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## **Minutes of the SIR State Golf Committee Meeting, via Zoom**

**9-29-24**

**The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:00 P.M.**

1. **State Golf Committee:**

**a. Members Present:**

Ben Gikis (BG)	Gary Smith (GS)
Mark Stuart (MS)	Don Mattson (DM)
Mike Kearns (MK)	Butch Evans (BE)
Roger Smith (RG)	Don Fuller (DF)
Bill Rutherford (BR)	

**b. Members Absent:**

Lee Lamp	Gary Bell
Sig Heideman	Jim Keller
Mike Quint	Ed Marlovits
Ray Gilcrest	Jim Gurke
Joe Marshall	Bill Wilhelm

c. Also Present: Pete Morelli (PM)

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 8-15 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** (DF)
  - a. There is \$8,400 on deposit with another \$2240 ready for deposit. There is \$4,800 in reserve. We are to receive a refund for the canceled Carson City tournament.
  - b. (MK) has \$80 from a Thursday tournament.
4. **2025 Tournaments:** (BG)
  - a. Napa will be in April.
  - b. Rancho Solano is scheduled for May.
  - c. Reno: Should we schedule the Reno tournament in June? There was no discussion. Branch 35 can schedule a tournament in June at the Presidio which is open for guests.
  - d. We could schedule a tournament in the East Bay in July. Poppy Ridge and Wentz were discussed as potential sites.
  - e. Team Championship will be held in August. Hiddenbrooke was suggested as the possible site.
  - f. No tournament is scheduled for September.
  - g. Individual Championship will be in October. It will not be held at Haggan Oaks.
  - h. A tournament is tentatively scheduled in Monterey between November 4-8. It will be on Tuesday and Wednesday with optional days on Monday at Pacific Grove and Thursday at Poppy Hills.
  - i. (PM) asked if there would be enough participants for all these tournaments. (BG) suggested a survey to find out. (MS) will do the survey but needs to get the questions for it.

- j. (BE) We can try another Fresno tournament that would piggyback onto the Branch 159 tournament.
- 5. **Committee Openings:** (BG) There are currently two openings on the golf committee, Operations Chairman and Secretary. Anyone knowing who could serve in these positions should contact (BG).
- 6. **Policy Manual Revisions:** (BE) will update the Policy Manual by the end of November. He will have a draft copy of the revisions ready by the end of October.
- 7. **Lincoln Hills:**
  - a. (MK) There are currently 5 foursomes signed up for this tournament. We need 15. He will contact all golf chairs in his area to promote it.
  - b. (PM) Opined that there is not much incentive to play at a course that they play all the time and spend more money to do it.
  - c. (MK) Suggested that if it doesn't work out, we could look at Fresno for a November tournament next year.
- 8. **Individual Championship:** (BG)
  - a. We were just informed that Haggan Oaks is going to punch the greens the week of the championship on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>. We were not given notice before.
  - b. (MS) There are two 18-hole courses there. Perhaps they are not going to have both of them punched.
  - c. (BG) We will go ahead with the tournament. There will be one rule change. If a ball is in a punch hole on the green it can be moved out.
  - d. 82 people are signed up and the event is fully staffed.
  - e. A \$6 discount is being considered. The prize fund may be increased. It is currently \$2,000.
- 9. **Miscellaneous:** (PM) Whether or not to even have a Reno tournament next year should be a survey question. (MS) is concerned that there is always a lot of talk but no real decisions. (DF) and (BE)

will do the survey. (MS) sent out queries to 15 Area Chairmen and only got 4 responses.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.**