

Wisconsin PGA Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 5, 2018

Wilderness Resort Glacier Canyon Conference Center – Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Meeting called to order at 12:06pm.

Mr. Weitz welcomed the membership. He asked for a moment of silence for Paul Becker.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2017 Membership Meeting minutes.

Rob Elliott conducted the election for at-large positions on the WPGA board of director. Jeff Ellingson, Kyle Kunash, Joel Weitz and Mike O'Reilly presented their qualifications to the membership. Jeff Ellingson, Mike O'Reilly and Joel Weitz were elected to three year terms and sworn into office.

Special guests including Nate Pokrass, AmFam Championship, David Cohn, The First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin, Josh Doxtator, Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic, Danny Rainbow, USGA Girls Championship and Rob Jansen, WSGA all gave presentations on their upcoming activities. Mike Warren provided an update for the Salesperson's Association at the end of the meeting.

Report of Mike O'Reilly, PGA – WPGA Secretary

Mr. O'Reilly introduced the new members, quarter and half century members and newly certified members. Quarter century members were honored with a memento of their achievement.

Report of Jeff Ellingson, PGA – WPGA Vice President

Mr. Ellingson provided an update on the end of January financials. Financials are ahead of budget. Mr. Ellingson also touched on the investment performance for the past ten months.

Report of Joel Weitz, PGA – WPGA President

Mr. Weitz provided an update of the PGA Super Regional meeting and our time with the candidates for Secretary of the PGA. Jim Dorman was unable to attend due to an illness to his father. The officers and ED were able to spend time with the other candidates, Rick Murphy, Tom Wildenhaus and John Lindert. Joel explained that the officers will be setting up time with Jim Dorman. He mentioned that we will not have any face to face time with candidates until the PGA Annual meeting in November. We will however, schedule conference calls with candidates. Mr. Weitz said a consistent message of the candidates was the image of the PGA Professional and how to enhance that image.

Joel then mentioned that Tony Pancake is replacing Todd Smith as District 6 Director. Todd accepted a job with the PGA of America and Tony will fill the final year of Todd's term. Terry Russell from the Illinois PGA will be our next District 6 Director.

Report of Joe Stadler, PGA – WPGA Executive Director

Mr. Stadler provided an overview of the sponsors for 2018 including new, increased or lost sponsors. Joe then provided an update on PGA HOPE and our efforts to expand into Madison and increase the program in Milwaukee.

WPGA Junior Foundation – Ed Elsner, President

The foundation created a new 11 and under membership. They decided to offer a \$24 discount to any PGA Junior League Member. This will cover the 11 and under membership and be almost a 50% discount off the

regular membership. Scholarships will be raised to \$30,000 from last years \$25,000. The foundation is hiring a 4th intern with two being repeats from last season. Mr. Elsner asked every facility to attempt to raise \$100 this summer to support our initiatives. He provided suggestions to illustrate the east with which it could be done.

Report of the Committees:

Tournament Policy Board: Michael Crowley provided an update on the upcoming season. He thanked Dave Kemnitz, Mike O'Reilly and James Grogan for their service on the TPB. He mentioned changes to the Match Play, the use of TagMarshal, the addition of a fourth pro-pro,

Education: Jeremiah Hoffman gave a review of the prior day's teaching summit. The attendance for the summit was down. He is looking to survey the members to get feedback. The committee is looking at a Sunday afternoon for an outdoor teaching seminar to provide live instructor/student interaction. He mentioned the end of the MSR period on June 30, 2018. He mentioned that the PGA changed the word Apprentice to Associate.

Membership: Mike O'Reilly mentioned an expanded mentoring program. The committee is working on a section credit card program. He then highlighted PGA Perkspot program.

Employment: Brian Bishop introduced Jason Boaz to provide the report. Brian also mentioned that the PGA database was updated to provide better information. Mr. Boaz provided an update on the all the activity since the past meeting. The PGA added eight new consultants and reduced the territory for each consultant. Jason then gave an overview on the services offered by the PGA to advance PGA golf professionals with an eight step career planning process.

Player Development: Jeff Ellingson introduced Erika Pirkl introduced the PD committee. She highlighted the five player development workshops around the state. Career wellness, creating a PD program and updates on Junior League were the three primary topics. She thanked Jeremy Lupinek and Ping for their support. Erika also updated everyone on the PGA Junior League Captain meetings that took place. Frank Chieppa discussed the new team kits, the ability for kids to choose their own number, scholarships for kids to participate and have the \$75 fee waived and lastly the online store.

WAGPA: Danny Rainbow mentioned the committee will be seeking a few more members. The PAT schedule is finalized. There will be a short WAGPA meeting following the membership meeting. Contacts with Associates will continue this spring. Plans are underway for seminars and a fun golf day.

Special Awards: Mr. Elliott announced the winners and mentioned they will be honored later than evening at the PGA Awards reception.

Nelthorpe: Rob Elliott introduced the 2018 team for the event at Ozaukee CC on August 10.

Scholarship: Jim Thompson gave an overview the PGA of America scholarship program.

Old Business - Mark Hagenbach asked for the reasoning to move the PGA to May.

New Business - Tom Dolby asked about the timing of the PGA Professional Championship being early in spring and close to the Senior PGA and the PPC. He also asked why there are no scholarships or aid available for people entering the PGA through the traditional apprentice program.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm