

RGC BOARD MEETING 8/04/15

Meeting called to order by Jesse Sierra at 6:32pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jesse Sierra, Russ Tabbert, Charlie Aichele, Freida Aichele, Dick Hunt, Gary Krohn, John Parola, Scott Clifford, Ken Lyon, Chuck Heath & Bryan Lange

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jesse wanted to follow-up with the Election Committee insure that the upcoming elections would be ready to go.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Russ reported that the 50% payment for the 2015 Christmas Party is due on 9/6/15. Will follow-up with Paul C at the next meeting to insure payment is made. Jesse mentioned that prizes for the Party be researched and decided on in the next month.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Chuck reported there were no changes in Members. We still are at 287 Members.

TREASURE'S REPORT:

Jesse reported for Paul and said there was nothing to report for the Budget.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gary read the following to the board and requested it be included as his report:

It was pointed out to me the night before the match that the following statement was in the tournament guide: Competitors will be seeded by high/low handicap match method. When it was posed, members offered differing opinions as to what this statement means. I researched it on USGA, NCGA, royal and ancient and could find nothing about what that meant, so it needs further clarification or revision in the guide for future guidance. As a sidebar, when I was in the Club prior, ran the tournament as TD 15 years ago and assisted TD's who followed, all used the random draw method. I was not aware during transition in January or did not comprehend that random versus seeding change had been made. Since I am responsible for the tournament setup, I apologize for my mistake.

It has come to my attention, that some feel I have set up this tournament incorrectly and that I was self-serving by taking the bye. To be honest, I was going to DQ myself from receiving the bye after I drew my name randomly, but I thought that it would destroy the integrity of the draw, even though it was done honestly, so I didn't. To clarify, I received that draw based on a random draw, not because as some indicted to me, that I was TD.

To show that I understand how it might appear, I am declining accepting round one pay out and will channel those funds into the total payout pool.

Since a few board members were the most vocal in questioning my actions and procedures, I would like to remind them. We are all human. We make mistakes and as volunteers do the best we can under sometimes challenging and unpredictable situations.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:

Charlie reported on the Tournament Budget. There were no issues to report at this time. Charlie also notified the board of the policy that all away tournament prize money would now be put on the books at Diamond Oaks due to the recent "Amateur Status Notification" listed under correspondence. This policy will be followed for those courses that do not require prize money to be spent at the away course as part of the contract.

HANDICAPPER'S REPORT:

Scores for the first weekend of the Club Championship have not been put into the system as of yet. They will be done this week.

WEB MASTER'S REPORT: (Reported by Jesse)

Everything should be up to date-if anyone knows of anything that is not, please let Steve know. About the Mark McEvoy Legacy Foundation Tournament that is coming up in September; Steve can add the application form to the RGC Website, but he should get a copy of the flier that does not have the mmlf.org link in it which takes you to an "adult" Website and not the www.markmcevoylegacyfoundation.org/ website.

RULES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Freida reviewed the out of bounds fence on the 18th hole again as the rule was tested in the Club Championship. The original determination from the past discussions still applies.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From the USGA/NCGA regarding Prize money paid out in cash:

AMATEUR STATUS NOTIFICATION

Dear Club Official,

Over the past year we received numerous calls regarding acceptable prizes at club events. Please note that cash prizes of any amount are a breach of Rule 3-1 of the Rules of Amateur Status. Any amateur who plays for cash prizes without waiving his right to the prize money prior to participating in the event will forfeit his amateur status. Therefore, any player who plays for cash prizes, even in a private club event, would not be eligible to compete in NCGA, CGA or USGA qualifying or championships.

In view of the above, we urge you to change the prize format in the competitions conducted at your club so as to conform to the Rules of Amateur Status for any competitions where cash prizes are awarded. This can be done by offering merchandise or prize vouchers redeemable for merchandise of a retail value not greater

than \$750 instead of cash. This course of action will ensure that no one jeopardizes his amateur status.

At the least, we ask that you advise the players of their forfeiture of amateur status if they play for cash prizes, and offer them the opportunity to waive their right to any prize money before playing. Waivers for amateurs who wish to waive their right to prize money in order to play in an event offering cash prizes are available at www.usga.org/rules/amateur_status/Amateur-Status/.

The prohibition against cash prizes includes golf skills challenges like closest to the hole or longest drive contests. Please also see the Appendix to the Rules of Amateur Status for the Policy on Gambling.

If you have any questions about the Rules of Amateur Status please feel free to contact the NCGA at 831-625-4653, or email Ryan Farb at rfarb@ncga.org.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on Handicap adjustments for NCGA events will be discussed upon Paul's return at the next Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Freida wanted to review the problems with the Club Championship. She feels further reviews with the guidelines of the Tournament need to be done by the Tournament Committee and be reported back to the Board for its review and final determination. She moved that “The Tournament Committee meet to suggest specific Club Championship Tournament set up procedures be followed without deviation, unless proven impossible. These procedures shall be step-by-step, detailed and would cover all situations as completely as possible. The procedures shall be brought back to the Board for approval.”

The motion was approved by the Board.

Also, Ken Lyon wanted the Board to consider a “compensation change” with regards to the Vice President position. It was decided this was a Bye-Law change that the Bye-Law Committee needed to discuss.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35PM.

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