

## **IESGA Board Meeting, September 27, 2023 at Liberty Lake Golf Course**

President Pete Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Steve Jones, Past President John Mantello, Treasurer Lee Paul, Tournament Chairman John Hanke, Webmaster/Assistant Tournament Chairman Doug Kearsley, Secretary Joan Lawson, Board members Brad Berg, Mike Hemmingson, Larry Kincaid, Jack Lawson, Dennis McGuire, Jeff Peck and Mike Ruscio.

President Fredrickson began the meeting by stating that Lee Paul nominated one new member to the board: Scott Petersen. Pete Fredrickson, Mike Hemmingson and Steve Jones volunteered to serve another term on the board. The membership will vote on those four individuals during the annual meeting.

### **Secretary's Report**

Correction to the membership: 348 members this season not 347 and 79 new members. In preparation for the meeting, one member had not been entered on the spreadsheet. Brad Berg and I have met twice to discuss the Secretary duties that he will be assuming in 2024. The board meeting minutes from August 7, 2023 were reviewed by the board and posted to the website. Motion to approve the minutes was seconded and the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lee prepared a treasurer's report (balance sheet and cash flow statement) for the annual meeting which he will present to the membership. He also prepared a 2023 Review and 2024 Draft Budget for the board members. The main difference for the 2023 budget and actual is that he used an average green fee cost of \$36 and actual was \$44 due to some of the courses including the cart with the green fee. License renewal and office expenses were higher than normal due to the cost of reinstating our license and increased cost for printing and mailing the Spring mass mailing. Both of these line items are expected to be lower next year. The 2024 budget for lodging, Go Daddy website and board expense are all lower than what was projected in the 2023 budget. Lee is projecting a \$2500 budget surplus for the first time in recent history. Lee noted that most of the income and expenditures are complete at this point and the Association is in very good financial condition. Jack Lawson moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Jeff Peck seconded and the motion was approved.

### **Website Report**

Doug Kearsley encouraged everyone on the board to use the online entry process. The goal is to eliminate paperwork as much as possible while still accommodating those members who don't have computers. The on-line form has been improved by eliminating the tournaments already played and listing only the remaining tournaments to click on and enter. This winter a video demonstrating how to use the online forms will be posted to the website in an effort to increase participation. Doug reported that there have been 76,000 visits to the site this year and an average of 10,000 a month. IESGA certificates can be used with the online process but only for the "mail check to IESGA" option not for the credit card payment option. There was some discussion about adding the IESGA to the list of vendors accepting certificates on the website but it was decided that the practice would continue but not to publicize it on the website. This causes more work for the Secretary and Treasurer and a motion was made to allow payment in the form of certificate but not to carry any balance forward. Lee Paul noted that \$7,053 in certificates were used by members as payment and about \$15,000 was paid to vendors who redeemed certificates. Motion made, seconded and approved to continue accepting certificates as payment but not to carry forward balances on certificates.

### **New Business**

Compensation for the officers' meal at the year end event was suggested since there would only be one instead of two lodging expenses comped. It was moved and seconded to comp the officers' meals and the

motion was approved. Change bylaw wording under Terms, from “shall elect **three** to shall elect **four** eligible seniors” to get in sync with what we are currently doing. The members will vote to appoint four board members at the annual meeting. The IESGA will participate in the golf show again this year along with a raffle to win a free 2024 membership. Lawson brought up increasing the payout for a hole in one from \$100 to \$250. Steve Jones moved and Jack Lawson seconded to increase the hole in one payout to \$250 and the motion was approved. Lee Paul suggested starting a scholarship for a deserving young golfer to help with competition and travel expenses. The amount suggested is \$1,000 and would be based on financial need. Dennis McGuire and Lee Paul volunteered for the committee and will present their findings to the board for a vote. Brad Berg brought up that 2024 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IESGA and to celebrate this milestone the Association could award \$50 in a random drawing for each tournament. Must play in the tournament to be eligible and prize money will be included in the regular first and second half payouts. Steve Jones suggested giving a memento for the 50 year anniversary. Brad Berg and Steve Jones will take this on. Dennis McGuire made a motion to hold a random drawing for each tournament in 2024; Jack Lawson seconded and the motion was approved.

### **Tournament Chairman’s Report**

John Hanke distributed the 2024 Tournament Schedule. The city and county course green fees and Palouse Ridge are the same rate as this year. Doug Kearsley related that Wild Horse and Circling Raven rates were quite difficult to negotiate this year, Wildhorse will be \$73 with cart included and Circling Raven will be \$99 with cart included. There was discussion about including Circling Raven in the Old Goat due to the higher green fee. It was pointed out that Moses Lake might be a good alternative if Circling Raven becomes too expensive in the future and participation decreases. Lee Paul reported that participation was very good at all of the out of town tournaments this year. John Hanke proposed to make the final event for the season a regular tournament instead of a scramble to get better attendance for golf and the banquet. It will be limited to the first 144 players to enter with Old Goat participants given priority to enter. It will be called The Old Goat Tournament with a shotgun start and will count for two points. This format should give members more incentive to participate in the Old Goat and the scramble format has not been as well received. Steve Jones moved and Dennis McGuire seconded to hold the Old Goat Tournament described above on October 2, 2024. Motion was approved. Lee Paul will review the bylaws to make sure this is in compliance since the bylaws state that the concluding tournament is the club championship. John Hanke asked for input regarding the existing policy of allowing players 80 years and older to play from the forward tees. Some of the D Flight players have expressed concern about the policy especially as it affects the lower handicap players in this group to compete fairly in the gross club champion. He is thinking of allowing all players in all flights to be able to choose any tee to play from for each individual tournament with the understanding that they would **only** be eligible for the Deuce and Net side games, **not** the Gross, Honey Pot or KP’s. John Mantello brought up trying combo tees but John tried in the past and couldn’t trust the results; impossible to monitor which tees were actually played from. Doug Kearsley indicated there would be a box to check for which tee to play from on the tournament entry forms next year. It was decided that it would be John’s decision whether to implement this new policy.

John Hanke presented the Flight C Low Gross Award of \$50 cash to Mike Ruscio.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am