

## A. Attendance

Chris Cores, Eric Heitkamp, Chad Orecchio, Jeff Combs, Mike Gardner, Brian Unk, Kevin Smith, Ken Campanizzi, Joe Matheny, Casey Milligan, Tom Rider, Diane McCall, CD Butcher, Rob Griffith, Ken Youngman, Lauren Prochaska, Jerry Snodgrass, Dick Scaife, Brian Barnett

Meeting brought to a start by President Chris Cores. Chris passed out a printout of Board Members and asked that we all check accuracy of Board Members, including contact information.

- Jeff Combs mentioned that Nathan Hannahan has been selected as the new secretary for the Southwest District.
- A printed version of the current page of the Board Members tab from [www.ohsgca.org](http://www.ohsgca.org) was passed around, and corrections and deletions were made.
  - Updates will be available on our web site very soon

President Chris Cores asks Vice President Eric Heitkamp to recite The Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of each board member and their school is delivered.

## B. Treasurer's Report – Casey Milligan

Casey Milligan, Treasurer reported that we are in “very good shape” financially, with about \$27,000 in the account.

- Still have outstanding bills for State Weekend 2 that needs to be paid.
- Reiterated that we are in solid and sound condition
- Full report will be given at the State Coaches Meeting
- Felt there was no need at this time to increase fees.

## C. State Tournament Review

- a. Came as a surprise to OHSGCA Board that Tim Heffelfinger, Head Golf Professional allowed spectator carts out during the Boys DIII State weekend.
  - i. Coaches have been allowed to use carts for a handful of years now.
- b. Ken Youngman brought up an issue on how to break ties after the first round of individuals.
- c. A proposal was motioned by Chris Cores to.
  - i. 1.) Totals of Back nine (holes 10-18) added together
  - ii. 2.) Totals of Front nine (holes 1-9) added together
  - iii. Second by Brian Unk
- d. Chris said his first year at NorthStar was great and had a good crew including Alex Weiss, and starters Ken Youngman.
- e. Randy Iceman was fantastic on the rules this year.

- i. Will have a challenge at a place like NorthStar next year with the way the golf course lays out and the hazards. The rule changes forthcoming in 2019 will make this a point of emphasis.
- f. Brian Unk mentioned a concern with the “unlimited” range balls.
  - i. Felt like they were not unlimited, as range was shut down when they came off of their practice round, and would have liked to work on some things with his boys following their round.
  - ii. Mentioned that the timing of the range stations made it hard for his 1 man to stay warmed up, having to leave the range nearly 40 minutes prior to his tee time.
    - 1. Casey mentioned they are working on this, and would like to see this get closer to 20 minute wait
    - 2. Casey mentioned the logistics that go along with having 24 teams (Boys and Girls) as well as 24 individuals.
      - a. Thanked the staff that helps run the range
    - 3. Chris mentioned how smoothly the range works at NorthStar, but also noted it was only 12 teams and 12 individuals, not 24 and 24.
  - iii. Concern that the cost of “Unlimited Range Balls” was at \$200 for Scarlet. Breaks down to \$13.33 per bag.
    - 1. OSU mentioned that they need to close the range for personnel reasons, and staffing.
    - 2. Lauren Prochaska mentioned she would talk with OSU about these concerns.
  - iv. Jeff Combs brought to the attention of the Board a real need to have Live Scoring.
    - 1. Lauren said this was going to happen this year, but timing of things got in the way and it just did not happen.
      - a. But, there are plans to roll this out next year (definitely on the second week)
      - b. Looking for a group from OSU that would volunteer to place scores in (probably every 3 holes)
        - i. Players will NOT input scores
        - ii. This would be unofficial scoring
      - c. Lauren will work with Eric Heitkamp to find a company to work with.
        - i. BirdieFire
        - ii. Golf Stat
        - iii. Blue Golf
      - d. Chris Cores and Ken Youngman are very interested in including this at NorthStar
  - v. Jeff Combs mentioned a concern of spectators being “too close” to the 18<sup>th</sup> green. (Some even standing on the first cut)

1. Casey mentioned that maybe they could rope some space off to keep spectators back, and even create a roped area for players to report directly to the scoring table.
- vi. Jeff Combs asked why we could not substitute a player.
  1. Reasons were discussed
    - a. Tee sheets
    - b. Scoreboards
    - c. One match, even though it's over the course of 2 days
      - i. Can't sub in the middle of a match
  2. What about injury or sickness

