



**MICHIGAN SECTION PGA
2010 FALL MEETING**

**October 11, 2010
Eagle Eye Golf Club
Bath, Michigan**

President John Lindert called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Lindert welcomed everyone to Eagle Eye Golf Club. Jim Dewling gave the invocation and remembered deceased members Leonard Cone and Ramon Peterson.

President Lindert welcomed special guests John Allen, Legal Counsel, Tom Kendrick, Career Services Consultant, and former Executive Director Ken Devine.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 3/22/10 Spring Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

John thanked the membership for their support in assisting other members in need during the past year. He also thanked all Committee chairs, Officers, Board of Directors and Section staff for their dedication to the Membership.

John talked about the PGA of America Annual Meeting in November. Since he is a member of the Board of Control, the delegates for the Meeting will be Gary Koenes and Doug White. Ron Osborne and Bill Rogers will serve as alternates. *A motion was made and seconded instructing the delegates attending the Annual Meeting go uninstructed. Motion passed.*

President Lindert also spoke of the three resolutions that are being voted on:

- Resolution 1, allows members a faster path to recover their active status should they fall into Class F status due to not achieving their MSR. The Resolution requires the member to only meet the MSR requirement of the current cycle to get out of Class F. Members may remain in Class only one PDP cycle.
- Resolution 2, modifies the PGA membership requirements for PGA Golf Management University Students by requiring additional work experience following graduation.
- Resolution 3, will award retroactive work experience credits to individuals who successfully complete all three Levels of the PGA PGM within the eight year Acceptable Progress time period for the time they were eligibly employed as apprentices while on suspension.

We are in our second year using the Section Admin Program. While the program in itself has improved and Staff has become more comfortable using it, there have still been some delays in paying out Chapter purses. President Lindert explained that these delays were most often due to the Section office not receiving complete event details or sponsor money from the Chapter/host site.

John and the Board of Directors will be assembling a Strategic Planning Committee who will get together November 15-16. As was done ten years ago, it will be made up of members from each chapter.

President Lindert appointed Josh Lathwell and Joe Pollack to serve as Sargent at arms.

Lastly, he urged the membership to support and attend the Fall Merchandise Show following the meeting today, and pointed out that once again we have had an overwhelming response from vendors and sales representatives. PGA National Resort & Spa has sponsored the luncheon.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gary Koenes reviewed investments through the third quarter. While the report shows a decrease of approximately \$116,000, Gary pointed out that we had withdrawn approximately \$153,000 to pay off the mortgage on the office building. This move will save the Section approximately \$10,000 per year in interest and we plan to pay the monthly mortgage amount into our investments to start rebuilding the amount.

Kevin Helm reviewed the year to date budget through the three quarters. We are on track to have a good financial year. He expects that we will exceed budget in both Association and Foundation, and come pretty close to meeting budget in Corporation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Doug White spoke of the MSR period ending June 15, 2011, where 54 credits are required (mandatory 12 from Education and 12 from Meeting attendance). If a member is deficit credits as of June 15, 2011, you will be transferred to Class F. The Bylaws require Class F Members to earn any deficit MSR from any prior cycle as well as current MSR in order to transfer out of Class F. The new MSR period runs from June 15, 2011 – June 15, 2014 (back to 3 year cycle).

Doug acknowledged and welcomed new Michigan Section Members, quarter and half century members as well.

AT-LARGE DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

President Lindert asked for nominations from the floor. The winners of the election were Bob Bales, Brian Cairns, Paul Lehnert, Kevin McKinley and Karen VandenBerg.

John administered the oath of office to the five newly elected at-large directors.

VOTING FOR 2011 SPECIAL AWARDS FINALISTS

Special Awards Chair Wally Sierakowski reviewed procedure for determining our Special Awards winners and indicated the candidates to be voted on as finalists for the 2011 Special Awards. Each of the following members will have an interview with the Special Awards Committee:

Assistant Golf Professional – John Gates, Kelly Sivier
Bill Strausbaugh Award – Dick Stewart, Mark Wilson
Golf Professional of the Year- Dave Mocini, Gary Smithson
Junior Golf Leader – Brian Cairns, Scott Wilson
Merchandiser of the Year-Private – Pat Crowell, Kevin Muir
Merchandiser of the Year-Public – Jeff Stalcup, John Paul Westbrook
Merchandiser of the Year-Resort – Brad Dean, Kevin O'Brien
The Patriot Award – Bob Koutnik, Wally Sierakowski
PGA Horton Smith – Rob Fuhrman, Jordan Young
President's Plaque – Frank McAuliffe, Jordan Young
Teacher of the Year – Brad Dean, Jordan Young

The Committee will then decide the winner of each category and they will be announced at the 2011 Spring Meeting. All 2010 special award recipients in attendance were awarded their plaques. Wally thanked the Committee members as well as staff member Carrie Bates.

