



# The New Coach Approach

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## President Berkholtz's Message

Greetings Coaches!

As I write this column, a little more than a week away from the beginning of the boys' season, I am looking out the window at snow on the ground. Weather predictions call for 12 to 20 inches of snow to fall in the northern two thirds of the state. Considering all that, I'm still excited.

I'm excited because the just-completed WHSGCA Spring Clinic was once again a great success. The clinicians, Tom Shafranski of the WIAA, Jerry Kershasky, the Superintendent of Westmoor CC, and Bill Kokott PGA teacher were interesting and very informative. Thanks go out to clinic organizers Dave Blake and MaryBeth Nienhaus.

I'm excited because, after a winter of technical difficulties, Scot Meyer has the WHSGCA web site rounding into shape. The board is encouraging all member coaches to use the web site (WHSGCA.com) to access nomination forms, get information about upcoming events such as clinic dates, meetings, etc., and to learn about the history of our organization.

I'm excited because the WIAA is giving a great deal of thought to what's best for the kids in our programs. Rule changes and modifications include an emphasis on pace-of-play, penalties for endangering others through the throwing of clubs, and extended coaching of

athletes for JV coaches on the golf course. Please check the WIAA web site for clarifications of the rules for high school golf. In addition, Tom Shafranski is very willing to answer any questions you might have. There is a link to the WIAA on our web site.

I'm excited because our summer clinic is shaping up to be one of the best yet. As I'm sure you're all aware, the folks at Blackwolf Run have graciously offered to host our clinic and tournament at the Meadow Valley course this June. The potential is there for next year's event to be at the River Course. If that doesn't encourage coaches to join and be an active part of our organization, I don't know what will. Unfortunately, not all applicants to this year's clinic could be accommodated. Watch for information from Brian Scobel.

And finally, I'm excited because I've had the good fortune to serve you as president for the last two years. Hopefully I've kept you informed and been able to serve as a link to our board and the WIAA. I look forward to working with incoming president John Lonergan and the rest of our board members. Thanks for caring about high school golf in our great state of Wisconsin. Remember the words of that great American humorist Mark Twain- "It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls until they've stopped rolling."

Take care.

Berk

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Meeting called to order by President Bill Berkholtz at 9:35.

Members present were: Bill Berkholtz, John Lonergan, Steve Lien, Don Marx, Chuck Menzel, Brian Scobel, Mary Beth Nienhaus, Mark Rechlicz, Jerry Allen, Mark Johnson.

Members absent were: Anna Curtis, Bob Lehninger, Pete Reif, Dave Blake, TJ Dieck, Dick McKichan, Scot Meyer, Dick Vruwink, Roger Prickette, John Quinlan, Mikki Duran

New board members Jerry Allen from Stanley-Boyd and Mark Johnson from Reedsburg were introduced. Jerry will take over the duties for the awards and Mark will be the new membership chair. Welcome to both.

The low attendance at this and past February meetings was discussed. A possible change will be having our winter meeting the Friday evening before the spring clinic. This change may help for people driving a distance, only one trip instead of two. Maybe the weather will be more predicable. Maybe some of our winter travelers will be back from their southern trips by mid March. We will discuss this at our summer board meeting.

Another item discussed was that we (the board) will draft and send out a letter to all board members about their commitment level to the golf coaches association. We all have priorities in our life. If the golf association board commitment is not a priority (which is fine – everyone's life changes), than we need to know. Some of the jobs that are expected of us are not being done. We depend on those jobs being done in a timely manner and if they are not, it makes the entire association look bad.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: TJ Dieck (through Bill) reported that we are holding our own. Our status is the about the same as last year.

Membership Report: Steve Lien reported that we have 250 members. Steve is starting to see more membership with the boys season fast approaching. We will continue to assign every member a code #. This will help with various forms and record keeping. The forms on the web site will need to be modified for this. Steve will continue his duties until the state tournament. Mark Johnson will then take over. Steve has done a great job as the membership chair. The board thanks Steve for his years of service.

Special Awards: These individuals will be recognized at the summer clinic.

Hall-of-Fame – Kaz

Friend of Golf (PGA) – Rich Tock of Ozaukee G.C.

WHSGCA Friend of Golf – Watertown C.C.

We need to ask for more information on the Hall-of-Fame form. What accomplishments, what honors, hosting tournaments, WHSGCA involvement, summer activities, etc. We also were looking for recommendations from administration of school, past players, colleagues. This form will need to be revised.

Spring Clinic – Mary Beth N. reported that the agenda is set for the clinic and that plans have begun for next years clinic. The Spring clinic is March 12 at Western Lakes. Speakers will be Tom Shafranski of WIAA, Jerry Kershasky will discuss course conditions, Gill Kokott – PGA teacher / clinician, and the WSGA with a rules seminar.

Brian S. reported that the summer clinic at Blackwolf Run is full. We have 92 slots filled. Brian has several coaches on a waiting list. Mark Rechlicz and Brian are looking into the availability of another course in the area for the extra golfers to play. They also are checking on lodging and a meeting location for our Monday's activities.

College Report: Pete Reif was absent, no report.

WIAA – Attendance at a distance learning site or the spring clinic is required by the WIAA. The Feb. 11 issue of the WIAA bulletin was incorrect in its wording of the on course coaching. It will begin in 2005-06 for all non-varsity. This will be a two year trial. The bulletin did not specify non-varsity.

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