#### D. Comments from the OHSAA

- a. Lauren greets the Board and begins quickly discussing the issues concerning the topic of a "regional model"
  - i. Tom Rider asks if it would be reasonable to consider a 4 teams, 4 individuals from each District site sending a total of 16 teams and 16 players.
    1. Discussion about time constraints
    2. Does this "water down the field"
- b. Rob Griffith mentions a "Super Regional" model
- c. Chris mentions he wants a more competitive field, not necessarily more teams
  - i. Concerns with pace of play
  - ii. Not allowing a shot gun start
- d. Ken Youngman mentions why not looking at a Sectional, District, Regional, State model
- e. The Board agrees that we need to look into doing something, and before we can ask our coaches to vote we need to have a model of sorts.
  - i. An advisory board will be created to discuss all of the options mentioned, as well as research other state associations and determine a plan that would work best for Ohio.
  - ii. This will be a Post Season Tournament Structure for both Boys and Girls of all divisions.
  - iii. This advisory board needs to have equal representation from each district.
- f. The advisory board will consists of the following:
  - i. CD Butcher – Girls DI – Central District
  - ii. Quinn Parker – Boys DI – Northeast
  - iii. Rob Griffith – Southeast
  - iv. Jeff Combs – Boys DI – Southwest
  - v. Chad Orecchio– Boys/Girls – East
  - vi. Eric Heitkamp – Boys DIII – Northwest
  - vii. Chris Cores – Boys – Central

#### E. Comments from the President

- a. Chris Cores, president was very pleased and said it was a "spectacular year".
- b. Enjoyed the increased Social Media presence

- i. Positive for kids and to be acknowledged
  - ii. Mentioned the nice increase of coverage from Twitter account. Cbus Clubhouse (@cbusclubhouse)
- c. Asked by Jeff Combs what our role as Board Members is at the State Tournament
  - i. Ken Youngman, former president mentioned he had always taken requests and duties from John Dickerson.
  - ii. That a “team” was in place
- d. Chris mentioned that being from the Central District that he would pull from the Coaches association for help.
  - i. Even had his assistants and former players help
- e. Casey mentions “We Serve as an advisory and assistants to running each of the State Tournaments”
  - i. And to provide Tournament personnel.
- f. Casey mentions that he feels it is being run like a “USGA” event, and taking away from the high school golf environment. Mentions the following.
  - i. Coaching Rule
  - ii. One Ball Rule
  - iii. Golf Carts
  - iv. Cell Phones
  - v. AJGA pace of play rule
  - vi. Code of Conduct
  - vii. Want an established Playing Order (no switching of players between rounds)
- g. Casey asks that our personnel be listed on the rules.

#### F. Clinic Update

- a. Brian Unk has been nominated and accepted as the new Clinic Director.
- b. We must address the new rules changes of 2019
  - i. Important to get the coaches educated on the new rules.
  - ii. Looking to make coaches clinic “all rules”
    - 1. Still would have option for online rules.
- c. OHSAA has made us an offer to return our rules interpretation to the clinic
- d. Looking at moving the clinic to June.
  - i. Lack of Rules at the clinic and schools not letting staff out has hurt our attendance.
  - ii. Must wait for the OHSAA to approve their sports regulations in the first week of June.
  - iii. Cannot have rules interpretation meetings until they have passed their regulations.
- e. Casey will look to see if we can still retain the Fawcett Center
  - i. Cannot do Monday luncheon at OSU Golf Course.
    - 1. Booked every single Monday starting in April
    - 2. Fawcett Center has a restaurant center
      - a. Typically 100-140 stay for lunch.
  - ii. Sunday board meeting and business meeting could stay at OSU Clubhouse.

## G. Hall of Fame, Awards

### a. Chris Cores

- i. Dick Scaife. has done a great job of outlining our Hall of Fame and the rotation, which will be awarded at our District.
- ii. Information can be found on the back of the Constitution and Bylaws.
- iii. Boys SEI (Northwest), Girls SEI (Northeast)
- iv. Distinguished Service Award (Northwest)
- v. Coach of the Year (Boys – Northeast, Girls – East)
  1. 2020 will follow the rotation that Dick has set in place for us.
- vi. Each individual district is to be in communication with Chris.

## H. District Concerns

### a. Rob Griffith – Southeast

- i. District meeting happens before the list is sent out of paid coaches (state association dues)
  1. After getting the list, several were not members, and received the recognition
  2. List not sent out yet, because members were still signing up during the weekend of the state tournament.
  3. Optional Rules clinic to be LIVE (maybe in July)
  4. Increasing the presence of rules officials at the state tournament
    - a. Had to wait for rules officials to make their way to location.
    - b. Chris Cores – encourage kids play 2 balls
    - c. Jeff Combs – mentioned that we were to call the pro shop.
      - i. Use cell phones (coaches) to call
      - ii. Brought up at Northstar.
        1. Some coaches uncomfortable using their cell phones for this purpose.
        2. Chris appreciated and found it helpful (he helped run the event)
        3. Eric Heitkamp – we also had rules officials give out their cell phones and to call for ruling (Northwest District)
  - iii. This will be brought up at the Spring Coaches Meeting

### b. Chad Orecchio – East

- i. Division 2 heavy. In 2015 they had two teams going to state, and then would switch with Southeast and they would have two.
  1. That stopped, and the Southeast continues to get 2 teams.
  2. In 2017 Southeast had 30 teams, (3 of those with just individuals) while the East had 26.
  3. In 2018 Southeast had 28 teams (3 of those with just individuals) while the East had 25 teams.

