

**GNL
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
May 4th, 2016**

In Attendance

Steve Wedgwood – President
Adam Stanley – Vice President
Ken Casey - Treasurer
Callum Tulloch – Membership Director
Jim Sloan - Rules Director
Sandra Sparrow - Course Rating/Handicap Director
Jamie Moran - Junior Director
Greg Hillier - Executive Director
Kay Thompson – Golf Canada Governor

Absent

Eddie Bearns - Secretary
Howie Hansford - Competitions Director
Paul Kelly - Marketing Director
Christine Dengel – Regional Director, Golf Canada

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Vice President Adam Stanley.

Agenda

With the addition of Sport Division Grant Status under “Other Business”, it was moved by Jamie Moran and seconded by Ken Casey to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

Minutes

It was moved by Sandra Sparrow and seconded by Ken Casey to adopt the minutes of the March 16th, 2016 GNL Board Meeting as presented.

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

4.1 Organization – Board Insurance Policies

As per the Board’s request, the insurance policy governing Accident, Directors & Officers Liability and Commercial Insurance was distributed for review. The Executive Director noted that there were no major changes from the previous year’s coverage. The President will review the documents to ensure GNL has sufficient coverage. It was noted that this policy was secured through Sport NL and used by a number of PSOs across the province.

4.2 List of Provincial Development Team Players

The Board was presented with a list of players on the 2016 Provincial Development Team. It was noted that 20 players are participating, including seven girls, this year. All are from the west coast, in particular, Blomidon Golf Club. The Executive Director noted that a number of clubs across the province are in the process of reestablishing their junior program. As a result, in three to four years the organization could have a full team of 24 players from all regions of the province.

4.3 Strategic Plan Process

The Board was informed that GNL has secured the Strategic Plan from the Golf Association of Ontario. GNL's draft plan is similar in structure and content yet has its own set of goals and objectives. A meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be scheduled for the latter part of May. It is anticipated that a final draft will be tabled for adoption at the next meeting of the Board...

4.4 Provincial Quota Spot Designation Draft Criteria

The Board reviewed the proposed criteria for the adoption of a policy to consider requests from non-resident players to compete and obtain a quota spot at the Provincial Championships.

It was noted that if the player(s) was/were to obtain a quota spot that he/she would not be eligible for any support whether it be a travel subsidy or uniforms from GNL.

There was a detailed discussion on the overall topic and the Board agreed to table the subject for further discussion at the next meeting.

Correspondence

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

1. GNL received a memo from Golf Canada related to the development of a Diversity Working Enhancement Group to investigate the ways and means of being more inclusive and engaging minority groups into committees and the Board of Golf Canada.
2. GNL received a report from Golf Canada's President Roland Deveau
3. GNL received an invitation from Sport NL to attend the annual Stars & Legends Dinner and Awards

Committee Reports

a) Financial Report

Treasurer Ken Casey reported that the Fund Development Committee has held a number of meetings and plans for the event are progressing. It was noted that the committee has secured three (3) of the six (6) live auction items and twelve (12) of the anticipated eighteen (18) silent auction items. The items range from regional golf packages to fly fishing trips and everything in between.

Through the suggestion of the Auctioneer, the committee will be holding a raffle consisting of five items and a bonus item. Individuals will be able to purchase a raffle ticket package for all items at a cost of \$100.00 or patrons can purchase tickets on each item separately. The items include a Rack of Iceberg, a Dewalt Tool Set, a wine assortment, and a Surface Pro with a bonus draw of a Golf PEI Stay N Play Package.

Wedgwood Insurance will be providing the Hole-in-One Shootout and Putting for cash events. The committee is presently working out details with the sponsor to look at various options for these activities. The next meeting of the committee is slated for May 18th at Glendenning Golf to complete a site visit. Miller Ayre has been confirmed to emcee the event while Wayne Bartlett will handle the auction and overall program activities. The committee is also investigating some live entertainment.

The press release was reviewed and a request was made to have the document sent electronically to the Board.

At this time the Treasurer left the meeting due to a previous scheduled engagement at which time the Executive Director tabled the financial reports to May 2nd, 2016. There was a question regarding the short term loan from AGO and a query on the difference in Glendenning Golf's membership fees.

b) Rules Director

Rules Director Jim Sloan reported that he attended the Level IV re-certification clinic in Moncton and informed the Board that he had received a passing grade. The Level III clinic took place on the weekend of April 15th to 17th with six (6) participants and three (3) individuals challenging the exam. It would appear that one individual was successful in passing the exam but this will only be confirmed once the results have been received from Golf Canada. GNL has requested to host the 2017 National Level IV clinic in St. John's.

The Rules Director is in the process of scheduling officials for the upcoming Provincial Championships, the rules session at the Spring Junior Camp at Terra Nova, and the 2016 NL Summer Games at the Willows. It will be a busy year as GNL's Rules Director and a number of other officials from the province will be involved in the Canadian National Junior Boys Championships at Clovelly from July 31st to August 4th.

c) Course Rating/Handicap Director

Course Rating/Handicap Director Sandra Sparrow reported that she is in the process of scheduling the rating of The Willows in the coming weeks and plans to complete Gander and Grand Falls over the season.

d) Junior Director

Junior Director Jamie Moran reported that plans are well underway for the hosting of the 7th annual Spring Junior Camp at Terra Nova. Four (4) players are registered to date; however, he anticipates 25 to 30 players registered by the deadline date of May 13th.

