

## **Wisconsin PGA Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

**Embassy Suites – Brookfield, Wis.**

Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed for Tom Kabler, Gene Shreves and Rick Swift.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2016 membership meeting minutes.

The following guests provided presentations to the membership:

Jason Mengel – Ryder Cup 2020

Seth Jones – The First Tee of Northeast Wisconsin

Marty Swab – WPGA Junior Foundation member

### **Report of Mike O'Reilly, PGA – WPGA Secretary**

Mr. O'Reilly introduced the new members, quarter century members and newly certified members. The quarter century members were presented with tokens of appreciation from the WPGA.

### **Report of Jeff Ellingson, PGA – WPGA Vice President**

Mr. Ellingson provided a snapshot of the end of September financials.

### **Report of Joel Weitz, PGA – WPGA President**

Mr. Weitz asked the membership to visit the sales rooms and thank the representatives for their support. Joel then explained the upcoming annual meeting stressing the resolutions.

### **Report of Joe Stadler, PGA – WPGA Executive Director**

Mr. Stadler provided an update on Caddy and Leadership Academy and The First Tee chapters in the state. A video was shown on the PGA Merchandise Show. He provided an update on PGA HOPE and the possibility of having a Madison program in 2018.

### **WPGA Junior Foundation – Joe Stadler, PGA – Executive Director and Ed Elsner, PGA - President**

Mr. Stadler presented the financial results for the end of September. He then introduced Mr. Elsner. Mr. Elsner gave a recap of the 2017 season including membership, participation and scholarships. Mr. Elsner encouraged the membership to help promote the foundation and its events. He then thanked all of the host sites and asked everyone to get involved.

### **Report of the Committees:**

**Tournament Policy Board:** Mark Voeller, PGA highlighted the Match Play changes, Vince Suter and his sponsorship, the new Pro-Pro,

**Education:** Jeremiah Hoffmann reminded the group that the MSR period is ending in June. He provided a list of upcoming seminar that will allow members to receive MSR's.

**Membership:** Mike O'Reilly provided an update on the new committee. They will be meeting to discuss new ideas to assist the membership. He then introduced Jon Christensen, the member assistance program director for the section. Mr. Christensen gave a brief overview of the program.

**Employment:** Brian Bishop invited everyone to use pga.org and utilize the new programs in employment. He then introduced Jason Boaz, the new Career consultant for the Wisconsin Section. Mr. Boaz then recapped his new position and the Career Wellness program that he will be utilizing to assist members.

**Player Development:** Jeff Ellingson introduced Erika Pirkl. She gave an overview of the winter educational programs. She then Mrs. Pirkl provided an update on PGA Junior League, highlighting our growth, the new package that participants receive.

Frank Chieppa, PGA and Erika Pirkl then explained the positive survey results from Junior League. Erika then gave an update on DCP.

**WAGPA / PAT:** Danny Rainbow mentioned the upcoming seminars with WAGPA and congratulated Jonathan Stuart and Matt Ellis on acquiring head professional positions. Mr. Rainbow introduced Brendan Locke. Mr. Locke explained GolfTEC's free program for people attempting to pass the PAT.

**Special Awards:** Rob Elliott explained the new online nomination process. He highlighted the new Patriot Award.

**Nelthorpe:** Rob Elliott introduced the team that won the 2017 Cup. He mentioned the success of the 50<sup>th</sup> Nelthorpe Cup and the dinner with past contestants.

**Scholarship:** Jim Thompson congratulated the winners and announced that the application is available on pga.org.

**Old Business** - Tom Dolby asked the board to discuss the potential move of the PGA Championship to May from August

**New Business** - Mark Hagenbach asked what the factors were to move the PGA to May. A video of an interview with Pete Bevequa was shown in which he discussed those factors.

**Open Forum** – Jack Gaudion mentioned that the PGA Championship at Bellerive CC may be a challenge with the weather.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.