

**Golf Committee Minutes
June 15, 2011**

I. Welcome and Roll Call

In attendance for the Golf Committee meeting were: Steve Timko, Bob Baly, Steve Skinner, Frank Ariola, Fred Rolando, David Wunsch, Tony Palombo, Tom Imparato, Robert Henning and Bill Lundy.

Steve Timko called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He began by thanking everyone for all their help with the 2011 golf tournaments.

II. Minutes of June 17, 2010 Meeting

- A. Bob Baly made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2010 golf committee meeting, Bill Lundy seconded motion. Motion approved.

III. Correspondence

- A. Correspondence from Hopewell Valley Golf Club. Duke Kimball, Head PGA Professional at Hopewell Valley Golf Club, sent a letter expressing an interest in holding the 2012 Boy's State Golf Tournament or the Group 3 Central Jersey Sectional Tournament at their club. Steve knows the course and feels that it is an excellent venue; a first rate golf course located in the middle of the state. Everyone agreed that it is an excellent opportunity and since the only fee the club would require is one for lunch, we should take advantage of their offer. Steve would meet with them to answer some of the questions that were raised.

- B. Lydia Siipola was unable to make the meeting, however, sent an e-mail with the following 3 suggestions for the upcoming year:

1. "I have received many inquiries concerning the coaching of girls' golf, etc. Therefore, I would be most interested in running a Girls' Golf Coaching Clinic this fall or spring, 2012. I have received initial approval to run a clinic at Hunterdon Central Regional High School. And I would consider running additional clinics in North or South Jersey as needed."

The Committee agreed this is a good idea and will suggest Lydia coordinate particulars with Jack DuBois, the NJSIAA Director who handles our clinic schedules.

2. "To include Gerri Scarpa (former president of WMGA, NJSWGC) on the committee. Gerri has strong ties throughout the state (as well as the nation) and could help to secure golfing venues for future sectional and state tournaments as well as add insight into the current golf programs. While I understand that she is not involved directly in the secondary education system, the private venue nature of country club golf courses (i.e. local schools do not have jurisdiction over scheduling golf courses as they would a softball, lacrosse fields, etc.) waives the necessity in my view.

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She could be considered an “adjunct” or “advisor” to the golf committee.”

Since Gerri Scarpa is not with the public school system, the Committee would welcome her as an advisor; however, she could not be a voting member of the Committee.

3. “Suggest that all boys and girls playing on high school teams become part of the Golf Handicap Index Network (GHIN), which is free to junior golfers.”

In theory, the Committee agreed with Lydia’s suggestion. Bill Lundy will speak with Mike McAnery at the NJSGA about the particulars.

IV. *Items for Discussion*

- A. Steve reviewed the results of the Sectional Tournaments. Bob Baly asked if anyone had an idea for a golf course for the North Non-Public tournament. Riverdale Country Club was suggested.
- B. Bill Lundy let the Committee know that Bamm Hollow Country Club would no longer be available for the Girl’s Championship because it would be closing. Some suggestions for a replacement course were discussed. Bo Henning would look into using Forsgate Country Club, Bill Lundy would look into Seaview Country Club and Tony Palombo would check with Eagle Ridge Country Club.

Tom Imperato said that Kevin Syring has offered Alpine Country Club for the boys’ Championships, however, the Committee felt that geographically it would be a problem even though it would be an outstanding venue to host the event.

- C. Both Bob and Steve Skinner felt that the 1 p.m. start for the Boy’s State Championships did not work because the tournament didn’t finish up until almost dark. They started too late and the course played slow. All agreed the start time in 2012 would be changed to 11:00 a.m.
- D. Bob Baly brought up the use of the GPS system in high school golf. He asked the Committee to consider letting golfers use the GPS with the stipulation that if someone didn’t have one, they would have to share theirs. Steve Skinner said the NJSGA discourages use of the GPS system at tournaments.

Bob Baly made a motion, seconded by Bill Lundy, that during the regular season, conferences can allow devices that would measure distance only. A vote was taken, motion defeated 4 – 5.

Bill Lundy suggested since the Girl’s Championship Tournament is much more manageable, it be a pilot program and allow GPS use in the girl’s T of C only. He will send out a questionnaire to see how many golfers are using a GPS system. He will also speak with the NJSGA to get a list of approved GPS systems.

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V. *Good of the Order – Committee members for 2011-2012*

- A. Tony Palombo's term on the Golf Committee is ending this school year. He will speak with Jack DuBois and recommend his replacement.

VI. *Regulations for 2012 Tournament – Boys, Girls*

- A. Tony pointed out a discrepancy in the Boy's Golf Tournament Regulations. Rule 9 in the Regulations needs to be updated to reflect the information under Rule 9 in the NJSIAA Constitution. The change will be made in the 2011-2012 Regulations.
- B. The Regulations for the 2012 Boys Tournament were established with May 4th as the cut-off date, May 14th for the Sectionals and May 21, 2012 for the Tournament of Champions.

The Regulations for the 2012 Girls Tournament were reviewed. Entry deadline is May 4th, Sectional dates are May 14th and 15th, and State Championship May 23, 2012.

VII. *Adjournment*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.