

Kentucky Section PGA Board of Directors Meeting

October 24, 2010

Hurstbourne Country Club - Louisville

I. Call to Order

President Steve Shafer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. (EDT).

Present were: Gary Bebelaar, Carmello Benassi, Chris Brown, Russ Johnson, Ralph Landrum, Bill Moore, Chris Osborne, Mike Riley, Steve Shafer, Bryan Slone, Mike Thomas and Kelly Williams. Also present were Amy Wilson, Assistants/Apprentices Representative; Mike Ahrnsbrak, Incoming PGA District 10 Director; and staff members Mark Hill, Bill Coomer, Barbara Peak, and Patsy Fitzpatrick.

II. Minutes

Mr. Riley made a motion to approve the August 18, 2010 minutes as presented. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion approved (unanimous).

III. Financial Report

Mr. Osborne referred the Board to the financial report, which had been distributed prior to the meeting. He noted variances with special projects and sponsorship. Mr. Hill noted that the overall net profit for special projects would be \$2,000 to \$3,000. Mr. Hill noted that approximately \$10,000 in expenses remained for the tournament program, and the program would realize a small net profit. Mr. Coomer explained allocation of Player's Card dollars. Mr. Landrum asked about the cash position, which was significantly higher than the same point in 2009. Mr. Shafer stated the Investment Committee would evaluate cash reserves in the near future, and decide how much, if any, to allocate to the Vanguard account.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Landrum seconded the motion. Motion approved (unanimous).

IV. President's Report

Mr. Shafer noted that Allen Wronowski would become President of the PGA of America at the upcoming Annual Meeting. He stated there were six candidates for Secretary of the PGA of America in the upcoming election. He noted that there are several resolutions being proposed at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the resolution regarding a modification of emerging from Class F status. Discussion followed regarding Class F Status and the proposed resolution. Mr. Shafer reviewed the proposal from the Dixie Section regarding PGM University students' ability to earn PGA Membership upon graduation from college. Discussion followed. Mr. Shafer reviewed a resolution proposing that apprentices have the ability to earn work experience credits accrued during suspension. Discussion followed. Mr. Shafer thanked the outgoing Board members – Russ Johnson, Bryan Slone, and Bill Moore. He noted Mr. Johnson's work with the Tournament Committee, Mr. Slone's work with the Special Awards Committee, and Mr. Moore for his dedicated service and his leadership over the years. Mr. Shafer thanked Mr. Thomas for his service at District 10 Director, and presented him with a commemorative award.

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V. District 10 Director Report

Mr. Thomas stated that the resolutions had been covered in the President's Report. He presented a printed report from the PGA that ranked member service programs by member participation, importance to members, and cost to the Association. Mr. Thomas noted that PGA Retirement Plus is profitable due to fees paid by participating companies. Discussion followed regarding PGA Properties, specifically, the PGA Golf Club at Port St. Lucie.

VI. PGA Employment Services

Mr. Bradow was unable to attend the meeting, and Mr. Riley stated that Mr. Bradow had asked him to report on PGA CareerLinks activity – Glasgow Golf & Country Club hired Michael Johnson, Henderson Country Club is conducting initial interviews, Andover Golf & Country Club is searching for a general

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manager, Mayfield-Graves Country Club is searching for a general manager/head professional and may enlist PGA Employment Services, and Lakewood Country Club may seek assistance in search for a head professional. Mr. Riley reported that Mr. Bradow had offered services to The Club at Olde Stone regarding their search for a head professional. Mr. Riley reported that Mr. Bradow had contacted 64 non-PGA facilities in Kentucky, and gave details on that process. Mr. Riley reported that the PGA Compensation Survey would be offered each year, beginning in 2011.

VII. Executive Director Report

Mr. Hill reported the Economic Impact Survey was underway, and should be completed by the end of the year. He reported that the KGA Board of Directors recently approved an extension of the contract with GHIN through 2013, and the KGA-PGA, Inc. would meet its budget for 2010. He reported that Ryan Tahara had been hired as the new Director, Junior & Senior Golf after a process in which 34 resumes were received and six individuals were interviewed. He reported Mr. Tahara would begin service on November 15.

VIII. KPGA Foundation Report

Mr. Shafer reported that Kevin Greenwell from The First Tee of Louisville and Todd Butts from Operation State Tournament had submitted their final reports for grants received in 2010. Mr. Shafer reported that grant applications would be available at tomorrow's meeting and would also be placed online. He reported that the KPGA Foundation Board of Directors would begin evaluating management of its reserve fund.

IX. Committee Reports

Assistants/Apprentices – Mrs. Wilson reviewed a document that listed details regarding changing requirements for playing privileges for assistants and apprentices. Discussion followed.

Mr. Moore made a motion that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Mrs. Wilson as a requirement for participation in tournaments by assistants and apprentices. Mr. Landrum seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Mr. Bebelaar opposed.

Communications/Employment – Mr. Riley stated the committee would be more proactive in contacting displaced golf professionals and would look to other sections for ideas on committee activity and efforts. He stated the committee would work more closely with Dick Bradow to reach out to non-PGA facilities, and would offer assistance to Mr. Bradow in any way needed.

Education – Mr. Williams reported that Dr. Gary Wiren would speak at tomorrow's education seminar, with David Downing, past president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, scheduled to speak Tuesday. Mr. Thomas encouraged the committee to invite the PGA President or CEO to attend next year's spring or fall meeting.

Government Relations Committee – Mr. Osborne stated that the Golf Course Owner's Group in Indiana lobbied for and succeeded in having property taxes determined based on income and not property value, and this could be a worthy goal for the committee.

Junior Golf Committee – Mr. Benassi submitted his report as written.

Membership – Mr. Williams submitted his report as written.

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Growth of the Game – Mr. Landrum reviewed plans for the committee in 2011, which consist of involving more members in the process.

Seniors – Mr. Moore presented his report as written.

Special Awards/Scholarships – Mr. Slone noted that Special Awards would be presented in the spring, beginning next year, and that efforts to prepare would get underway soon. He reported that the committee met on September 15 to consider 69 nominees for this year's awards.

Sponsorship – Mr. Bebelaar stated a goal for 2011 was to expand the committee to include members from other areas of the section.

Tournaments – Mr. Johnson referred the Board to his written report. He commended Keith Ohr for his performance in the PGA PNC. He noted that exemptions for the Kentucky Open for the Assistant and Senior Player of the Year lists were expanded from three to five. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bebelaar made a motion that the change in the exemptions in the Kentucky Open for the Assistant and Senior Players of the Year be approved as recommended by the Tournament Committee. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried (unanimous).

Mr. Johnson noted that the entry fee for the Pro-Pro Championship would be raised to the previous level before it was lowered. He stated that the One Ball Condition would be removed as a Condition of Competition for KPGA Tournaments in order to be consistent with PGA of America Championships along with the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Senior Golf Association. Mr. Johnson noted that in order to improve pace of play at qualifying events for the Kentucky Open Championship, the size of the fields at each location would be limited to 78, enabling grouping of the fields into groups of three rather than groups of four, and that one additional qualifying location would be added in the Louisville and Lexington areas. Mr. Johnson reported that the committee considered changing amateur eligibility requirements for KPGA competitions to be consistent with the requirements set forth by the Kentucky Golf Association. Discussion followed, and following the discussion, it was agreed the committee would re-visit the issue and bring recommended language regarding residency requirements for the Tournament Rules and Regulations for consideration at the next Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Coomer reviewed the tentative schedule of events for 2011.

2011 Senior PGA Championship – Mr. Shafer reported that Erica Stoll from the Senior PGA Championship would give a brief presentation at tomorrow's meeting regarding an incentive offer for PGA Professionals regarding ticket sales.

X. Old Business

Mr. Hill stated that at the next Board of Directors, he would submit a proposal that would require any competition conducted as a special project be subject to the KPGA's Tournament Rules & Regulations. Mr. Hill reviewed a proposed Financial Controls Document for the KPGA, which had been distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Mr. Moore made a motion that the financial controls document be approved as presented. Mr. Bebelaar seconded the motion. Motion carried (unanimous).

XI. New Business

Mr. Hill reviewed the registration policy for the spring and fall meetings, and requested that once a registration cut-off time had been established, the "at the door" fee be imposed from that point forward

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for any subsequent registrants. Mr. Shafer stated that once staff sets the registration cut-off date, the “at the door” fee be in effect from that point forward.

Mr. Riley stated that, on behalf of another KPGA Member, the KPGA consider making a contribution to the effort being featured on the television program “Extreme Home Makeover.”

Mr. Shafer thanked the staff for their efforts.

Mr. Ahrnsbrak thanked the Board for the invitation to attend, and he looked forward to serving as District 10 Director.

XII. Adjournment

At 7:09 p.m., Mr. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion approved (unanimous).