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR REPORT

Dave Mocini talked about the Ryder Cup being a challenge this year with the weather and the schedule. He also thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as District Director. Gil Gusweiler from the Southern Ohio Section is taking his place and will do a great job.

CAREER SERVICES CONSULTANT

Tom Kendrick, Career Services Consultant, delivered a powerpoint presentation highlighting ways for PGA Members to prepare to succeed. He also reviewed numerous areas on pgalinks beneficial for resume writing, CareerLinks jobs, best practices and the compensation survey area.

He did urge members to make sure you are getting the most out of CareerLinks by reviewing and updating your CareerLinks Profile. If any member would like assistance with any PGA employment services, please contact Tom at (513) 738-9943, or tkendrick@pgahq.com.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Eastern Chapter

Matt Barton congratulated Jordan Young as the 2010 Chapter Champion.

Northern Chapter

Ian Ziska thanked the board and host professionals. He also recognized Scott Hebert as the 2010 Chapter Champion, Dan Flynn, winner of the Assistants Championship, Brad Dean, Match Play winner, and Lee Houtteman, the 2010 Northern Chapter Player of the Year.

Western Chapter

Ron Osborne thanked the officers and host professionals. He also recognized Gary Smithson as the 2010 Chapter Champion, and as the 2010 Western Chapter Player of the Year.

Senior's Organization

Gary Robinson recognized 2010 Senior Open winner Steve Wells, and Jerry Pasco as winner of the 2010 Senior PGA Championship and earning 2010 Player of the Year honors. Senior Open Honorees were Max Anderson and Thom Rosely. He also thanked Dave Mocini, host pro for the Senior PGA Professional Championship at Charlevoix Golf & Country Club, and announced that the Senior's Organization had agreed to return in 2011 for a second year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education

Brian Cairns talked about survey going out to the members asking for what educational opportunities they would be interested in. A late February 2011 seminar will hopefully be held based on recommendations.

Employment

Karen VandenBerg and the Committee, in conjunction with Tom Kendrick, are calling on over 230 courses in Michigan that do not employ a PGA Member. She thanked Rob Karnes for all of his help in preparing a document that provides ideas/best practices for members negotiating their contracts with their facilities.

Growth of the Game

Bob Bales reviewed events that the Committee worked on in 2010:

- West Michigan Golf Show – members gave over 472 lessons
- Play Golf America – June 3 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Dennis Walters joined us again with free lessons, demos and a junior skills challenge; July 24 - Pheasant Run Golf Club hosted the second Play Golf America Day which was geared towards minorities and women. This event was a NEW initiative by PGA of America and Michigan is one of six sections across the country that hosted this type of event.
- Sparrow Health Classic - the Michigan PGA assisted in the event at Eagle Eye Golf Club on June 16, and was a function of the Sparrow Foundation benefiting Children's Miracle Network. PGA Professionals provided instruction for participants in the event prior to the afternoon shotgun.
- Michigan International Speedway - once again set up 2 inflatable hitting nets in vendor area during June Nascar Races. Members gave over 600 free lessons.

Thank you to all of the PGA Members that supported these events.

Merchandise Show

Brian Sanderson gave a brief overview of his Committee members who are both PGA Professionals and manufacturers. He explained that the focus of the committee was to discuss improvements for the Show and various ways to improve awareness. He thanked all committee members and staff member Diane Lazaros.

Teaching Summit

In Jordan Young's absence, Brian Cairns stated that the Committee would like to conduct workshops specific to technology, equipment and the internet. The second Teaching & Coaching Summit will be March, 2011.

Tournament

Gary Smithson talked about the upcoming November 10 Tournament Committee Meeting. He also congratulated the 2010 major event champions Ryan Brehm, Michigan Open, Andy Mathews, Tournament of Champions, Ron Beurmann, Michigan PGA Championship, and Brian Cairns, Match Play. Once again, Scott Hebert is the 2010 Michigan PGA Player of the Year. Gary highlighted some date changes for the major events and urged everyone to note them as they set their club calendars for 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

OPEN FORUM

President Lindert explained the make-up of the Board of Control and that they have control over all membership matters.

Executive Director Kevin Helm thanked the Section Staff and former staff member Tim Czelada, who now works for Midwest Golf & Turf. He congratulated Justin Phillips who will take over his responsibilities. The deadline for resumes for the junior tour director position is October 15.

Ron Osborne read a letter from Dean Marks thanking the members for their generous donations during this difficult time in his life.

Wally Sierakowski thanked all 3 chapters for hosting the military pro ams.

Ron English congratulated Mark Wilson on his professionalism at the 2010 PGA Championship.

Jeff Stalcup spoke of the 2011 and 2012 Michigan Open to be held at The Orchards. They are proud to be hosting and encouraged everyone to participate.

Glen Pulice thanked all of the volunteers of the Midnight Golf Program. He also asked for donations of putters.

Pat Damer expressed concern over the decrease in recent facilities employing PGA Members over the past few years. He encouraged the Employment Committee and Tom Kendrick to really focus on this negative trend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.