

Pacific Northwest Golf Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2013/Seattle Golf Club/Seattle, Washington

I. Call Meeting To Order - PNGA President Bob Black called the meeting to order at 8:01 am. There were approximately 107 Club Representatives in attendance.

Troy Andrew, CEO/Executive Director of the PNGA, “introduced” us to the staff by presenting a tongue-in-cheek but informative video of the staff and their various rolls. “A Day In The Life of the PNGA Staff.”

Troy presented the new PNGA Club Representative Handbook to reintroduce the Club Representatives program. The Representatives are the backbone of the organization and the PNGA needs the Club Representatives to please get that information out to their members. He also thanked them for all they do and the hours they put in volunteering. Troy then thanked the Club Representatives Committee that was formed through the Strategic Planning sessions held last year. Cliff Shahbaz is the chairman of the committee with representatives from each of the zones. Sheri Jacobson, working with Cliff and the committee, put together this handbook. Troy asked that everyone makes sure the PNGA has their contact information.

Troy then talked about the launch of the the new PNGA website, produced by Abell Smith, PNGA’s Web Developer and Content Manager. There will be a Club Representatives’ tab starting next week. The Club Representatives will be given a User ID and Password to log in to that section of the site.

Next a three-part video was shown. It was produced by PNGA Senior Director of Communications and Marketing/Editor of the Pacific NW Golfer, Tom Cade:

“PNGA Communications and Marketing”

“PNGA Championships”

“PNGA Womens’ Division”

These will be posted to the Club Representatives section when it launches.

Troy then addressed the PNGA eliminating the PNGA Pub Links tournaments. The PNGA is following the lead of the USGA. Participation was going down and also these Pub Links tournaments excluded some players, those from private clubs. None of the other tournaments do that.

In keeping with long-time tradition, the mic was passed around the room to all the Club Representatives for them to introduce themselves. President Black especially welcomed all the new Club Representatives.

II. 2012 PNGA Player of the Year Presentations - Championship Chairman, Ben Stodghill and PNGA Senior Director of Rules and Competition, Scotty Crouthamel, presented the 2012 PNGA Players of the Year:

- * Men's Player of the Year, Chris Williams (#1 amateur in the world)
- * Women's Player of the Year, Erynne Lee
- * Men's Mid-Amateur, Kevin Carrigan
- * Women's Mid-Amateur, Christina Proteau
- * Junior Boy's, Adam Swensson
- * Junior Girls', Jisoo Keel
- * Senior Men's, Tom Brandes
- * Senior Women's, Alison Murdoch

Kris Jonasson, Executive Director British Columbia Golf, thanked the PNGA and its locally allied associations for the opportunity it provides for amateur golfers in the Pacific Northwest.

III. Minutes of the April 28, 2012 PNGA Annual General Meeting, in the absence of Secretary Dale Jackson, CEO, Troy Andrew presented the minutes. A MOTION was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the reading of the April 28, 2012 PNGA Annual General Meeting minutes and accept them as published.

IV. Minutes of the April 26, 2013 PNGA Board of Directors' Meeting, in the absence of Secretary Dale Jackson, CEO, Troy Andrew presented the minutes. Troy read an abbreviated version of the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held the previous day, April 26, 2013.

V. Finance Committee Report - in the absence of Treasurer Robin Anderson, CEO, Troy Andrew presented the financial highlights for the fiscal year 2011 - 2012. A slight surplus of \$3,443 was due to the staff watching expenses and the magazine being profitable. Membership participation with our allied golf associations had been declining in the past few years but we saw it flatten a bit this past year which is encouraging.

VI. USGA Report - Larry Gilhuly, USGA Greens Section Director Northwest Region. Larry presented the report on the USGA and the changes being made to Chambers Bay Golf Course for the 2015 US Open. There will be 4500 volunteers needed. This will be the biggest sporting event ever conducted in the Pacific Northwest. 45,000 spectators per day are expected.

Emily Van Doehren, USGA Senior Director, Regional Affairs. Emily gave an overview of what the USGA does and their agenda and focus for the next five years.

Some highlights were:

- Making the game more enjoyable (play it forward)
- Making the game more affordable (keeping costs down)
- Making the game faster to play (pace of play)

- Making the game more inclusive (diversity, juniors)

She reiterated that the state and regional golf associations are very important, especially the PNGA. They are looking to strengthen these relationships.

Mark Passey will be the new USGA Director of Regional Affairs, Central Region. They are looking to fill more positions.

She discussed the Boatwrights Intern Program.

The USGA is retiring the public links championships in 2014, with the Home Course hosting the last US Women's Public Links tournament.

US Amateur 4-ball Championship and US Amateur Women's 4-ball championship will be offered in 2015. This allows player teams to have partners that are from different states or regions.

VII. Nominating Committee Report - Dr. Jack Lamey. Dr. Lamey presented the PNGA Nominating Report and it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the slate as presented.

Elected for three year terms to the Board of Directors were:

Name	Club	Zone
Denny Taylor	Arrowhead GC	1
Kent Brown	Dominion Meadows	2
Ben Stodgill	Bellevue Municipal	3
George Jonson	Broadmoor GC	3
Dale Jackson	Royal Colwood GC	4
Ed Burke	Hayden Lake CC	5

Dr. Lamey also reported that Jerry Streier from Idaho, Zone 1, has resigned. The PNGA Board had selected Scott Masingill to replace him for the remainder of Jerry's term for one year.

VIII. Announcements of PNGA officers for 2013-2014 - Nominating Chairman, Dr. Lamey, announced the PNGA Officers for 2013-2014:

President	Robert Black - Meadow Springs GC, Richland, WA (Zone 3)
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Treasurer	Robin Anderson - Ellensburg GC, Ellensburg, WA (Zone 2)
Secretary	Mary O'Donnell - Overlake G & CC, Bellevue, WA (Zone 3)
Vice President - Zone 1	Larry Giustina - Eugene CC, Eugene, OR
Vice President - Zone 2	Kent Brown - Dominion Meadows GC, Colville, WA
Vice President - Zone 3	Ben Stodghill - Bellevue Municipal GC, Bellevue, WA
Vice President - Zone 4	Peter Fibiger - Representative At Large, Victoria, BC
Vice President - Zone 5	Ed Burke - Hayden Lake CC, Hayden Lake, ID
Immediate Past President	Dr. Jack Lamey - Seattle GC, Seattle, WA

IX. The Home Course Report - Home Course President, Bill Bergstrom. Bill reported that profit was slim, just under \$53,000. The challenge was the all the rain. Normal rainfall is 35” /year. 2012 had 51”. With the diligence of Ron Hagen, Director of Golf, and Kelly Donaldson, Golf Course Superintendent, they were able to make the profit. Bill shared a couple of TV video ads that Tom Cade, Senior Director of Communications and Marketing, put together.

X. Old Business: There was no old business.

XI. New Business: Sharon Johnston, General Chair for the 2014 Pub Links Championship at The Home Course, reported that on September 20, 2013, the first fund raiser for the event will be held at the Home Course.

A moment of silence was held for Bill Mays. The PNGA Board of Directors’ elected him “President at Rest” for all that he did for the Home Course and the PNGA.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Donnell
Secretary, PNGA