

## GCAW Board Meeting 3-17-13—Blackwolf Run

Called to order at 9:06am by President Dick Kyes

**Board Members Present:** Dick Kyes, Brian Scrobel, Ed Carlson, Mark Johnson, John Lonergan, Tom Shafranski, Scott Helms, Bob Sullivan, Jay Christiansen, Andy Delong, Brian Bobinski, Ray Johnson, Carole Zierden, Garth Gerstenberger, Peggy Gierhart, Tonya Gnewikow, Steve O'Brien Not present: Tony Pritchard, Dave Taebel, Ken Barrett, Andy Landenberger, Rob Jansen

**Agenda item #1**—Spring Board meeting minutes approval: Motion to approve by Lonergan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Garth. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report**—Andrea reported that GCAW is on track to have a small profit again this year, assuming the bills for the summer clinic and the college showcase go as planned. Those events are the two largest expenses for the association. Garth motioned to approve report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tonya. Motion carried.

**Summer clinic report by Garth**—Everything is all set for clinic—87 golfers planned for today, 78 for tomorrow. Discussion on where to have clinic next year. Possibilities are Lake Arrowhead, Wild Ridge, Blackwolf/Whistling, University Ridge. John L. mentioned that at some point we should try to take the summer clinic to University Ridge because several coaches would like to play at the state tournament site. Andrea mentioned that she spoke to staff at U Ridge and they are willing to host us, but there is no negotiation for rates. Rates higher than Blackwolf & Whistling. Dirk mentioned that he was willing to keep the pricing structure the same for next year if we want to come back. Dirk would check dates, as they will be pushed back a week next year b/c of the later start for boys golf season. Scrobel motioned to come back to Kohler, Carole 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Membership report** (Mark Johnson/ Ed Carlson)—319 members last year at this time, 341 this year. (Had goal of 350). Breakdown of membership: 17 assistants, 163 head, 20 lifetime, 23 program, 118 school. Membership expires at end of this clinic—will remind coaches tonight of that. Carole asked if a pricing proposal that increases the price for the clinic if not paid by a certain date would help get coaches to sign up sooner. Garth will come up with proposal for pricing for clinic. John said we need to emphasize the clinic portion of the summer clinic so AD's like to pay for it more. Right now too much "golf" on the form and AD's are less likely to pay. Next year the clinic will have a "cover sheet" describing the clinic and person(s) conducting the clinic. Carole motions to accept the membership report, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dirk. Motion carried.

**Officers of GCAW:** Andrea becomes president after summer clinic. Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice pres—Dirk Willis nominated by Andrea. All in favor, no one opposed. Dirk accepts position. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice pres nomination: Brian S. nominates Steve O'Brien, OB has reluctantly accepted the position. All in favor, no one opposed.

**College Showcase Report: (Dirk Willis)** Need to get more players signed up. So far only have 50 players signed up. Last year at this time 84 players—we know Junior Masters is taking away some of the boys.

WE need to get the message out—hoping that Andy Landenberger can send out an email to get message out. Different this year: Waived coaches registration fee. Dirk's concerned about college coaches—several coaches already have commitments, or have not responded. Only 13 coaches signed up right now. Andy will update his schedule and will send email blast. Dirk will still order shirts and hats as adidas/tm is still title sponsor, Andy coordinating volunteers—needed for Sunday and for Monday tournament (to help with pace of play).

**Boys all state report**—Boys all-state teams read by Dick, 72 total nominations, several boys that should have been nominated were not. Garth motion to approve the boys all state, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tonya. All in favor.

Girls placements on all state from 2012—Gabby Curtis from Altoona and Logan Willis from Kohler were voted onto the girls fall all state 1<sup>st</sup> team. Sasha Oosting from Manitowoc received Honorable Mention. Committee will discuss. Lonergan motioned to approve the placement of the girls, Dirk 2nds—All in favor.

Discussion about how we have been retroactively putting girls that play in the spring onto the previous fall's girls all-state team. The girls all-state committee is finding this task to be increasingly harder, especially because the season conditions and courses are completely different. The girls all-state committee believes that the girls who play in the spring season should be honored on boys all state teams. We want to promote girls golf teams—perhaps the teams that have several girls out for golf can get assistance from the WIAA on how to get a program started, and could rely on the WSGA funding (Kaz's survey) to help get a budget going toward starting a program. Brian makes a motion to change the girls who play in the spring all-state selection process to be recognized and honored in the season they play in. Board voted: 3 no's, 1 abstain, all rest in favor, therefore motion carries. We will send out info to coaches so they understand the change.

### **Academic All-State (Bob Sullivan)**

We lowered our standard for this honor last year to a 3.25 gpa, down from the previous requirement of 3.5. 227 girls honored with academic all-state—38 of those had less than a 3.5 gpa. 307 boys received the award. 71 of them had a gpa of less than 3.5

Team all state academic award—25 girls teams submitted total. In D1, winner was Whitefish bay, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Sheboygan North/South, 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Union grove. In D2, winner was Edgerton, Wisc dells was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and West DePere HS was 3<sup>rd</sup>. All other teams received a team academic all-state certificate.

