

**GNL  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**In Attendance**

Steve Wedgwood – President  
Adam Stanley - Secretary  
Ken Casey - Treasurer  
Jim Sloan - Rules Director  
Jan Peters - Competitions Director  
Sandra Sparrow - Course Rating/Handicap Director  
Greg Hillier - Executive Director

**Absent**

Marcheta Gallant – Past-President  
Jamie Moran- Junior Director  
Paul Kelly - Marketing Director  
Ray Tuck – Membership Director  
Christine Dengel – Regional Director, Golf Canada

**Observers**

Kay Thompson – Golf Canada Governor

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M. by President Steve Wedgwood.

**Agenda**

*With the approval of a request to move the Competitions Committee Report ahead of other reports, it was moved by Adam Stanley and seconded by Ken Casey to adopt the agenda as amended.*

**Carried**

**Minutes**

*It was moved by Jan Peters and seconded by Adam Stanley to adopt the minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 GNL Board Meeting as presented.*

**Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes**

a) Strategic Plan Process

The Board was informed that an initial meeting of the Strategic Plan Committee was held on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> with a number of members in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the project, outline the goal and objectives, completion and provide initial

information that has been gathered to date. The next meeting of the committee will be held in September.

b) Vice-President Position

The Board was informed that Jeff Hillier of the Amaruk Golf & Sports Club has expressed an interest in filling the vacant position. The Executive Director plans to meet with Mr. Hillier to discuss the position during his visit to the Labrador courses in August.

c) Updated Golf Canada Membership Model Information

The Board was informed that Golf Canada continues to implement the initial phase of the new membership model; however, due to the limited information there is nothing additional to report in terms of activation, engagement and results. An update will be provided at the next meeting of the Board.

d) Travel Subsidy Policy

The Secretary reported that over the course of the last month numerous discussions have taken place regarding the development of a new Travel Subsidy Policy. A number of options were reviewed and a meeting was held with members of the Fund Development Committee to come to a consensus on a policy.

It was agreed that the creation of a new policy will take longer than anticipated and that the Fund Development Committee will be engaged in the process. It was agreed that in the Fall, meetings will be scheduled to review and develop a new travel subsidy policy for potential adoption by the Board.

*After a detailed discussion, it was moved by Adam Stanley and seconded by Sandra Sparrow that:*

*GNL would provide a travel subsidy to three player teams that will represent the province at the Atlantic Championships in both the junior and adult divisions. Furthermore, the champion of each division competing at the National Championships will be provided with a travel subsidy.*

*Because there is no Mid-Amateur team at the Atlantic Championships, each member of the Mid-Amateur team representing the province at the National Championships will receive a travel subsidy.*

*Also, players who finish in the top 50 percent of the field at the Atlantic Championships will receive an additional travel subsidy to attend the National Championships. GNL will retain 25 percent of the total available travel subsidy.*

***Carried***

## **Correspondence**

There were a number of pieces of correspondence including the following:

1. Press release from Golf Canada regarding the 2015 CP Women's Open;
2. Letter from Golf Canada approving the application for a coaching grant;
3. Letter from the Sport Division acknowledging golf as one of the sports in the 2016 NL Summer Games;
4. Press release announcing Blomidon Golf Club as the Facility of the Year;
5. Memo from the President of Golf Canada providing an update on NSO and Board activities;
6. Press release circulated by Golf Canada announcing Hudson Bay as the apparel supplier for the organization;
7. Sample poster of the 2015 High School Championships was presented for information purposes and;
8. Notice was received regarding involvement in a Participation Report Webinar.

## **Committee Reports**

### a) Competitions Committee

The Competitions Director Jan Peters tabled the minutes of the last committee meeting and noted a number of recommendations including:

*It was moved by Jan Peters and seconded by Adam Stanley that the host for the provincial championships for 2017 will be Bally Haly for the adult and Grande Meadows for the junior; in 2018 the adult will be held at The Wilds and the junior at Terra Nova.*

***Carried***

The committee discussed moving the dates for the provincial championships. There will be meetings with the hosting courses throughout July and August to determine the potential and obtain optional dates for further consideration.

It was noted that the High School Championships will be held at Pippy Park on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and referred to the promotional poster and an announcement circulated to the schools across the province. The Executive Director discussed the potential of sponsorship and was requested to contact Wedgwood Insurance to discuss this opportunity.

The Board discussed the purchase of championship trophies for the winner of each Division at the provincials. Steve Wedgwood will provide the awards and coordinate the development and delivery of same with the Executive Director.

#### b) Financial Report

The Treasurer provided a financial report up to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. At the present time GNL has a bank balance of \$26,814.00 with outstanding accounts receivables (including prior years) in the amount of \$71,295.00 and accounts payable of \$51,385.00. The Board was informed that the accounts receivable appears high due to the fact that the second invoice for membership dues was recently issued to the membership.

