

The Minutes of GOLF BRITISH COLUMBIA Zone 6

Minutes of Zone 6 Annual General Meeting Arrowsmith Golf Club, October 23, 2010

The Chair, Steve Watson, called the meeting to order at 9:30A.M., welcomed the attendees and ask each one to stand give his name and what club he represents, Steve also welcome a guest, Dee Horie Director BCGA.

Steve Commented on how pleased he was with the events of 2010 and what a strong committee Zone 6 has, and its continued efforts to serve the players in this region. He thanked each member of the committee for there efforts and asked for their continued support for 2011. Steve's Chair Report that follows the minutes covers many of the activities.

At this time Steve took time out to thank Mr. Gordon Campbell whom earlier had announced that he was retiring as Vice Chair after 15 years of quality service to BCGA Zone 6. Gordon held many offices over those years and his performance and dedication was exemplary. Steve presented Gordon with a small gift to show our thanks for his service to the Zone. he will be missed.

Secretary Treasurer Bob Monaghan presented an interim budget as head office had not yet provided the year end numbers for him to be able complete the report, a discussion was held regarding the additional amounts of financial support made available for the qualifying players representing the zone to cover the travel costs to Provincial Events and how welcome this change was. A copy of the report was given to each delegate and Bob assured them that a copy of the final report would be posted on the website as soon as the final numbers become available.

Tournament Chair Jim Collie presented his report for 2010 commenting on the success of the Club Challenge event at Eaglecrest with 16 courses from Zone 6 being represented, this was the 2nd year for this fun event and most of the teams are made up with the higher handicap players included. Jim announced that the 2011 event would be held at Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Club. Our Zone Senior and Amateur Qualifier will be held at Story Creek.

Pat Irwin informed the group about the success of the 2010 Junior Program and announced some changes he was planning for 2011. His Snag Golf program is growing and Pat was heading over to the Sunshine Coast to run clinics in 5 schools in that area. Some of the highlights of Pats year was to see the success of players like Braydon Eriksen for example and he is looking forward to more in 2011.

John Davis informed the group of his Rules Team members and the events and training sessions they attended, his report below lists these events, and John is looking forward to a very busy 2011. John also thanked the Zone 6 Committee for the financial support they provided in 2010 and was pleased it was going to carry on into next year.

The 2009 AGM minutes having been posted on our website were presented..
Motions were moved and seconded that these reports be accepted and were passed by a majority

Election of Zone 6 Committee Member:

Chairman Bob Bagnall representing the nominating committee introduced nominee Mr. Al Ross for Vice Chair to fill this vacancy. Bob then asked for any further nominees from the floor, there being none Mr. Al Ross was elected to this position for 1yr. This completes the officers for the 2yr term 2010/2011 they are: Stephen Watson--Chair. Al Ross--Vice Chair Bob Monaghan--Secretary/Treasurer and Pat Irwin for Director for Junior Development.

Election of ZONE 6 DIRECTOR:

Bob Bagnall introduced Gerry Walker as the current director and asked for nominations from the floor for this office thru 2012 none being put forward Gerry was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Walker then gave us an update on affairs in the province, and also his continued concern with the overall decline in numbers of golfers in the province.

The following are "ex officio" members of the Zone Committee:

Lynn Benedictson - BCGA Director

Gerry Walker - BCGA Director

Following the election of officers, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11.15am
Lunch and Golf event followed.

Bob Monaghan, Secretary/Treasurer:

REPORTS To follow.

Zone 6 Chair's Report for 2010

This is the time of the year to reflect back to determine how things went, and what we can learn to apply to 2011. It was another good year led by a strong Zone 6 Committee that continues to try to serve the players from March Meadows to Seven Hills, and over to Myrtle Point. We have good golf courses, good calibre of players, and good camaraderie across all skill levels. The Zone 6 Committee is doing what it can to serve the players in this region.

The number of active players across Canada and in this zone continues to slowly decline.