The Development Team presently has 20 members including seven girls. The team has begun the transition to outdoor sessions at Bally Haly Country Club on the East Coast, and between Harmon Seaside Links and Blomidon on the West Coast. The team is scheduled to complete a Course Management Seminar in Gander on the weekend of June 4th and 5th.

In terms of the Junior Program, Wayne Allen officially began work part-time for GNL on May 2nd and has completed a visit to Labrador to implement the Golf in School Program in Labrador City and Goose Bay. He will be focusing on the West Coast for the next two months. GNL hopes to hire three Regional Junior Golf Instructors through the Summer Student Career Placement Program and these individuals will complete the Community Golf Coach Certification program and work with courses in each region over the summer.

GNL is planning to work with a number of courses to provide weekend junior clinics. These courses include Grand Falls, Gander, Grande Meadows and Pitcher's Pond. GNL has purchased the Flightscope through a grant received from the Sport Division and the equipment should be available for the spring camp.

Plans are underway for participation in the 2016 NL Summer Games in CBS with the golf competition held at The Willows August 14th and 15th. A site visit is planned in the coming weeks. Trials will take place across the province on Sunday June 12th with the trials for the eastern region held on June 19th.

GNL has worked with Blomidon Golf Club to have the course designated as a National Junior Golf Development Center (NJGDC) for the western region. GNL has also held discussions with a St. John's course to work toward the same designation for the eastern region. Recently GNL talked with Bally Haly Country Club regarding the designation and the course has expressed an interest in working towards this designation. Therefore, over the coming months

GNL will provide support both financially and by other means to assist in the designation which is anticipated to occur by the spring of 2017.

e) Membership Director

Membership Director Callum Tulloch reported that the committee held meeting to review and make revisions to a number of documents. The materials for the Golf Pass program have been distributed to the membership and are available for the start of the program on June 1st.

The committee discussed the materials that will be included for the planned meeting of the ladies leagues at Glendenning Golf and Clovelly in early June. The committee has confirmed that Perry Stone will be participating on the committee and the next meeting will be held in mid-September.

f) Competitions Committee

In the absence of the Competitions Director Howie Hansford, the Executive Director reported that the committee has held initial meetings with Gander and Terra Nova. Both courses are in good condition for this time of year and should be in excellent condition for the championships. For the competition at Terra Nova, access to the driving range and putting green was confirmed for the skills competitions on Monday and Tuesday night with the bar area designated for the tournament on Tuesday evening for the players' social, prizes and draws.

Labatt has confirmed a contribution to the championships while Holiday Inn has declined their sponsorship for this year. Other sponsors will be approached to support the Ladies Team Net Championship Trophy.

GNL has confirmed the dates for the 2017 and 2018 championships as follows:

2017 Championships Dates

July 2nd to 5th..... Junior at Grande Meadows

July 9th to 12th..... Amateur at Bally Haly

2018 Championship Dates

July 1st to 4thJunior at Terra Nova

July 8th to 11thAmateur at The Wilds

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 25th.

g) Marketing Director

Marketing Director Paul Kelly was not available due to preparing for the opening of their course; therefore, the report was tabled for the next meeting.

h) President's Report

The President noted that there is a Provincial Council meeting scheduled in the coming weeks but nothing further to report at this time.

i) Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Committee has a meeting scheduled for May 19th at which time the revised policy and list of Order Of Merit events will be reviewed and discussed. It is anticipated that a revised policy will be presented at the next meeting of the Board with a recommendation to adopt same for the coming year.

j) Archives

Archives Chairperson Eddie Bearns was absent and there was nothing to report at this time.

k) Executive Director

The Executive Director has nothing to report at this time as most of the issues and initiatives were addressed during the Committee reports.

New Business

7.1 Member Visitation Report

During the period April 22nd to 29th, the Executive Director conducted the annual course visitation program. The purpose of the program is to provide the membership with updated information on the programs, services and activities of the organization for the coming year and obtain feedback in a one on one setting. Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, meetings with three courses including Pippy Park, Covelly and Humber Valley Resort had to be rescheduled. The two courses in Labrador will be visited in late June.

In reviewing the notes from the meetings, the major concerns included gaining access to membership cards and the process that will be used this year for members new and old to obtain personalized cards. The other major concern is the handicap system. Some of the members do not use the system because it has no supporting programs such as a tournament system. GNL has requested this system to be included but it has not materialized to date.

7.2 Sport Division Operating Grant Status

The Executive Director reported that NL received an e-mail from the Director of the Sport Division, Michelle Healey, regarding the status of the budget for the coming year. In the e-mail it was noted that the annual operating grant program will not be affected by the budget; however, a number of programs including Coaching NL, NL Summer Games and Canada Games will see a decline but this should not impact the overall programs for this year.

Review Action Items

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

In-Camera Session

The Board did not hold an in-camera session.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Bally Haly Country Club on Wednesday June 22nd, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. NST.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. on a motion by Steve Wedgwood.

Action Items

Minutes/Priorities from Board Meeting

Schedule Strategic Plan Meeting – May
Revise Criteria for Quota Spots Allocation
Review Metro Ladies League Information
Coordinate July Adobe Connect Board Meeting