

**Carolinas GCSA
Board of Directors Meeting
Premier Resorts at Barefoot Resort
North Myrtle Beach, SC
January 9, 2009
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Paul Jett, CGCS, President; Jeffrey Connell, Vice-President; John Davis, Secretary/Treasurer; and directors Jeremy Boone, CGCS; Doug Lowe, CGCS; Michael Fabrizio, CGCS; Steve Hamilton, CGCS; David Jacob, CGCS; Brian Powell, CGCS; Bill Patton.

Board Members Absent: Mitchell Wilkerson, CGCS, Past President; and directors Paul Brandenburg, CGCS; Darrin Spierings, CGCS.

Staff Present: Chuck Borman, CAE, Executive Director, Tim Kreger, Director of Programs, Kim Clark, Local Association Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President Paul Jett, CGCS

Brian Powell, CGCS, new board member, was welcomed to the board by President Paul Jett, CGCS.

Consideration of November 11, 2008 BOD Meeting Minutes

Bill Patton made a motion to approve the minutes. David Jacob, CGCS seconded. Discussion about minutes being printed in the Carolinas Green was presented. Paul Jett, CGCS requested that a summation of the minutes be printed in the magazine.

Review of Financials

John Davis reviewed the current financial statement and they were accepted as presented.

Adoption of Final 2009 Operating Budget

Chuck Borman, CAE reviewed the initial proposed FY 09 budget and the actual 2008 C&S financial performance. The board then took action to amend the FY 09 budget by reducing projected revenue by \$52,500 and by reducing projected spending by \$45,000. These approved changes will decrease the associations budgeted bottom line from \$11,000 to \$4,000. Another decision the board made was to take our non-cash items, (depreciation, reinvested interest income and market gains or losses) out of the operating budget but include them in our total annual budget.

Approval of Corporate Scholarship Program

The board approved the final details of a Corporate Scholarship program with Smith Turf and Irrigation. This scholarship will alternate, annually between Clemson and North Carolina State University and in the case of Clemson will be for a graduate student and for North Carolina State will be for an undergraduate student. The scholarship amount will be for \$5,000 payable to the school over a two year period.

Discussion of President's Priorities for 2009

Paul Jett, CGCS stated that his priorities for the year were to maintain the association in a strong financial position; ensure a successful Rounds4Research program that will allow us to increase our level of research funding; and to be vigilant and proactive in helping Clemson and NCSU in this time of reduced government funding of both institutions.

C&S Schedule Discussion

Paul Jett, CGCS asked the Conference and Show committee to evaluate the possibility of ending conference and show on Wednesday evening, after our 27-Hole Challenge reception, rather than on Thursday at noon. Mike Fabrizio, CGCS expressed how valuable time is to each individual who attends C&S and that he thought it was a great idea. Steve Hamilton asked about our contractual agreements with the hotel and convention center. Chuck stated that we would be fine with the convention center contract but that he would need to work with the hotel on room block requirements if we were to end the show a day early. Chuck will confirm contractual issues prior to the C&S committee meeting. Steve will take the idea to the C&S committee and will bring their recommendation to the March board meeting.

GCSAA 2009 Research Funding Discussion

It was discussed that there will be no GCSAA chapter cooperative research funding for 2009. The Carolinas had forwarded four research proposals for funding under this program and there will now be no matching funding available for these proposals. At the March meeting the board will need to decide what research can be funded this year.

Review of Local Association Representative Meeting

Tim Kreger reviewed the results of the meeting with the Local Association Presidents. This meeting continues to be a positive, important meeting for the leadership of the local associations.

Update on Rounds4Research

Tim Kreger updated the board on the Rounds4Research program. There are currently 214 participating golf courses with 250 foursomes to auction. So far we have spent about \$8,000 on the design and web components of the program. Media and marketing efforts will be the important aspects of the program in the next few months.

2009 GCSAA Election Report

Steve Hamilton, CGCS, Chapter Delegate, recommended that, at the GCSAA Annual Meeting, the Carolinas GCSA cast our votes for Mark Kuhns, CGCS for the position of GCSAA President; Jim Fitzroy, CGCS for the position of GCSAA Vice President; and Bob Randquist, CGCS for the position of GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer. For the three open director positions Steve recommended casting our votes for incumbents, Keith Ihms, CGCS and John O'Keefe, CGCS. There are two first time candidates running for the third board seat; they are Jay Stine, CGCS from Dallas, Texas and Peter Grass, CGCS from Billings, Montana. Steve has talked to Jay but has not yet had an opportunity to speak to Peter. The board told Steve to talk to Peter and to then cast our votes for the third director's position as he saw fit.

C&S Golf Tournament Update

Tim Kreger and Chuck Borman, CAE met with STI and discussed the results of the tournament survey. STI was very open and wanted what was best for the success of the tournament. STI may want to open up the Monday night reception to everyone. Tim Kreger will get some prices and meet with the tournament committee and STI in March to make decisions on tournament. If the reception is opened up, those not playing in the tournament will need to purchase a ticket to attend.

NC Legislative Committee Update

Brian Powell, CGCS discussed the water allocation issues in North Carolina. The Carolinas GCSA is considered part of the team to come up with this information on water allocations. Chuck Borman stated that we just received a list from Linwood Peele of those courses that have not reported their water usage. The staff will contact each course to see why this report hasn't been provided to the state.

SC Legislative Committee Update

The South Carolina Legislative session begins this Wednesday. There are two bills, one in the house and one in the senate, that have been brought up concerning water. There will be a bill that has been reintroduced considering water allocations. Tim Kreger will spend some time in Columbia next week to keep an eye on these issues of surface water legislation. Jeff Connell suggested that we do an email reminder to members on reporting.

2009 Meetings and Golf Discussion

Next meeting will be March 9-10 at Grandover Resort in conjunction with the March USGA meeting. Chuck Borman, CAE suggested that we have a BOD meeting on the morning of Monday, March 9th. There will be a dinner on Sunday evening, March 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by President Paul Jett, CGCS

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Borman

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Executive Director