This Zone Committee, I think, is as strong as any across BC at trying to provide value to the Golf British Columbia players. The challenge is providing meaningful ways to interact and be available. We have done this in the following ways:

- 1) Tournaments of excellence to provide the best players from this Zone an opportunity to represent us in junior, amateur and senior provincial championships. Once again solid teams were put in place and were highlighted by the members of the Zone 6 team that finished first in the zone competition at the BC Amateur. We have good competitive players.
- 2) Tournaments of fun to provide players of all skill levels the opportunity to play with fellow members in a scramble format for the Club Challenge. This was achieved on a beautiful May weekend at the Eaglecrest Golf Club, with prizes to the winners to further the game of golf at their local club. There were draw prizes, good food and a lot of laughs. The second year was very successful and is gaining momentum and recognition in the zone. We hope to see each golf course represented in the coming years. We have players that just want to have fun.
- 3) Rules Seminars were held again this year to provide the opportunity for the average golfer to come out and hear about the rules of the game. We also have Golf British Columbia rules officials in place to be available not only for our zone- run events, but local club events such as the QF Qualicum Beach Amateur and the Nanaimo Amateur. This brings an element of prestige to the events and helps with the speed of play as the officials assist players with rulings. Golf Canada and Golf British Columbia are the direct links to these officials, through this Zone 6 is trying to go the extra mile to bring better value of these dedicated volunteers to the zone clubs. We are doing these things because we have players that want to learn.
- 4) The recognition of the excellent junior program that is held to reach new potential golfers - the future of the game - through the Snag Golf program, to the development of existing players through a good tournament schedule.
- 5) Looking for synergies with the ladies in this zone to find mutually benefiting opportunities. A meeting was held this year, as it will every year, to find such opportunities. The first meeting went well with action items being carried through.

6) Reaching golf courses and their memberships to provide good two-way communication. A bulletin was started this year to try to begin new ways of communication. It started off well but trailed off at the end; I hope to reinstate that in 2011.

We are also looking at new ways to reach players and there will be a Zone 6 Chair blog on the new VI Golf website. We also recently started a free round of golf for representatives of the various golf clubs that attend the Zone AGM each October. This is to increase our interactions with the membership and have a day of stress-free golf. It seems to be working.

We also provide other services such as course ratings for golf courses.

The Zone Committee will now turn its attention to the planning for 2011. We need to continually learn and adapt. The committee hopes all the players and golf courses will continue to do what they can to further the game; we need that good two-way relationship.

2010 was a good year. Thank you to all members of the committee for your volunteer efforts and good work. Thank you to the rules officials. Most of all, thank you to the players across the zone that participated - encourage more of your friends to come out in 2011!

In closing, I would like to recognize someone who is stepping down this year after approximately 15 years on the Zone 6 Committee. He has held all roles within the Committee and has been a very good source of history, leadership and dedication that I think every golfer in this zone has benefited from. He has been our liaison with the golf courses for years. I have known Gordon Campbell since I was a junior at Qualicum Beach, and it was him who talked me into joining the committee some eight years ago to give back to the game of golf. He will be missed, and on behalf of the committee, thank you Gordon.

Sincerely,
Stephen Watson

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our first tournament in 2010 was the second year for the Club Challenge event. It was held on May 8th at Eaglecrest golf club and it was successful in attracting teams from 16 clubs from across the Zone which is up two from the first year. It provided a great forum for dialog between the clubs and allowed us the opportunity to review the plans of the Zone 6 Committee for the upcoming year. The response from the participants was again very positive and we will now attempt to make this an annual event within the zone. The 2010 gross winner was the team from Sunnydale while the low gross team for the second year in a row was Alberni. We would like to thank Eaglecrest for hosting the event and can announce that the 2011 Challenge Cup is scheduled for May 7th at Qualicum Beach Memorial golf club.

The 2010 Zone 6 Amateur was held at Morningstar Golf Course on May 29th/30th. In an attempt to increase participation by Seniors we offered a separate flight that would play from the forward tees. We quickly found that this was of no interest to any of the seniors and so reverted back to two age flights. We ended up with 36 participants (down 4) in the Amateur and 18 participants (down 6) in the Senior amateur. Matt Cella was the winner of the Zone 6 amateur and the rest of the team was made up of Riley Wheeldon, Cody Britz and Sandy Harper. Our Zone finished in 1st place in the Zone competition at the BC Amateur and Riley Wheeldon was our top finisher tied for 5th place. In the seniors Tony Hatchwell won the zone competition for the fifth time. He was also our top finisher in the BC Senior Amateur in the 6th position. The remainder of the senior team was comprised of Kim Hay, Robin Ward and Dave MacKenzie. Our 2011 Zone 6 Amateur and Senior Amateur is scheduled for the May 28th/29th weekend at Story Creek.

