

Wisconsin PGA Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 25, 2021

Embassy Suites - Brookfield, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Minutes from the March 2020 meeting were approved after a motion from Jim Gaugert and a second from John Wallrich.

Mike Warren, President of the WGSA provided an update to the membership on the activities of the WGSA. He announced that the association held elections for officers that will take over in spring of 2022. Jim Gaugert will be president. Dan Hoffman will be VP and Jeremy Lupinek will be secretary.

Elections for three positions at-large on the WPGA board were conducted. The election was overseen by Mark Voeller, Secretary of the WPGA. Mike O'Reilly, Matt Taken and Bill Peters all presented their qualifications and desires to be elected. All elected by acclamation and subsequently sworn in as directors for a three-year term. Dave Kemnitz was preciously elected to fill the vacant term of Northwest District Director.

Ed Woronicz from Fairways to Heaven provided an overview of the services their company provides in international travel.

Danny Rainbow provided an update on the 2023 US Senior Open to be conducted at SentryWorld.

Report of Mark Voeller, PGA – WPGA Secretary

Mr. Voeller asked for a moment of silence for Steve Scheel and Steve Jahimiak. Mark mentioned Mike Muranyi being inducted into the Wisconsin State Golf Hall of Fame. He then introduced quarter century members, new members and those new to the section. He provided an update on the number of members in the section. Mark then introduced half century member, Gene Frank to receive his award. Gene provided some great stories from his playing days. Mark closed by encouraging members to get a golf license plate and support the foundation and the marketing efforts of the WPGA.

Report of Mike O'Reilly, PGA – WPGA Vice President

Mr. O'Reilly provided the updated WPGA financials and stated that everything was a good place for the year and the future.

Report of Jeff Ellingson– WPGA President

Mr. Ellingson mentioned this was his last meeting as president. He discussed the marketing campaign and showed some of the short clip videos. He shared the intention to highlight employment and indoor golf this winter. He congratulated the section members for all their efforts on the Ryder Cup.

Report of Rob Elliott – Incoming District 6 Director

Rob began his report with a Ryder Cup video. He then provided some highlights of the event. Mr. Elliott then provided an update on the various items the PGA is working on including an affiliate classification, Frisco HQ. Deferred Compensation, etc.

Report of Joe Stadler, PGA – WPGA Executive Director

Mr. Stadler provided an update on the Ryder Cup. A video was show highlighting PGA HOPE. Mr. Stadler thanked the WPGA's largest sponsors and the Foundation's largest sponsors.

WPGA Junior Foundation – Joe Stadler, PGA – WPGA Junior Foundation President

Mr. Stadler thanked Ed Elsner for his four years as president of the WPGA Junior Foundation. Stadler then briefly recapped the main pillars of the foundation, junior tournaments, DCP, PGA Junior League, PGA HOPE and scholarships. He thanked all the hosts of the events. Mr. Stadler thanked everyone that donated to the fundraiser. The event/auction netted over \$55,000. A video was shown on the event.

Report of the Committees:

Assistants: Shaun Finley encouraged all eligible assistants to apply for the IronWorks Scholarship. He informed everyone that we had 18 PAT passes out of 90 attempts. He asked anyone interested in joining the committee to reach out.

Tournament Policy Board: Matt Taken thanked all the hosts, sponsors and volunteers and mentioned we utilize over 110 facilities. He asked everyone to make sure to thank you sponsors. He congratulated our 2022 section championships. Michael Crowley qualified for the Senior PGA. He then thanked Vince Suter/Suter Ward Group at Morgan Stanley. Matt mentioned the two site state open, the senior/junior and the stableford. Mr. Taken also congratulated Mia Seeman for winning the Women's State Open and using the exemption into the Wisconsin State Open.

Education: Danny Rainbow mentioned the MSR cycle ending on June 15, 2021. The new cycle will begin and be a 3-year cycle. He encouraged everyone to get their credits and not wait until the last minute. The committee is working on a virtual series for the Jan-March time frame. The spring teaching seminar will be planned as in an in-person event. Lastly, he mentioned the Golf Operations workshop scheduled for Tuckaway CC in early December.

Membership: Mark Voeller started by showing a video highlighting Hanc Spivey. Mark encouraged everyone to get involved with the game and the association. He highlighted the upcoming PGA National meeting and reminded everyone they are welcome to attend.

Employment: Brian Bishop thanked Tim Marks for his years of service and dedication to the PGA and in particular the members of the WPGA. Tim Marks provided an update on the employment services department at the PGA. He discussed compensation, work-life balance, recruiting and executive search. Tim closed by thanking everyone for their support over the years.

Player Development: Scott Walecki mentioned that he is new to the position of chair. He said he wants to focus on best practices and more on adult programming. Erika Pirkl provided an update on DCP. Frank Chieppa highlighted 2021 in PGA Junior League. He provided an update on 2022.

Special Awards: Mr. Weitz provided the process for how award winners are selected. He mentioned that the 2021 winners will be honored later that evening at Westmoor CC. He encouraged the membership to nominate their peers.

Nelthorpe: Mr. Weitz thanked the team for their efforts at North Hills CC. The WSGA won the matches 47-41.

Scholarship: Joe Stadler announced the winners of the 2021 PGA of America scholarships.

ELECTIONS:

Jeff Ellingson announced that Matt Taken was elected Secretary, Mark Voeller as VP and Mike O'Reilly as President at the board meeting earlier in the day.

Old Business /New Business - none

Open Forum – None

Mike O'Reilly made some closing remarks and thanked Jeff Ellingson for his time as president and as an officer. He mentioned some of Jeff's accomplishments during his time. Mike thanked some of the people that have helped him become a better professional along the way. He thanked the WPGA staff.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.