

**Golf NL
Board Meeting
Minutes
September 19th, 2018**

In Attendance

Ken Casey – President
Rex Anthony – Vice President
Len Woodford – Secretary
Jim Sloan – Rules Director
Wayne Allen – Junior Director
Greg Hillier – Executive Director

Absent

Chris Young – Treasurer
Nathan Peters – Competitions Director
Sandra Sparrow – Course Rating/Handicap Director
Ed Roche – Marketing Director

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 P.M. by President Ken Casey

2. Agenda

With the addition of 7.5 Membership Fees and 7.6 Volunteer appreciation event under “Other Business”, it was moved by Jim Sloan and seconded by Wayne Aleen to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

3. Minutes

It was moved by Rex Anthony and seconded by Jim Sloan to adopt the minutes of the June 21st, 2018 Golf NL Board Meeting as presented

Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

4.1 Membership Director’s Position

The nomination committee is still looking to fill this position.

4.2 Go Golf Card Report

A total of 10 courses participated in the Go Golf Card. There were 30 cards sold which was good considering the late start. The cards would have been more attractive if some of the courses in the St. John's area were included. It was hoped to add a couple of courses from the city area for next year. The cost of the cards was \$1,000 and it generated \$1,500. The participating clubs would be given credit against their dues. The Board discussed the ability to pay for the cards online and the executive Director agreed to bring this up at the next marketing committee meeting.

4.3 Junior Scholarship Program

A draft document outlining Golf Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship fund was tabled at the last Board meeting. It was discussed that the fund should be a separate bank account and managed by the Hall of Fame committee. A motion to implement the scholarship fund as per draft document was moved by Jim Sloan and seconded by Len Woodford.

Carried

4.4 Labrador Visitation

The Executive Director visited both the Labrador City Tamarack Club and the Happy Valley- Goosebay Amaruk Golf and Sports Club. The Tamarack Club meeting was productive with full support for the organization, including the Golf in Schools program.

The Amaruk Golf Club is struggling financially with 75 members and is unable to pay their past years dues. They are unable to participate as part of our organization as this time. The club was taken off the website and removed from the scoring center. The club presently owes GNL \$2,100.00 for last years dues.

4.5 Golf Association Partnership Agreement (Revised)

The Board discussed the new agreement that was sent to all the Provincial Associations. It was felt that GNL, unlike some of the larger associations, does not have the staff that may be required to implement the agreement. The Board was happy with the agreement they had signed with the National Association in March which enabled us to focus on growing and taking care of golf in our province.

5. Correspondence

There were four (4) pieces of correspondence to review including:

- i) Memo to Golf Canada RE: Tournament Director Appointment.
- ii) Letter from Sports Division RE: National Championship Travel Subsidy.
- iii) Memo from Golf Canada RE: Appointment of Chief Commercial Officer.
- iv) Letter from Sports Division RE: Approval for Annual Operating Grant.

6. Committee Reports

a) Archives

Archives Chairperson Len Woodford reported that he would meet with the Executive Director to review the items to be archives and discuss the schedule.

b) Competitions Committee

Competitions Director Nathan Peters was absent, his report was deferred until the next meeting

c) Course Rating/Handicap Director

Course Rating/Handicap Chairperson Sandra Sparrow was absent, her report was deferred until the next meeting.

d) Financial Report

Treasurer Chris Young was absent, his report was deferred until the next meeting.

e) Hall of Fame

The Board was given the minutes of the last committee meeting. It was reported that the order of merit awards was addressed, and the committee was waiting on an application for volunteer of the year. The next committee meeting was Sept. 27th, 2018.

f) Junior Director

Junior Director Wayne Allen reported that the work done by Chris Whalen in the Golf in Schools helped feed into the Future Links program. The participation in the Future Links program was up. The committee looked at changing the Telly Tour to make it easier to register and ways to increase participation.

Presently, Team NL has 16 players in the development program with practice sessions in St. John's and on the west coast. Three of the boys made the National event cut. The next camp is at the Humber Valley Resort with presently only 6 players registered. Due to the low turnout, they were looking at ways to get buy in for the end of year event or to have it at a different time of the year.

The Future Links and the Golf in Schools program have been very successful with Chris Whalen doing a great job. The west coast junior program numbers are great with a large group of girls.

Stephenville club, 120 juniors in the Corner Brook Club, 50 in the Deer Lake Club, 45 in the Gander Club and 70 in the Grand Falls Club. A few years ago, some clubs had no junior programs.

g) Marketing Director

Marketing Director Ed Roche was absent, his report has been deferred until the next meeting.

h) Membership Director

In the absence of a Membership Director The Board was encouraged to identify potential candidates to fill the position and forward same to the Executive Director for follow up.

i) Rules Director

Rules Director Jim Sloan reported that he and Bruce would be attending the train the trainer session in October and the new rules were easier to read. The High School tournament at Pippy Park was last tournament officiated. He reported that most of the work now is to prepare for the new rules for 2019.

j) President's Report

The president reported that the provincial Council had met in May with Sue McKinnon as the new Chairperson. The minutes of this meeting were made available to the board.

k) Executive Director

The Executive Director reported that the Executive Directors across the country will be meeting in Tampa, FL and that he would not be attending to do costs for the day and a half meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 Amarak Golf and Sports Club Membership

The club is no longer a member of Golf NL but the Board is hoping they can turn their financial situation around and become a member in the future.

7.2 Request from Tamarack Golf Club RE: 2021 Provincial Championships

The GNL received a letter from the club noting that this was their 50th year providing Golf to Labrador West and that they are applying to hold the 2021 Provincial Championships. There was a discussion on the cost and support required and how the Board could support their request.

7.3 Annual General Meeting

The 1st notice of the Annual General meeting was sent out. It will be held on Wednesday November 28th in the conference room at Sport NL beginning at 4:00 P.M. This year the meeting will be held online via Adobe Connect.

7.4 2019 Partnership Program

The Executive Director has confirmed the renewal of most of the previous partners and a meeting with Jackson Triggs tomorrow to hopefully confirm their support. The Marketing Committee will try to get a major sponsor for Junior Golf.

7.5 Membership Fees

The Board discussed the memo from Golf Canada regarding a three-year plan concerning membership due. The Board felt that they should burden the members with a fee increase next year. It was moved by Jim Sloan and seconded by (name) and there would be no increase in dues for the next year.

Carried

7.6 Volunteer Appreciation Event

The Board discussed the idea of a volunteer appreciation event. A day to bring together volunteers for a round of golf and food. The venue could vary from year to year.

8. Review Action Items

No previous action items to review

9. In-Camera Session

The Board elected not to hold an in-camera session

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of The Board will be held on Wednesday November 14th,2018 beginning at 6:00P.M. NST in the conference room at Golf NL office.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on a motion by Ken Casey.

Action Items

Minutes/Priorities from Board Meeting