Jim Collie
Zone 6 Tournament Director

Zone 6 Junior Development – 2010

The Spring Tour started on March 21st at Qualicum Beach Memorial with 28 juniors in attendance. In order to May 2nd, March Meadows, 16; Nanaimo, 48; Fairwinds, 40; Pheasant Glen, 36; Mt. Brenton, 31; Crown Isle, 37; Comox, 29; Sunnydale, 19; Storey Creek, 26 and Alberni, 25.

The numbers reflect a slight drop over 2009 and seem to be consistent with other zones that run similar programs.

The Slegg Lumber Summer Tour started at Arrowsmith on May 8th with 26 juniors; May 9th at Glacier Greens with 29 juniors; May 15th at Morningstar, 27; May 16th, Nanaimo, 43; Sunnysdale, Jr. Tillicum, May 29th, 14; June 5/6, Myrtle Point, BCGA Jr. Qualifier, 30 (boys only); June 12/13, Pheasant Glen, BC Summer Games Qualifier, 35; July 13, Dawn Coe-Jones at March Meadows, 55 (popular event with top of the line prizes); July 15th, Alberni, cancelled; July 17th, Qualicum, 30; July 19/20, David Court Memorial at Crown Isle, 42; July 24th, Comox, 29; July 26/27, John Hicks Jr. at Mt. Brenton, 49.(home for the 2010 BC Bantam Championship which caused a slight increase in numbers from previous years)

The numbers for Myrtle Point in 2011 should reflect the fact that they will be hosting the BC Juvenile Championships in August.

We have had visitors from as far away as Ottawa, Edmonton and Saskatchewan. All thrilled with the opportunity to play competitive golf in a structured yet friendly atmosphere. Our program of competitions for the Juniors has received the stamp of approval from coaches within the CJGA and Maple Leaf Tour as an excellent venue for the aspiring young golfer to acquire tournament playing skills where the emphases is on etiquette, rules and pure enjoyment of the game.

I suppose the year could be called a success. Highlights included the stellar play of Brayden Eriksen both at home and abroad. I thrill at the two graduates who are now assistant pros within our zone as well as the young men and women who have used golf as a means to get scholarships at universities. I feel there is more that can be done to make our zone program better and sometime feel inadequate in my performance. The juniors had fun. They behaved as young men and women should both on and off the course. Maybe we weren't so bad after all.

Pat K. Irwin
BCGA Zone 6, Junior Development

Rules Chair Report BCGA Zone 6 - 2010

This season saw the rules team attend our largest number of tournaments to date. Over the last 2 years we have been providing officials, as available, to a number of club hosted major events that included the following in 2010:

- The BCGA Zone 6 Amateur and Senior Championships,
- The VBCGA Zone 6 Junior Championships at Powell River,
- The Nanaimo Men's Amateur,
- The Qualicum Men's Amateur,
- The Glacier Greens Men's Amateur, and
- The Storey Creek Men's Amateur

In addition to these events our team members also attended at:

- The BCGA Ladies Amateur,
- The BCGA Junior Boys Amateur,
- The BC Senior Summer Games Golf Tournament,
- The BCGA Bantam Boys Championships, and
- The International Pairs Western Canada Championships.

As part of our Mandate we also conducted a rules workshop at Glacier Greens for about 36 of the members of that course. This workshop is comprised of an afternoon session with an indoors visual presentation, followed by a practical session out of doors at various stations covering relief and penalty situations in bunkers, hazards, abnormal ground conditions, and obstructions.

For the upcoming 2011 Season we hope to be able to conduct additional rules workshops and provide rules teams to various events on an as available basis.

We are also hoping to attract new members to our rules team. Anyone who is interested in the rules program can contact John Davis at jmd001@shaw.ca or phone at 250-703-2980 .

As well, any course that is hosting a major event should make arrangements for a rules team as early as possible to ensure availability of team members. The zone is providing some funding to assist with our rules team travel in 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Davis
Zone 6 Rules Chair