#### c) Rules Director

Rules Director Jim Sloan reported that officials have been confirmed for the two provincial championships and individuals are being identified to officiate at the Atlantic Championships in mid-August. The Director reported that he has been invited to officiate at the National Mid-Amateur Championships and has accepted the invitation.

#### d) Course Rating/Handicap Director

Course Rating/Handicap Director Sandra Sparrow had nothing to report at this time.

#### e) Junior Director

Junior Director Jamie Moran reported that the annual Spring Junior Camp was held at Covelly from May 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> with 24 players in attendance and two additional players added to the Provincial Development Team program. GNL participated in the annual SportFest held in Corner Brook on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with approximately 4,000 patrons in attendance.

The spring and summer Development Team Program schedule has been confirmed and the coaching staff will be working with team members on a weekly basis throughout the season. A course management session was held at Pitcher's Pond on June 6<sup>th</sup> as part of the team program and most of the players were in attendance.

*The Board discussed the selection criteria and process for identifying members of the 2017 Canada Summer Games Team. It was moved by Jamie Moran and seconded by Adam Stanley to adopt the policy as presented.*

***Carried***

#### f) Membership Director

In the absence of the Membership Director, the Executive Director noted that work is continuing on the development of a Golf Pass Program and a concept will be presented to the Board for review and comment in the fall.

#### g) Marketing Director

There was nothing new to report at the present time.

#### h) President's Report

The President had nothing new to report at this time.

#### i) Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Chairperson Steve Wedgwood reported that the committee held a number of meetings and is in the process of revising the policy to revamp the Order Of Merit Point System and some editing in terms of the nomination process for various categories. The Director noted that the call for nominations is set for Monday August 3rd with a September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

#### j) Archives

Archives Chairperson Adam Stanley stated that there is no activity to report at the present time.

#### k) Executive Director

The Executive Director reported that he participated in the Provincial Executive Directors meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> via conference call. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the new membership model. It was determined that the implementation plan might be extended for another year. More information will be provided at the next meeting of the group which is anticipated to be held in August.

### New Business

#### a) 2017 Canada Summer Games Player Selection Policy

This subject was addressed and approved under the Junior Committee Report.

#### b) 2017 – 2018 Provincial Championships Recommendations

This recommendation was addressed and approved under the Competitions Committee Report.

#### c) Adult Championships Date Consideration (August)

The above subject was discussed as part of the Competitions Committee Report and will be addressed with representatives of the hosting courses and reviewed by the Competitions Committee in the coming months with an eventual recommendation of dates to the Board.

#### d) 2016 Junior Camp Location

The Executive Director recommended that the 2016 Spring Junior Development Camp be held at Terra Nova Resort and Golf Community on the

weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the recommendation.

e) 2017 National Championships Venue Selection

The Executive Director reported that he has held a number of discussions with Golf Canada regarding the selection of the venue for the 2017 National Senior Women's Championships. It was reported that Golf Canada has received a proposal from Humber Valley Resort to host the event, as well as, Blomidon Golf Club.

The Board discussed the situation and it was agreed that the decision is in the hands of Golf Canada to make the final decision and inform the courses. The Executive Director will contact Golf Canada on this issue.

f) Provincial Championships Update

The Board was informed that plans are being finalized for the hosting of both competitions. There are 94 competitors for the adult championships and 29 competitors registered for the junior. Various aspects of the competitions have been dealt with including sponsorship obligations, initial draws, program booklets, awards, players dinner, prizes and volunteers to assist with starting, scoring, pace of play and fore-caddies. It was noted that due to the change in venue there will be additional costs for the adult championships.

g) St. John's Area Summer Student

The Executive Director reported that despite numerous advertising programs, contacting potential candidates and reaching out to members, GNL has not been successful in securing a summer student for the St. John's region. It was agreed to approach Pippy Park to determine if they can identify a suitable candidate and have the individual work full time at the course.

**Review Action Items**

The list of action items was reviewed and noted that items were being addressed in a timely manner.

**In-Camera Session**

The Board held a brief in-camera session

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Bally Haly Country Club on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M. on a motion by Jan Peters*

### **Action Items**

Minutes/Priorities from Board Meeting  
Plan Strategic Committee Meeting for September  
Meeting Jeff Hillier RE: Vice-President Position  
Develop Travel Policy  
Develop Golf Pass Program  
Book 2016 Spring Junior Camp at Terra Nova  
Plan Fund Development Committee Meeting  
Contact Golf Canada RE; 2017 Nationals  
Contact Pippy Park RE; Summer Student  
Review Constitution/By-Laws for September Board meeting  
Draft LTAD Plan