

IESGA Board Meeting, October 8, 2020 at Liberty Lake Golf Club

President Larry Kincaid called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. and welcomed the new board members and said farewell to board member Jack Lawson.

In attendance were President Kincaid, Vice President Randy Allen, past president Jack Lawson, tournament chairman John Hanke, Secretary Joan Lawson, board members Jon Solberg, Mike Hemmingson, Lee Paul, Doug Kearsley, Steve Jones, Joel Rogers, Mike Ruscio and Pete Frederickson.

Joan Lawson read the minutes from the previous board meeting. Motion made to approve by Allen and seconded by Kearsley, motion passed, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report prepared by Treasurer Kahl was handed out to the attendees. The Old Goat pay out was discussed; whether it should be gift card or check and it was decided that it should be check. It was moved and seconded that the payouts to winners of the Old Goat should be by check instead of gift certificate. Motion was approved. The February 2021 golf show was discussed and if it is cancelled how would we market new membership. Rogers mentioned the possibility of attending mens' club pre-season meetings at the local courses to discuss our organization which would give their members an alternative for tournament play other than their club's tournament play. It was also mentioned that we could put our business cards on the local course's bulletin boards. Lee Paul suggested putting an advertisement in the Inland Northwest Chipshots e-newsletter. A \$100 increase in the stipend for the officers and webmaster was discussed and approved. Joel moved to approve the increase, it was seconded and motion carried. Membership was discussed and it was agreed that it is important to attract new members due to attrition to keep the organization going. Annual banquet costs were discussed; the amount the IESGA subsidizes is increasing and it was decided to raise the cost to the members from \$25 to \$30 per plate. Motion was made by Rogers to increase the cost of the meal to \$30, seconded by Kearsley, motion carried. Treasurer's and budget report were reviewed and approved.

Tournament Chairman's Report

Hanke recognized Doug Kearsley and Joan Lawson for filling the Webmaster and Secretary positions. The tournament schedule for next season was discussed; most of the courses have already responded but John is still waiting for some to get back to him. Joel Rogers gave a presentation about the handicapping for the IESGA tournaments and some of the inequalities with the method. Handicap Chairman Hanke explained how the current handicap system works and that nothing can be done to change the inequalities brought up by Joel. It was agreed that there are some inherent unfairness issues but the system can't be changed to address this situation. We need to keep the current system because not all of the members have a GHIN. The issue of 80 year or older members who are in a flight other than D flight being able to play from the forward tees was discussed. Hanke said that we can do that if the other than D flight player who chooses to play from the forward tees can not enter the honey pot and their handicap would be adjusted for the forward tees. Lawson made a motion to that effect, seconded by Rogers, motion carried. Hanke suggested that for the Old Goat competition, a player who normally plays in a particular flight stay in that same flight for the club championship.

New Business

Allen and Solberg discussed the Meadowwood and Liberty Lake system for entering and paying for tournaments on-line instead of mailing entry forms. The Board requested Allen and Solberg to research the cost and other aspects of the on-line system and report back to the Board. The possibility of raising dues by \$5 dollars was mentioned to help with the increased cost if this system is implemented. Allen thanked the officers for their hard work during these unusual times.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.