Boys—20 d1 teams nominated, 9 for D2, and 8 for D3. Winners in D1—Slinger 1<sup>st</sup>, Appleton East 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kimberly 3<sup>rd</sup>. In D2—Berlin 1<sup>st</sup>, Winneconne 2<sup>nd</sup>, Clinton 3<sup>rd</sup>. For D3—1<sup>st</sup> is St mary spring, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Random Lake, Shiocton 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bob mentioned that typically the winners were 3.7 to 3.8. The Medals have been sent. Garth motion to accept academic all state report, Scrobel seconded. Motion carried.

**Awards Report:** (Steve O'Brien): 7 hole in ones—Brody Bailey from Baraboo, Grant Aubry from DePere, Tyler Jones from Green Bay East, Josh Smith from Southwestern, Hannah Navrestad from La Crosse Central, Eric Schleicher from Brookfield central, and Eddie Wajda from Brookfield Central. 10 year board award to John Lonergan (Hartford high school).

Friend of golf awards: Michael Burcin & Todd Oehrlein (UW mens and women's coaches), Steve Bailey, Marquette men's golf coach, Jim Ehnert from Wanaki golf course; Hawthorne Hills golf course, Meekwon Park golf course

Media Friend of Golf awards: Tom Skibosh, and Steven Tietz from CNI

1 hall of fame—inducted tonight--Rollie Christensen—Northland Pines hs

Brian motioned to give out another award that could be called the "distinguished coaching award," or "distinguished service award," given to those who are nominated for hall of fame, but do not receive award. Perhaps get rid of 25 year award and change to distinguished coaching award. Will come up with proposal for award for fall board meeting.

**Coach Approach Report**—Andy DeLong—Target date: get articles by June 28<sup>th</sup>—get approach out by July 7<sup>th</sup> with roster of showcase so coaches can see who has entered so far. Andy mentioned that any articles sent to him should NOT be sent in BOLD font.

**Spring Clinic Report**—Ed Carlson—coaches favorable about going back to University Ridge and the indoor facility! More info to come as we check with Todd and Michael to see if they have dates/time available for 2014.

**Website report**—(Ray Johnson) Ray updating website, needs some old files to be able to put on old coach approach newsletters.

**Scholarship Report:** (Jay Christiansen) Committee met early this morning to go over the applications. There were 10 boys who applied, and 9 girls. This is almost double from last year. The committee chose the winners as follows: **Girls:** \$1000 scholarship - Stephanie Baribeau, Rice; \$500 scholarship - Carly Vanderheyden, Notre Dame Academy  
**Boys:** \$1000 scholarship - David Holzer, Hartford; \$500 scholarship - Mitch Toso, Monona Grove  
Bob Sullivan motions to accept, Bobinski 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor

**All-star/Alumni event**—Andrea mentioned that the event for 2013 was tentatively scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> at Trappers Turn in the Dells. However, with lack of time and organization, the event will have to debut in 2014. The plan will be to have Andy Landenberger and Andrea work to find a course and date to get into the wpga schedule. We will send out formal invitations to senior girls who are nominated for all-state next fall, and senior boys nominated next spring.

**WIAA Report** (Tom Shafranski)—

-Golf rules exam—this fall, the exam is the same as this past spring, so if you coached the boys this past season, you would not have to re-take exam.

-ADA students with disabilities—players play different yardages, contact wiaa for specific guidelines—doesn't mean they have to make the team automatically, but please work carefully and don't jump to conclusions—players with disabilities might be allowed on team but not at varsity level—these are issues coming forward in wiaa sports.

-Texting rule—favorable to coaches

-Pace of play—2 to the flag—moving this forward without making them anxious on the course. Wiaa gets administrators to volunteer for the state events. 2 to flag concept is still in infancy—coaches need to explain and encourage players how to use it and play ready golf. Need to explain to spectators and other coaches and players.

-40-second shot clock—need to make sure you have stopwatch or timer on phone—out of position and off time-par—that's when you start to time. Then can give individual player penalties and not group penalties. Start clock when bag goes down. 1<sup>st</sup> person on tee gets 1 minute.

-Managing heat and humidity policy

-Play on sports—partnering with wiaa for events—May be announcing during events and doing live coverage. This year they helped with golfstat.

-University Ridge may do mobile scoring in carts—more “live’ than golf stat perhaps. U ridge will work this out.

-Regional /sectional sites—process of selection of these discussed by Tom, as Brian S asked questions to clarify the process. Regional/Sectional assignments—“circles”—Peggy G. mentioned that she gets lots of complaints from the Madison area with the regionals and sectionals they have been assigned to. Tom said coaches should keep talking to administrators, then can go to Deb Hauser. He also encouraged us to come to advisory with proposal to change the way it is currently done.

-Concern from some coaches that at some sectional sites, not all of the teams that qualified showed up!

-Peggy G. mentioned that 4 scoring 4 players, aka "WIAA Scoring" is too difficult for the players;—it's not helping the players with integrity as it was intended to do, and it's making it harder for the players and perhaps causing extra problems.

-Brian B mentioned that we still have major problems with integrity, and they need to be addressed somehow. Certain coaches and teams are not counting scores correctly or just simply do not know what they have on the hole. (Mostly a problem with the girls.) Perhaps schools that attend sectionals could have a marker for each group—school administrators should be used first as markers—coaches should coach—and we should not get parents involved with this. Still for fall 2014—at Regionals/sectionals/state—4 scores will still be required at those for girls in fall. At advisory—bring proposal for integrity and score-keeping.

Motion to adjourn at 12:05pm by Andy Delong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dirk