director of the WPGA Junior Foundation – Joe Stadler

Mr. Joe Stadler gave an overview of the junior tours and the five year plan for the foundation with some aggressive growth targets. He then mentioned the scholarship program and provided some details on a few scholarships such as the Tony Coleman and Terry Noel Scholarships.

Report of the Committees:

Tournament Policy Board:

Mr. Chris Hoel thanked the facilities that hosted events in 2016 and the players that participated. He updated the membership on a few events including the Scottsdale Pro-am and the 2017 Las Vegas pro-am.

Education:

Mr. Jeremiah Hoffman updated the membership on the MSR cycle which ends in June 2018. He mentioned the four district education opportunities in February and the March Teaching Summit.

Investment:

Mr. Brian Baus stated that investments with RBC were up almost 6.1% year to date. He informed the membership that our primary investor with RBC has left. The board is reviewing RBC and alternative firms to manage our fund.

Club Relations/Employment:

Mr. Brian Bishop mentioned the QR codes that Tim Marks provided. The WPGA was 6th in participation in the compensation survey with just over 75% of our members taking the survey.

Player Development:

Mr. Jeff Ellingson updated the membership on PGA Junior League. The committee will be focusing on Wausau, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac and Green Bay. He thanked his committee and in particular, Jeremy Lupinek and Brendan Locke. Erika Pirkel then showed a video on PGAJL in Milwaukee featuring Scott Walecki. Erika then provided an update on DCP and Get Golf Ready.

WAGPA / PAT:

Mr. Danny Rainbow thanked his entire committee. He highlighted the seminar prior to the Pro-Assistant with Gunnar Stapp and Chad Sandee. Mr. Rainbow then mentioned the seminar and golf at Chenequa CC and thanked Bill Graham, Jeremy Lupinek and Jim Gaugert for their support of the seminar. WAGPA has set up a Facebook page and he encouraged everyone to join.

Special Awards:

Mr. Paul LoCicero introduced Mary Hafeman as the 2016 PGA of America Player Development Award winner. He then asked each member to fill out a special awards nomination form. He mentioned some changes to the eligibility for each award so the WPGA awards or better aligned with the PGA of America. Paul then gave an overview on the Honorary member process and provided some details on the Ron Hurab and Thor Lundgren.

Nelthorpe:

Mr. LoCicero thanked everyone that played in the Nelthorpe Cup at Racine CC. The WSGA defeated the WPGA. Paul thanked everyone at RCC for hosting.

Scholarship:

Jim Thompson announced Hanna Welsh, George Weitz and Julia Terasa were the three winners from Wisconsin. He then explained the PGA Scholarship process and encouraged everyone with children and grandchildren to apply.

Old Business - none

New Business - The board discussed PGA Junior League captains and agreed with the PGA policy.

The board also discussed A-8 professionals and their ability to play in WAGPA events. The board determined that A-8's should be allowed to participate and that we do not have enough apprentices to create events for apprentices only.

Open Forum –

The meeting adjourned at 1:49pm.