



## MICHIGAN SECTION PGA 2016 FALL MEETING

October 24, 2016  
Eagle Eye Golf Club  
East Lansing, Michigan

President Ron Osborne called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to Eagle Eye Golf Club. He thanked Pepsi for sponsoring the meeting. Randy White administered the invocation and remembered deceased member Roy Gunderson and Arnold Palmer.

Ron welcomed special guests John Allen, Chad Seymour, Derek Sprague and all Past Presidents in attendance.

*Motion was made and seconded to accept the 3/21/16 Spring Meeting minutes. Motion carried.*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ron spoke about the following:

- In November, Kevin Helm and the officers will be traveling to the PGA Annual Meeting in New York where the election will take place for the Secretary of the PGA. Russ Libby, Rick Murphy and Jim Richerson are the candidates. Ron and Kevin McKinley will be delegates, with Bob Bales and Doug White attending as alternate delegates. They will go uninstructed.
- Thanked all volunteers that worked the Senior PGA Championship, and acknowledged Brian Cairns who was in the playing field.
- KitchenAid has expanded its partnership with PGA to become the title sponsor of the Senior PGA Championship. This eight-year title sponsorship extends through 2024.
- Overall there has been positive feedback regarding the implementation of BlueGolf this year for Section events.
- Thanked all Committee chairs, Officers, Board of Directors, and Section staff for their dedication to the membership.

Ron then presented outgoing At-Large Directors Roger Bliss, Adrian Jolliffe Doug Kreis, John Pershern and Chris Sobieck with plaques. He appointed Cris Cavitt and ?????????? to serve as Sargent at Arms.

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Kevin McKinley reviewed investments through the third quarter. Account balances at the end of third quarter were \$1,213,909 for the General Fund and \$43,962 for the Foundation Fund.

Kevin Helm reviewed the year-to-date budget through three quarters.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Bob Bales recognized new members, quarter century and half century members, and 2016 Michigan PGA Hall of Fame inductees John Barnum, Steve Braun and Brian Cairns.

### **AT-LARGE DIRECTOR ELECTION**

Honorary President Doug White called for nominations from the floor. Since there were none, Shaun Bezilla, Stephanie Jennings, Dean Kolstad, Doug Kreis and Aaron Waltz were elected by acclamation. Doug administered the oath of office to the five newly elected at-large directors.

### **PRESENT 2016 SPECIAL AWARDS**

All 2016 winners in attendance received their plaques.

## **NEW VOTING PROCESS FOR 2017 SPECIAL AWARDS FINALISTS**

The Board of Directors approved a new online voting process. The timeline is as follows: November 1-4 nominees and bio forms are posted to [www.michiganpgagolf.com](http://www.michiganpgagolf.com); November 14-18 online voting will be open; week of November 25 the finalists will be announced.

## **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

In Chair John Seltzer's absence, Kevin Muir reviewed the following:

- Year-end review of entry numbers/fees - missed budget in 9 of 16 events. Both the Senior PGA and Senior Open were down this year, but had near record years in 2015.
- The 2017 Michigan Open Championship presented by LaFontaine Automotive is returning to Prestwick Village Golf Club and will take place June 12-15.
- Michigan Open – PGA Member Only Qualifier – the Committee approved an increase of exemptions in the Michigan PGA Championship to the top 30 and ties, increase the exemptions in the Michigan PGA Match Play Championship to the final 16, and to still hold the PGA Member Only Qualifier, but eliminate the additional 6 spots that it previously received.
- Overall the Committee was happy with the implementation of Blue Golf.
- Kevin congratulated and acknowledged tournament winners for 2016: Jeff Bronkema, Michigan Open Championship presented by LaFontaine Automotive; Korey Mahoney, Tournament of Champions; Scott Hebert, PGA Championship; Jim Troy, Match Play Championship presented by PGA Tour, and 2016 Player of the Year Scott Hebert.

## **PGA EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REPORT**

Tim Marks briefly spoke about the Department of Labor has revised the minimum salary for most exempt employees. Effective December 1, employees exempt under the executive, administrative, or professional exemptions must make a minimum salary of \$47,476 or \$913 per week (increased from the current minimum salary of \$23,660 or \$455 per week). For clarification and more information, visit the detailed "New Overtime Rule Questions and Answers" section on PGA.org.

## **PGA MERCHANDISE SHOW**

A brief video was shown regarding the PGA Merchandise Show January 24-27, 2017 in Orlando. Further information can be found at [www.pgashow.com](http://www.pgashow.com).

After a short break, the remainder of the meeting was a town hall format with PGA of America President Derek Sprague, District 5 Director Chad Seymour and President Ron Osborne providing updates on PGA topics and then facilitated a question and answer session.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None submitted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

NOTE: Due to the town hall format, the Chapters/Committees did not give verbal reports. Their written reports can be found on [www.michiganpgagolf.com](http://www.michiganpgagolf.com), Section Meeting link.