



## MICHIGAN SECTION PGA 2016 SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

March 21, 2016  
Eagle Eye Golf Club  
East Lansing, Michigan

President Ron Osborne called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Jim Dewling administered the invocation and remembered deceased member Ron Fox.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Osborne welcomed everyone to Eagle Eye, and introduced special guests Frank Chieppa, PGA, Player Development Regional Manager, Hannah Davis and Paige Garber, Folds of Honor Scholarship recipients, Tim Marks, PGA Employment Consultant, Dan McGuire, Blue Golf, and all Past Presidents in attendance. He thanked to PGA National Resort & Spa for sponsoring the meeting, WholesaleGRIPS.com for sponsoring the luncheon and Black Clover for sponsoring the education seminar.

Ron spoke about the town hall format portion of the Spring Meeting to discuss special awards, player development, Blue Golf tournament registration and Governance.

He also spoke about:

- Senior PGA Championship – we are still in need of volunteers. Acknowledged Brian Cairns who will be playing.
- The Board sent out emails and made phone calls to members, most of which were very well received.
- As part of the 100 year PGA Centennial Celebration, the Golf Channel has been airing Section spotlights during a 100 day stretch which started in January. A feature will be done on each Section highlighting diversity, junior golf or Growth of the Game programs. The Section's spotlight video was then shown.
- There will be an election of National officers at the November Annual Meeting in New York.

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

Vice President Kevin McKinley stated that the three operating budgets combined were budgeted to make a profit of \$7,300 for the year and ended up losing approximately (\$4,300), mostly due to awarding approximately \$4,000 more on Growth of the Game than had been budgeted. Corporation was on track to exceed budget, but the two travel Pro-Ams missed projected goals by approximately \$12,000.

Executive Director Kevin Helm stated the Section General Fund account had capital reserves of \$1,136,334, a decrease of (\$32,985). Foundation has \$41,046, a decrease in value of (\$215). Through operations, investment activities, and depreciation net assets decreased by approximately (\$55,000) in 2015. A majority of this decrease was due to losses from investments and depreciation and a very small amount from operations.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Motion was made and seconded to approve the 10/24/15 Fall Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.*

Secretary Bob Bales spoke of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame nomination process and stated the Committee is currently seeing nominations for 2016. He also recognized new members, transferred members into the Section, and quarter century members.

Bob congratulated 2016 Michigan Golf Hall of Fame inductees Ken Allard and Steve Braun, and acknowledged Al Lopez who had the longest tenure at one facility. Al was at Sunnybrook Golf Club for 58 years, and has been a PGA Member for 58 years.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Kevin Helm thanked the staff, Officers, Board, and Committees who have helped support our programs, initiatives, sponsors, etc. He briefly recapped his ED report which was submitted to the membership via email.

## **PGA EMPLOYMENT REPORT**

Tim Marks urged the membership if they haven't completed the 2016 Compensation Survey to please do so. The survey is a vital tool for the membership and for him when he works with employers to offer appropriate compensation for job postings. Michigan is 6<sup>th</sup> place nationally, with a 60% completion rate. The deadline is March 31.

## **Patriot Golf Day**

Chair Kevin McKinley stated that donations in 2015 so far totaled \$257,638.54 from 68 facilities (average of \$3,788.80 per facility), which ranks 5<sup>th</sup> of the 41 Sections....we were 7<sup>th</sup> in 2014, which is an improvement by over \$57,000. At tomorrow's Spring Meeting there will be a table in the lobby with raffle tickets.

Kevin then introduced Hannah Davis and Paige Garber who both gave heartfelt speeches on how the Folds of Honor scholarships have helped them.

## **Tournament Report**

Chair John Seltzer highlighted a few items for 2016:

- Fall Pro Am – the Committee recommended Scottsdale, Arizona for fall 2016 and Biloxi, Mississippi for March 2017.
- This is the last year for the Michigan PGA Championship at Egypt Valley and the Michigan Open Championship at Prestwick Village. Section staff will pursue a new venue for the Michigan PGA Championship for 2017, 2018 that is a Club Car facility, and also pursue a site and sponsor for the Michigan Open in 2017, 2018.
- A new event Club Car Pro Official presented by the DLL Group is September 8 at Dearborn Country Club. The format will be a 2 team net best ball, where only the professional can bring and team with up to 3 officials. The Official must be one of the following: Course Owner, Club Manager, Club Officer, Board Member, Handicap/Tournament/Membership/Greens Committee Chair, Golf Course Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.
- The Committee was asked to review allowing A-14's to form teams with A6's in the Pro Assistant Championship. The Committee felt it was important to keep the traditional Pro-Assistant eligibility the same.

After a short break, the rest of the meeting was a town hall format with President Ron Osborne facilitating question and answer subjects regarding special awards, player development, Blue Golf tournament registration and Governance.

Meeting concluded at 12:30 p.m.