

Golf Committee 9/13/2022

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** 10:07 by Mike Fitzpatrick
 - a. Introduction/Attendance: Mike Fitzpatrick, Ben Kelly, Brian Phillips, Tom O'Brien, Kevin Karo, Carl Cyr, Jay McGilvray, Tara Satori, Chris Lowe, Eric Dawley, Tom Murphy, Chris Warren, Mike Nelson, Carolyn O'Donnell, Phil Napolitano
Tournament Directors: Justin Kratz, Kevin Riordan, Dave Keir, Mary Obrien, Greg Dowdell,
Media: Craig Larson (Boston Globe)
 - b. Conflict of Interest signed
2. **Election of Officers** - 12 voting members
 - a. **Chair- Mike Fitzpatrick** - Tom O'Brien, 2nd by Kevin K (12-0)
 - b. **Vice Chair-Peter Jones** - Mike Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Jay (12-0)
 - c. **Secretary- Tom O'Brien** - Thomas Murphy, 2nd by Ben (12-0)
3. **June 14, 2022 minutes**- Motion to accept by Tom Murphy 2nd by Chris Lowe all in favor
4. **2022 Fall Tournament**
 - a. Fall Tournament Format discussion
 - b. Connor Brown-has switched positions will not return as a tournament director
 - c. Website is being updated with sites that have been listed
 - i. Greg-D2 Central 10/18 Maplegate, D2 Finals Maplegate 10/25
 - ii. Mary D3 North 10/18 Black Swan
 - iii. Kevin D3 Central Blissful 10/18
 - iv. David- D3 West Wilburnham
 - v. Justin D2 West The Ranch
 - vi. Joe- D1 North Peabody Meadow 10/17 D1 Final Renaissance CC 10/25
 - vii. Jay-D1 South Easton CC
 - viii. Jay D2 South Easton CC
 - ix. John D1 West Franconia CC
 - x. D3 South Foxboro CC
 - d. Kevin-is there an easier way to secure course? It was hard to get courses to return my calls. I keep going back to home course.
 - e. Mary-We are not supposed to secure courses that are home courses.
 - f. Phil- With respect to home courses, is it a "hard no" on using them, even if you cannot find other sites? What are the thoughts of the committee?
 - g. Dave- A while back there was a subcommittee that formed a wish list of what a tournament site should have. I don't think it's a hard no, we need to have 15 sites.
 - h. Mike-It would be helpful if the tournament directors could send you a list of 3-5 preferred sites and then maybe have the MIAA have reach out to these sites.
 - i. Phil-I have spoken to Liaisons that have left, if parents or school admins have reached out to you, please send them my way. You should not be burden with them. Please send them my way and I will be happy to speak with them.
 - j. Joe-truth be told the DI final is Andover home course, but there is no other location that will hold the finals. However, Andover still needs to qualify to play there in the sectional finals.
 - NHSGA Website- The person we were in connection with is no longer our contact there, Phil is in contact with them. Carolyn-the website has been taken over, maybe we should print off the information so we do not lose it.

5. TMC Update
 - a. 2023 Alignments- Co-ops no longer have the multiplier, vocational no longer has the dropdown, and there is more information on the TMC page.
 - b. Subcommittee-Mary, Dave, Tom Murphy

6. Live Scoring-iWanamaker
 - a. Phil meet with them last week-Carolyn had not heard of them
 - i. Would like a few committee members to jump on a call with them
 - ii. One stop shop for golf-offers ranking, seeding, live scoring
 - iii. Can set up a projector at tournament that will stream scores live
 - iv. Currently with 16 other state associations
 - v. Looking for the Spring
 - vi. Ben Kelly would be a great fit for this
 - vii. Currently students are not allowed to have phones on the course
 - viii. Joe-could the coaches input the data?
 - ix. Justin-we are using the same platform as last year this year to track the tournaments?

7. Coaches input- Ben - Nothing at this time
 - a. Cape Cod Invitational questions
 - b. Mike- Gender Identity questions have been coming up more and more in schools
 - i. Phil- we have a Blue Ribbon Committee that helps educate us and the schools on how to field these questions

8. GHIN Discussion
 - a. Dave-How do the kids who teams don't qualify how do they qualify as an individual?
 - i. Maybe there should be a more formal way for kids to qualify for sectionals, a certain age and handicap.
 - ii. Joe-if everyone played stroke play, are you taking summer scores as well? Does any other student athletes summer activity matter in any other sport?
 - iii. Mike-is it a fair judgement to say that it has been the coaches poor judgment not making the right call on who should and shouldn't be playing in tournament.
 - iv. Mike-maybe there should be better communication to the coaches that they need to be more selective on who should be making tournament
 - v. Ben-As a coach I believe that I need to see what the kids are doing and it is what they are doing during "high" school golf. Let's hold coaches accountable.
 - vi. Justin-can you look for patterns, if a student doesn't meet a threshold can we say that this school cannot allow a student back to the tournament.
 - vii. Phil- should we create a subcommittee to discuss 2 or 3 proposals to create a solution.
 - viii. Mike-shortcoming is a coach nominating a student who should not be playing
 - ix. Carolyn-GHIN I am in support of any discussion or actions that will bring high school sports closer to this and help this along.
 - x. Dave-if every kid had a GHIN number it would help rank the students and then help us check if they are playing the students in the order they are ranked.
 - xi. Carolyn-everyone should be playing stroke play
 - xii. Mary-it is the league discussion
 - xiii. Mike-if has been a hands off approach
 - xiv. Joe-it is the cart before the horse-stroke play then GHIN
 - xv. Mary-how much time to you want to spend tracking your athletes as a coach

9. I will follow up with some communications with some sub committees
10. Last minute business