

## Kentucky Golf Coaches Association Board Meeting July 19, 2020

Meeting held via Go To Meeting

Attending: Kevin Mims, Chris Adams, Pat Heitz, Ed Morgan, Michael Camacho, Ricky Davis, Ed Morgan, Brad Harris, Keith Bell, Ray Moehlman, Karen Henderson, Kellie Lee

Guest: Jeff Adkerson, Executive Director, Golf House Kentucky

Meeting called to order by Kevin Mims at 8:00 pm

Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2020 meeting

Motion to approve by Ed Morgan

Second by Ricky Davis

Minutes approved unanimously

### **Treasurer's Report** - Pat Heitz

**Summary** - we are doing well to date relative to memberships and cash on hand. The **CRITICAL questions** are: (1) will we have a HS golf season in light of COVID 19 rise in positive testing, (2) if we have HS golf but are NOT allowed to have shotgun starts how will HS tourneys play out with possibly reduced fields mandated by the golf courses, and (3) *if no shotgun start we will have to find another golf course to host either the Boys or Girls 9/26/20 KGCA Gilbert-Brunnell Tournament schedule for Lakeside GC in Lexington.* Otherwise we will not make the profit anticipated to support the All State Banquet.

**Cash in Bank** - \$4,498 (vs last Board meeting \$3,464. Mainly member deposits.

**Memberships** - now with 119 members and 3 tourney fees for a total of 122 checks received of \$6,203 (77 renewals and 42 new members = 119 members). Budget is \$7,000 and we will be there if we get to 144 checks like the last three years.

**All State Tourney** - nothing new to report; no receipts or payments related thereto.

**KGCA Lakeside** - tourney is full but the issue is point (3) in Summary above.

**Scholarships** - no payments to date (\$2,500).

**All State Banquet** - budget is net \$5,250 loss to be covered by KGCA lakeside event.

**Other** - nothing new to report.

Motion to accept by Ricky Davis

Second by Brad Harris

Motion passed unanimously

**All State Championship** – Competition Setup and information – Ray Moehlman

Course setup will be similar to last year. Wildcat 6600/5600 Big Blue 6900/5500

Courses will be flipped from last year. Will see how protocols affect this closer to start.

All State Committee Report for upcoming Invitationals - Chris Adams

Documents for proposed protocols for All State Tournaments, in order to be in agreement with Golf House Kentucky protocols were sent to all members for discussion. As KHSAA has said golf will follow Golf House for tournament play, Chris, Ray and Kevin have worked to find a baseline for tournaments to follow using the guidelines from Golf House for their tournaments. All State Committee was sent a draft yesterday to look over as well. Also included was a spreadsheet with possible setup for warm up times and time slots for single and double tee starts (Double tee not approved yet in this phase) and an Excel spreadsheet schools can use for doing scoring, which will also help to have full field scores available for All State Points reporting

Under current Phase II status for reopening for Kentucky, only Single Tee starts are available for use at this time. The All State Committee will use what is decided tonight for all invitationals under current conditions in the state.

Chris noted that at this time shotgun starts are not approved by Golf House. While many tournaments use shotgun starts, with the current conditions of COVID-19 in Kentucky, utilizing a shotgun start, and the resulting gathering of large amounts of players and coaches for warm up, and for players, coaches and spectators for scoring must be avoided at this point.

Kevin noted that the KHSAA has never set any rules of play for anything.

Invitational Tournament Status – Chris, Ray, & Jeff Adkerson Golf House Executive Director

Jeff Adkerson, Executive Director of Golf House, was recognized for comments on tournament play for High School golf.

Jeff gave a review of how we have gotten to this point since the start of the pandemic. The major golf associations and groups worked with the CDC to come up with some baselines to allow golf to remain open or to reopen. The Back to Golf document is what associations have been working from. The states have been working from this, and Golf House has designed the protocols for their events. These were not designed for high school golf. He has talked to some college coaches, and tried to come up with some ideas. He noted that the word "Safe" is not found because that can't be guaranteed. Golf House uses the word responsible.

Jeff noted that he has always been in states where the state high school association oversaw golf competitions. He was contacted by the KHSAA the night before the Board of Control was to adopt the protocols. He wasn't aware that the KHSAA was not going to make modifications for that. They were not consulted that were then going to be sent out.

Golf House is updating the protocols on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. They are monitoring cases each day and week to be responsible with play at this time. He noted that we don't want to do anything to cause more restrictions to golf in the state.

Jeff said he would be shocked if shotgun starts are allowed at all in this season. He noted that 50 people is the limit right now, but that includes everyone on the course. He noted that players are not allowed to arrive more than 45 minutes prior to tee times. He noted that double tee starts are a concern as well due to congregating at the start. He noted that the NCAA is going to play all 5 players together with their coach. He did note that he would like more time to look over the proposal before giving an okay. He also noted that the protocols will have to be a document that will be changed over time.

Discussion ensued about what the process is for Kentucky High School Golf, and how the KHSAA works.

Michael noted that we don't control the KHSAA rules, but do control what is needed to get All State Points.

Jeff is going to call Julian Tackett and verify that they can establish more certain protocols for high school golf.

Any other business...

Keith asked about the limitations that Lexington had placed on out of county teams not being allowed to play. Kevin noted that this is just for city-owned courses. He also said that there were some events that did not abide by that.

Ray, Chris and Kevin will be in touch about how this will work out.

Michael notes that we can't tell them how to run an invitational, but we control if they get points.

Michael asked for an All State Committee meeting to discuss this. All State Committee will meet on Monday at 8:00.

Board will meet at 8:00 on Friday night.

Ricky asked a question about scholarship money. Karen confirmed that these will be going to the student.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Henderson

Seconded by Ricky Davis

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm