

MIAA Golf Committee
March 14 2023
Minutes

Attendance: Peter Jones, Benjamin Kelly, Tom Murphy, Carolyn O'Donnell, Matt Gillis, Jay McGilvray, Bob Melvin, Bruce Hastings, Eric Dawley, Mike Nelson, Justin Pominville, Spencer Christie, Chris Warren, Katie Kampersal, Phil Napolitano.

Tournament Directors: David Kier, Mary O'Brien, Kevin Riordan, David Kier, John Courtney, Sean Noonan, Joe Rocha, Jared Tise

Guests: Shaun Hart TMC, Sherry Bryant, Jim Clark, Nancy Palie, Vinny TPG, Doyle Heisler iWanaMaker

Media: Howard Herman, Cam Kerry

Call to Order- Phil at 10:03 Dr. Fitzpatrick will not be here today

Introductions of members

Minutes from September 13 meeting-Motion to approve by Bill 2nd by Tom Murphy (**approved 13-0**)

2022 Fall Tournament Review and recap

- Sean D1- Had some challenges with the # of players over 108 players
 - Did not have a coach to monitor each group had to double up
 - Rained at the end of the day made scoring at the end tough, manual score board
 - All and all it went all
 - Some of the course set up can be difficult for the players to score well, end of the day we want everyone to shoot well
 - There has to be a better way to do scoring, live scoring and not the manual hand scoring.
- Ben Kelly D2- 85 Players
 - Communication from Coaches was great and helpful
 - Had a great pro/general manager
 - Everything went really smooth
 - Thank you to everyone who answered my questions
- John C- 52 Players
 - Great tournament got it in before the rain
- Dave K- 62 Players for sectionals
 - 92 Players for States
 - Everything went really well both days
- Mary- 77 players
 - Great volunteers and over all great event
- Joe- D1 North Sectional and D1 North Final
 - Communication was a big topic getting qualifying players from the sectional to the final; process for determining individual qualifiers from each section needs to be

clear for Section Tournament Directors; Coaches seem to want more input and not be surprised to hear changes from the committee

- Jared-
 - Great turn out
 - Weather was tough the last few holes
 - Manual score board was hard, coaches were looking the virtual option
- Kevin- 96 players
 - Hard to secure course that meet the criteria in the area
 - Volunteers were great
 - Would love to hold the tournament at Green Hills
- Phil- Thank you to all the Tournament Directors-I appreciate all the efforts you all do.
- Mary- I want to thank Mike Fitzpatrick for helping out the D3 tournament for all of his help
- Ben Kelly- I got some feedback from other schools at the end of the season- they had some questions about the consistencies from course to course tournament to tournament. Can we look at the rule sheets that are put out at each site? Can we make sure we are all playing by the same rules.
 - Mary- most of the rules are sent to us by the courses themselves. I do not think that we can have a blanket local rules sheet.
 - Ben-used the example of if the ball lands on the golf path it can be dropped on either side of the golf path.
 - Carolyn- I always ask for the course to send me the local rules.
 - Dave- I always have a coaches meeting prior to tee off, and we go over the local rules and then we go over the local rules with the players. Everything is covered prior to the start of the tournament, always everyone to ask questions.

Spring Format- Page 4 Individual Qualifiers

- Language was added by Phil for this year's tournament to ensure everyone understood the qualifying criteria of individuals to make states.

2023-2025 Golf Alignments- Sectional based tournament

- Shaun Hart TMC Rep
 - Explained the new criteria for the alignments starting in 2023
 - Alignment appeal formula was used at different levels
 - 1st appeal was heard with the committee chair and TMC (done in 2 or 3 different meetings).
 - Both TMC and Committee had to agree, if there was any disagreement then it had to move to the 2nd appeal level.
- Dave Kier-I can speak about the west because that is all I know- vocational schools would be treated like everyone else, appealing based on that you were a vocational school would not be an option. Looking at the list the schools that were dropped were vocational schools and other schools that were bumped up and these schools are not able to appeal. The vocational schools are saying that they have seniors cannot compete where they were placed because they are out on co-ops/internships, but now the schools that have been placed up cannot compete where they have been placed and they are unable to appeal down.

- Shaun- Sectional tournament is equal and balanced was voted on and until it changed that is what we are stuck with. State wide is easier to deal with unbalanced because of power rankings. Huge difference between being good and being divisional placed.
- Dave-The number of enrollment numbers of those schools that needed to be bumped up because of the voc schools being bumped down are almost doubled.
 - Shaun- Understating the looking at the enrollment numbers and the participation numbers are very different. We looked at those numbers at the 2nd level of appeals. Golf is very different than other sports. The qualifying criteria was also looked at.
 - Phil- Peter Jones and David Keir will be meeting with TMC to talk about what it may look if Golf went state wide.
- Sherry- 1st level included your chair and the 2nd level included someone else from your committee so your committee was very well represented.

IWannaMaker- Doyle

- Supplies software to associations
- Offers free to high schools
- Works with NHFS
- Able to use it post season
- Build Apps for your association for coaches/athletes/media
- Benefits
 - Scoring Integrity increases
 - Eliminates disqualifications of players for signing the wrong score card
 - Captures accurate pace of play, team and player stats
 - Valuable time is saved and prompt awards ceremonies are realized
 - Players experience team chemistry and comradery
 - Turns high school golf into a revenue generating sport
 - Enhanced fan experienced
 - GPS built in to the app
- Coach Registration is done by getting the app, pick your school and then sign into lwanamaker.com.
 - Manage your roster and schedule on their website
 - You can view the state wide ranking
- Golfer Registration
 - You sign up your golfer, pick their school, gender, graduation year (this is all shown on the live score board)
 - Everything that is built is based on USGA
- Very easy to use, alerts when information is missing at the end of a round, notifies when the card is complete
- State and National Team and Player Ranking
 - Rank against 21 categories
 - Always adding more

- Always working with coaches
 - Turn around time is 10 minutes after putting in a help ticket
 - Coaches are encouraged to call and work with their team
 - Coaches are encouraged to reach out with ideas
- AD, Coaches, Golfers, Media have free access
 - Rosters
 - Rakings
- Rankings
 - Team and player
 - RI and CT will use this to qualify their athletes for States
 - IWR- USGA Differential
- Dave-When you calculate a players average do you take all scores or do you take into the top 10 of their last 20?
 - Doyle- We do whatever you want
 - For example- AZ does their lowest 7
 - We can build it to whatever fits your associations needs
- Sean- each league plays a different type of play (Ex) Match Play some play Medal some play)
 - Doyle- We support whatever you play, however you need pick 1 type of play.
- Phil- Have you run into WI-Fi on course cell phone dies
 - Doyle- yes we have run into it. A manager or a coach of the event can step in and over ride. This is all noted. If a phone dies, another player can mark for someone else but never for themselves.
 - Parents LOVE this app. They are able to follow their loved one and watch their score.
- Dave- Are kids using their date plan?
 - Doyle- Yes, but it is such a small amount you can even see it. I have been getting less and less questions about data questions.
- Would a player be able to use this a recruiting tool?
 - Doyle- A kid can download his scores and send to recruiter. Ever player is ranked at the state level and soon at the national level.
- Jay- Contract structure and cost for the association and any hidden fees for schools/players
 - Doyle- GPS is an extra cost for parents. Any data is 100 percent free for the coaches/players. The data is owned by the state association.
- Phil- Season Pass 30.00?
 - Doyle Single Event- \$5.00 (Michigan)
 - Season \$30.00 (Michigan)
 - Family Ticket- \$90.00 (Michigan)
 - State Series Ticket- \$15.00 (Michigan)
 - There is flexibility for setting the cost
- Doyle- we create the pairings and import the pairings for the next level for the tournaments.
- Phil- Project with live scoring at the club house at the event?
 - Yes at the club house you can have this scrolling at the clubhouse during the day of the tournament. This is all free, this is included.
- Carolyn-Do you connect with GINN

- Doyle- not at this time but it is something we can do. No one has requested it yet but we could create it.

Tom Murphy- What are the competing companies? Golf Genius, Golf Status (College?)

- Phil- already have 19 or 20 state associations using iWanamaker
- Carolyn- have you run the business model by the business department, how many other outside vendors are we using?
- Phil- there are many outside companies- Flo Arena, Track and swim uses something
- Chris- Are we thinking that we are going to one type of format for the regular season?
- Phil- Yes, I think that we would need to go to one type of format (stroke play).
- Dave- I think that you will get huge push back
- Bill- What is the time frame
- Phil- I am thinking Fall 2024 but no sooner than that. This will help make sure that the data that is being entered is accurate
- Matt- maybe try as a pilot in a league
- Phil- Coaches and athletes would have to adapt quickly with the changes. Please email me with any thoughts.
- Bruce- I was on the wrestling committee when we switched from paper to Flo and it made things much easier getting the data. I think its time to look at a program like this.
- Phil- Go back to your athletes and coaches and have a discussion with them about their thoughts.
- Sean- As a coach I am all for it. My players would jump on this right away.
- Tom- You nailed it when you mentioned the apps that wrestling and swim use. My only concern is not looking at anything else.
- Bill- We use Golf Genius at the Cape Ann League and we had a few issues. The only issue I see about this product is that we all use different methods of play.
- Tom O- Biggest discussion would be moving to 1 type of play between all the leagues.
- Matt- If that state is using it for qualifying that is one thing, but if we are using it just for state tournament so it can be live that is another thing.
- Phil- I believe this would be used for qualifying criteria but can be used just for tournaments as well.
- Different types of play are needed for the different level of kids
- Tom- Why are we playing matches different than tournament play?
- Sean- It would be great if this program could find a way to track all the different types scoring
- Phil- Pete do you think a subcommittee should talk about this and figure out if we should move further with these conversations.
 - Pete- I think that's a great idea. Do you need an official motion?
 - Phil- Nope I think that as a group we can just move forward with it and have 1 agenda item- Live Scoring.
 - Phil- Send me an email if you are interested in the subcommittee and we will set a date.
 - Tom- When Dave and Tom meet with TMC They can talk about this as well.

Fall Tournament Format- Carolyn had some great ideas and will work with Phil to update the format. This can be approved at the next Meeting.

There is a conflict with the New England's, our tournament is on Tuesday and the entry deadline for the tournament is a Monday. I requested a late entry and that was denied. Keep this in mind for our next meeting.

Spring alignments- this was pretty straight forward. No discussion

Rule Changes- not many changes.

- Carolyn-maybe a link with the changes can be sent out?
- Phil- I can do that

Phil- Any other topics?

- Spring Tournament information will be sent out shortly
 - Dave- Cold Spring Country Club
 - Mary- Longmeadow Country Club- States
- Our job is to make sure that coaches and kids have a great experience. If we need to offer kids lunch talk to me first and we can see if we can make it work.

Motion to adjourn at 12:17- Tom 2nd by Bill

NOTE: During virtual meeting on May 10th for live scoring presentations, the 2023 Fall Format was reviewed and unanimously approved