

Quad City Amateur Golf Tour

Meeting Minutes

February 25th, 2009

Attendees: Ben Hanson, Dave Waugh, Ben Peters, Tom Johnston, Dave Holmes, Jeremy Hoye, Chris Wilkins, Kirk Trede, and Dan Budde

Absent: Mike Long, John Valliere, Bruce Sandry, Pieter Hanson

1. **Schedule update:** After reviewing quotes from TPC, Geneva CC and Rock Island Arsenal CC for the Tour Championship, it was decided the event would be played at the Arsenal CC . The fee per player will be \$110 and will include prizes and a cart for the two days. The dates are August 29th and 30th (Sat & Sun).
2. **Hole Sponsor Assignments:** Attendees were given a copy of a list of past sponsors and businesses who had been contacted and declined. The same list will be sent with these minutes for those not in attendance. With this being a difficult year economically for individuals and businesses, it was agreed that getting 32 paid sponsors like last year would require extra effort from each board member. Any more than 32 would be considered a bonus. Dan Budde requested that each board member email him with deletions from the list as well as any additions. He will keep and maintain the list and share the progress with the full board as time passes.
3. **Flier for Recruiting Hole Sponsors:** Jeremy Hoye passed around a first draft of a tri-fold brochure to be used by board members in contacting and encouraging businesses to sponsor a hole on the QCAT this year. A few minor changes were suggested and Jeremy will work on a finished product with a little assistance from Dan.
4. **Liability Insurance Policy:** The original plan was to approve or disapprove the purchase of this insurance in the interest of protecting all board members in the case of a lawsuit. After some good discussion, it was decided that due to our current financial status, we would hold off on the vote until around May 1st, 2009 to see how many hole sponsors were obtained by the board members that the policy is to protect. We would then decide if the \$1,400 per year policy should be purchased or not. It was further decided that we would add the player liability disclaimer to the QCAT Membership Form and require the player's signature. Dan Budde will contact the IGA to find if they have the liability insurance.
5. **Membership Application Form:** It was decided that we would extend the reduced fee of \$25 for any player aged 22 and younger who intends to play on the adult tour in an effort to encourage talented younger players to join the QCAT.
6. **Junior Tour Representation and Support Banner:** The board was pleased that Bruce Sandry accepted its offer to serve as an "ad hoc" member of the QCAT board and extends its appreciation to Bruce for leading the Quad City Junior Tour effort again in 2009. A \$300 maximum cost was approved to produce a banner for display at the Junior Tour events that would show the support of the Quad City Amateur Tour and Advance Homes. Dan Budde will do the design and forward to Pieter Hanson for coordinating the production with River City Sign.

7. **QCAT Banner Lost at TPC at Last Year's Tour Championship:** It appears that after several attempts to find the big tour banner have failed that we need to get another one made. TPC management has agreed to participate in the replacement costs.
8. **Country Club Letter to Encourage Club Member Play in QCAT Events:** It was suggested that the tour creates a letter encouraging Country Club members to play in the QCAT events either at their own club or any other event. Dan Budde agreed to initiate a rough draft for review at the next board meeting.
9. **QCAT Ad for the Annual Quad City Golf Guide:** It was agreed that we would use an updated version of last year's Ad. Hopefully, we can duplicate last year's method for payment by using \$1,000 or our \$2,500 sponsor's fee credit from the Dispatch/Argus/Leader. Dan will send the invoice to Steve Flatt and work with Kay Abbitt to get the ad published.
10. **Non-Member Golf Fees for Tour Events:** It was agreed that we would no longer charge non-QCAT players the extra \$15 fee for playing in our events. All entry forms will be revised to reflect the change to \$85 or \$90 (depending on the course).