
ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Association Kentucky PGA
Meeting Board of Directors Meeting
Date March 4, 2019
Location Marriott Griffin Gate Resort

Call to Order

President, Mr. Garvey, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. All Military Veterans were recognized. Moment of silence recognized for those PGA members who have passed away. Mr. Bonifield delivered an invocation.

Mr. Garvey recognized and thanked the sales reps who are here to serve the KPGA.

Dave Macke from Dever Inc. | E-Z-GO took the stage to thank everyone for their support and their business.

KGA President

Mr. Nicholas thanked the membership for the opportunity to speak today. Mr. Nicholas thanked the Executive Board for their partnership with the KGA.

KGA-PGA Report

Mr. Landrum updated the membership on the joint body. There is \$837,000 in the account, versus \$500,000 last year. Mr. Landrum encouraged the membership to push the junior tour.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 2018 Fall Member Conference were reviewed.

Barry Bonifield made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Larry Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried (unanimous)

Mr. Garvey recognized all past presidents of the KPGA.

PRESIDENT: Pete Garvey, PGA

Mr. Garvey recognized all past presidents of the KPGA. Mr. Garvey encouraged the membership to fill out the employment survey. It is a vital tool to help better the PGA members. Mr. Garvey also encouraged the membership to complete PGA.coach. The KPGA Board awarded \$8,000 in grants. Mr. Garvey discussed the new ruling from the KHSAA. Mr. Garvey would like to meet with Julian Tackett and become an ally. The Board is continuing to work tirelessly to help find a solution to the new ruling. Mr. Garvey discussed the Expert of the Game videos that came from the Marketing Committee. Mr. Garvey encouraged the membership to continue coming to the Fall and Spring Meetings and to play in the KPGA Tournaments.

VICE PRESIDENT: Craig Heibert, PGA

Report submitted as written. Investment account had a drop in return this year, however, the account has grown 10% over the past several years.

SECRETARY: Danny Baron, PGA

Mr. Baron recognized the new members to the Kentucky Section. Mr. Baron also recognized the new associates into the Section, and the new Section Transfers. Mr. Baron recognized the new Certified Professionals. Mr. Baron asked all certified professionals to stand. The highest distinction the section can receive is a Master Professional; Mr. Baron asked them to stand and be recognized as well.

DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR: Kelly Williams, PGA

Mr. Williams recorded a video for his report. Mr. Williams encouraged the membership to get online and complete the employment survey. Mr. Williams encouraged the membership to complete PGA.coach. Mr. Williams informed the membership of Nationals decision to remove the Past President position on the National Board. This shortens the commitment of the Board Members. An At-Large Director will also be added to the National Board. Lastly, an independent director will be added to the Board and may also serve consecutive terms. Mr. Williams thanked the Board and the membership for their partnership and support thru the years during his service.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Brent Paladino, PGA

Mr. Paladino welcomed the membership to the Spring Member Conference. Mr. Paladino thanked the event's sponsors; Dave Macke, Sterling Cut Glass, and Signature Golf, and all the other sponsors of the section. Mr. Paladino expressed his sincerest thanks to the Golf House Kentucky team. Mr. Paladino recognized Ethan Fisher as the new Director of Marketing, and two seasonal positions, Trenton Schumer and Fernando Melina.

The golf industry has prepared for the new set of rules in 2019. The KPGA will hold a rules workshop conducted by the GHK staff on March 9-10 in Louisville and Mr. Paladino encouraged the membership to attend.

Mr. Paladino shared the Caddy Now Program and thanked the facilities who are piloting the program; Hurstbourne CC, Big Spring CC, and Harmony Landing. Mr. Paladino discussed the Justin Thomas grant and Gay Brewer grant information. Mr. Paladino encouraged the membership to promote Youth on Course and would like to see more courses participate in the program. Three Pro-Am events will be held this year; Las Vegas, French Lick, and Whistling Straits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assistant Associate: Nathan Downs, PGA

Mr. Downs submitted Board Report as written. The committee is trying to increase participation and the prizes and purse. Mr. Downs thanked those who have already donated to the AA raffle. The committee is in talks with Nationals on the PGM 3.0 program and how the committee can help others go through the program more successfully. Mr. Downs thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Marketing: Nathan Downs, PGA

Mr. Downs shared information about the Expert of the Game videos and showed Eric Gilliland's video. An Expert of the Game video will be sent out 12 times a year; once a month. Champion Spotlights will also be sent out to the membership 4 times a year corresponding with the major championships on the PGA Tour. Mr. Downs thanked his committee for all of their hard work.

Education Committee: Sara Stephens, PGA

Mrs. Stephens submitted the report as written. Mrs. Stephens discussed the afternoon Education Session speaker; Mr. Ian James. There will be a player development seminar with Ted Eleftheriou on March 18.

Employment Service: Keith Fisher, PGA

Mr. Fisher's report was submitted as written. He is unable to attend today's meeting.

Player Development: Colby Wollitz, PGA

Mr. Wollitz reminded the membership to sign up for PGA Junior League. Mr. Wollitz informed the membership about KPGA Share which will be weekly conference calls to share information on a specific topic each week. The calls will be led by a PGA Professional. Mr. Wollitz encouraged the membership to take advantage of the weekly conference calls.

PGA Tour Relations Committee; Brad Hicks, PGA

Mr. Hicks informed the membership that the Barbasol Tournament will be held July 15-21. Open Qualifier will be held July 15. This tournament has been instrumental in the KPGA's revenue stream.

Junior Tour Director; Ray Moehlman, PGA

Mr. Moehlman introduced himself to the membership. Drive, Chip and Putt registration will open soon, and dates were given. Mack Van Lenten spoke about Youth on Course and encouraged the membership to be a YOC facility.

Mr. Moehlman shared information on the Junior Tour. This season will have three different series: Players Series, Championship Series, and Fall Series. Each series will have its own POY race. All events on a first come first serve basis except KYPGA Jr Tour Championship. There will be a newly designed Match Play Tournament to kick off the season.

Tournament; Daniel Utley, PGA

Mr. Utley will submit his report as written. Mr. Utley thanked all the sponsors for their commitment to the Section. Mr. Utley asked the membership to get involved with the committee. Mr. Utley implored the membership to play golf and support the section. Mr. Utley discussed the National Championship; the Kentucky PGA section should be sending more people each year, but this number is based on amount participating. Mr. Utley discussed the Stableford Classic. This year is our centennial year at the Kentucky Open. Exciting things planned. One change for the Pro-Ams, the committee will institute max handicaps and percentage handicaps.

New Business

Mrs. Egnot shared information on the PGA Junior League and how the program adds value to the PGA member.

Mr. Ward shared information regarding the Barbasol Tournament. Changes going forward, Keene Trace will now be involved in all parts of the Barbasol Tournament. Brian Pettigrew has been hired as the Tournament Director. Professionals of the state will have priority in participating with the Tournament this year.

Open Forum

KHSAA new ruling discussion among membership.

Old Business

No Old Business

Mr. Garvey ends meeting by thanking everyone for coming. Meeting adjourned at 10:48.

Barry Bonifield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shafer seconded the motion. Motion carried (unanimous).