



MIAA Golf Committee Meeting

MINUTES
March 14, 2024

Virtual Meeting called to order 10:04 AM

Attendance: Michael Fitzpatrick, Peter Jones, Bruce Hastings, Spencer Christie, Eric Dawley, Tom Murphy, Tom' Obrien, Chris Warren, Mike Nelson, Jay McGilvray, Matt Gillis, Brendan Case, Brian Philips, Ben Kelly, Carolyn O'Donnell, Bill Melvin, Cami Molinare, Phil Napolitano.

Tournament Directors: Joe Rocha, Sean Noonan, John Courtney, Ben Kelly, Mary O'Brien, Jared Tise, Dave Keir.

Motion by B. Kelly, Second P. Jones to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023 meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUS

Welcomed new member Cami Molinare from Manchester Essex

Fall Tournament reports

- All tournaments went smoothly and finished in timely manner.
- Some were slightly over budget.
- Small issue with one team not realizing they were Division 1 and not Division 2.
- Some minor confusion with what coaches responsibilities are with groups.
- Overall successful fall tournament with some outstanding courses were secured this year.
- MIAA will provide duplicate medals next year in case of ties.
- D. Keir is looking for a course in the north for the spring tournament. Been a challenge to find courses in the spring.

Spring Tournament

- First year of two-year alignment. D. Keir and P. Napolitano will reach out to certain schools to confirm they will be fielding a team.
- J. Rocha suggested a new approach for reaching out to courses and who to contact.
- Mike Nelson- We should consider letter of recommendation from those courses that have found success in hosting.

2024 Fall Tournament Format

➤ Maximum Score

- Discussion around implementing a maximum score rule on holes.

- Maximum score of 10 or
 - Double par max
- C. O'Donnel recently did a statistical analysis on 1000 scorecards using double par and it had no impact on the tournament.
- Ben- If double par had no impact, it would be appear to be completely safe if adopting a max score of 10.
- Dave- It is important to remember that the golfers are playing 9 hole matches all season. 18 holes takes it toll when you are not used to it.
- Concerns expressed by some members about doing this at state tournament level.
 - Matt Gillis- Do not agree with going to a max score when talking about a state tournament. It is about them going out competing. I would struggle with adopting it. The best way to learn is through failure.
 - Chris Warren- Agrees with Matt
- No action was taken.

➤ **Lineup Changes**

- If a lineup change has to be made the replacement player has to be replaced in the same spot as the person being removed from the lineup. For example, if the No. 2 player has to be replaced, that player replacing must play in the No. 2 spot. Cannot reorder players.
- **Motion** by T. O'Brien, Second C. Molinare to adopt the tournament format with the new lineup change language. **APPROVED - two opposed**

➤ Reminder next year is a unique calendar and the cutoff date is **October 10**.

Rule change proposals deadline is June 1

- Discussion regarding motorized carts and putting students with disabilities language in the tournament format.
- No action was taken as consensus was to deal with it on case by case basis.

Committee decided to pilot Golf Genius at the spring tournaments this year. Will make a final decision on the fall tournaments after that.

Meeting adjourned 11:32 AM.