4. Lauren Prochaska informs us that this is indeed a “representation formula”. She described the policy in great detail.
    - a. Completed every other year.
      - i. Currently in the second year
  5. Trying to get clarity, Diane asks about the “Mercy rule”.
    - a. Lauren explains how the rule is applied and what constitutes a completed round.
- c. Tom Rider – Northeast
- i. Discussing Baums Page.
    1. Teams showed up to Sectional Events without having registered for the event
      - a. Took tournament manager additional time to get started as they had to change the pairings.
      - b. Chris said in his experience, that this is also on the Sectional Tournament manager to contact the schools.
        - i. Casey, said manager would not know to contact them because they didn’t manager.
          1. Recommends they should have contacted Lauren.
          2. It goes back to the District board knowing who should be at the site.
            - a. Believes they didn’t even register.
              - i. How did they know what site to go to?
          3. This becomes a District Concern.
  - c. At Pine Hills (DII) they did NOT allow carts because it was too wet.
    - i. But did allow those coaches with handicap stickers to have carts
    - ii. And then allowed spectators with handicap stickers to have carts.
      1. Chris Cores mentions this is again a District Concern.
- d. Start Date Change.
  - i. Ken Youngman – Some coaches want 2 days of practice to start the season (Thursday, Friday), with competition on Saturday.
    1. MONDAY will be the first day of competition
    2. Lauren is asked about this and mentions “The Board would vote that down”
  - ii. Chris - Need to look at this, where we get something set in Stone.

1. Lauren – It was at once 4 days of practice before competition and recently it has moved to 3 days.
  2. Don't wait to go to special waivers each year.
- d. Jeff Combs – Southwest
- i. Everything Jeff was concerned about was brought up during the State Tournament Information. (Agenda Items C.)
- e. Mike Gardner, Eric Heitkamp – Northwest
- i. Mike says he heard nothing of concern
  - ii. Eric – The only thing we keep hearing is permission for a second golf coach to be on the course and able to coach.
    1. What are we here for? Junior Golfers
      - a. Brian asks if it is for just postseason or all season
    2. Casey's concern is for smaller schools that can't afford a second coach
      - a. Point made by Northwest Coaches that volunteer coaches are on the bench for other sports, yet can still coach.
      - b. Wants to know if volunteer coaches go through all of the procedures and protocol.
    3. Concern for slow play
      - a. Chris Cores - "I don't think it would slow things down, might even speed things up"
    4. Jeff Combs brings up State Tournament when an individual makes it, he gets his coach at his side the entire tournament, where the coach of a team is trying to divide himself up 5 ways. (and may very well have a player competing for an individual championship.
    5. Agreed by all that discussion needs to be had.
- f. Chris Cores and CD Butcher– Central
- i. Question Contract with OSU
    1. We are set for next year, as the contract is year to year.
      - a. Concerns for the alienation
        - i. Pin Positions not being placed for practice rounds
        - ii. Paying scorecards (\$1) for parents or coaches
          1. Casey said scorecards could be placed into the program to encourage people to buy programs.
        - iii. Paying \$200 for range usage
      - b. Contract at one time was longer than year to year
      - c. Jeff and Brian both talked about how great Brian Kelly. (Head pro at OSU)
        - i. Only thorn in their sides are parents
        - ii. Also noted they have to deal with NCAA regulations.
      - d. Chris mentioned how much coaches appreciate the treatment and level of comfort at NorthStar.
        - i. Northstar would not want to give up a second weekend.

2. Chris Cores – brought to his attention
  - a. Lightning – hard and fast rule at 30 minutes.
    - i. We have good technology now
      1. Any opportunity to use a device that sets a mileage away from location.
        - a. Lauren said conversation will be had on this, and it will affect every other sport.
  - b. Max Scores – double par pick up, max 10, etc....
    - i. Do we have a consensus across the board for our coaches? What are other coaches doing?
    - ii. Discussed last year
      1. Came down to the tournament directors discretion.
        - a. Can pick up at any time.
      2. This can all be found in the coaches handbook
    - iii. Discretion of the coaches for regular season events.
      1. Depends on quality of event
      2. This is situational.

I. Old Business – None

J. New Business:

- a. Ken Youngman – Coaches have asked to have practice rounds moved up to an earlier start time.
  - i. Lauren is going to work on this.

K. Miscellaneous:

- a. 6<sup>th</sup> person alternate. What is the rule and reasoning?
  - i. Because it is one event
- b. Lauren – You can sub from District to State, but not State Day 1 to Day 2.
- c. Penalty for not signing waiver.
  - i. A coach did not want to have his player punished because he did not know the rule. (saying both the player and coach did not know the rule)
  - ii. Coach should know the rule. It was mentioned at the State Clinic as well as is part of the Rules test each coach had to take.
    1. But AD's can take the rules test.
      - a. Did his AD take the test for him and therefore the coach not know the rule?
        - i. Answer was not known to this.
        - ii. But who would supervise if he was penalized as the coach and was suspended?
      - b. Our job as coaches at the end of the day is to make it a fun and safe environment and to know the rules.
      - c. A great rule to allow players to use this waiver.
        - i. Lauren mentioned that 170 waivers were used.



L. Adjournment – Ken Campanizzi

- a. We have a great group of people and a great group of coaches.
- b. Motioned adjournment by Chris Cores
- c. Second by Mike Gardner