

**AIA GOLF SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**AIA OFFICE**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 am by Larry Boyles.

Roll call members present:

Larry Boyles	Coach Horizon
Sister Lynn Winsor	AD Xavier
Greg Clark	AD Wickenburg (phone-in)
Gladys M. Lee	Coach Estrella FH
Marlin Broek	AD/Coach Valley Christian
Brian Cornelius	Coach NW Christian (phone-in)
Sally Christensen	Coach Westwood
John Allen	AD Deer Valley
Cindy Kirk	AD Valley Lutheran

Members absent:

Bill Taylor	AD Sabino
Andy Richey	Coach Youngker
Troy Hudson	Coach Duncan
Andrew Hill	Coach Antelope
Kevin Standerfer	AD Snowflake
Bill Rader	Coach Greenway
Duane Ediger	AD Scottsdale Christian
Pat Witter	AD Buckeye

Minutes from May 20, 2011 meeting:

Motion to approve by: Greg Clark (Wickenburg), seconded by Marlin Broek (Valley Christian). Motion passed.

Ted Pate (Winslow) sent in a letter of resignation from the committee due to Winslow not having a golf team.

Action Items:

- Range finders/Electronic devices for the upcoming 2011-2012 season.

**The committee discussed the usage of Distance measuring devices. Larry Boyles had a written rule which would be added to the tournament guide and Sister Lynn Winsor would bring forward to the Executive Board for approval as an addition to the AIA Constitution and By-laws if deemed necessary.**

**Recommendation:**

Distance Measuring Devices, per USGA and local association guidelines, are permitted in all high school play (including regular season matches and tournaments as well as the State Tournament). *Other technology (including, but not limited to, mobile phones, music players and the like) is NOT permitted for use during a competitor's round. The penalty for using illegal technology is, in the first incident, two (2) strokes and, in the second occurrence, disqualification.*

The committee is aware of additional technologies (i-phones, etc) available that expand beyond the "typical and/or "traditional" distance measuring device being used by amateur competitions in golf. They are also aware that various local organizations (under the USGA umbrella) permit the use of these new technologies.

However, following rule 14-3 (usga.org) which permits a committee to address on its own accord / at the local level the use of said distance measuring devices, the AIA will NOT permit the use of any device which goes beyond the capability of measuring distance only. The AIA will for the 2011-12 fall and spring season permit the use of those devices that are "typical" and / or "traditional" in measuring distance ONLY and that do NOT have the additional capabilities of voice and/or text communication, nor gauge wind speed and / or slope. A player in possession of a device which includes the availability of additional features is subject to disqualification.

Motion to approve by: Sister Lynn Winsor (Xavier), seconded by John Allen (Deer Valley)

**Passes (8) - yes (1) - no Brian Cornelius (NW Christian)**

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Discussion Items: These were information items only.

Sister Lynn Winsor (Xavier) had a concern that the new qualifying and reporting information needed to be communicated to the coaches and with some schools still looking to fill open positions for fall golf they may need additional follow-up. Sally Christensen agreed; but felt confident that since this is the second year of the outside qualifying procedure most if not all coaches would understand the qualifying and be able to input golf result to the AIA.

John Allen (Deer Valley) responded with a suggestion to communicate to a smaller, more manageable group (For example regions or District schools). Larry Boyles (Horizon) agreed and explained that the golf schedules can be completed by a representative from each of the districts and if a school is not part of a district could combine with other area schools.

Sally Christensen (Westwood) made a recommendation to the committee to bring forward an additional invitational tournament to the golf season (going from 5 to 6). The rationale would be to have a tournament at the end of the season for a District,

City or Region meet. This would be a change in the Constitution and By-laws and would need to be brought forward at the March 2012 Legislative Council meeting.

Larry Boyles (Horizon) went over the details of the score card that he uses for all of Horizon's matches. Many of the points of emphasis and rules are spelled out on the back of the card for players to reference. Larry also reiterated the definition of the coaching rule as to the fringe is not on the "green".

Sister Lynn Winsor (Xavier) expressed some concern that when schools use the double par pick up and/or other modified rules and still report scores to the media it can be a little confusing to the participants. The committee felt that as long as the scores reported to the AIA for qualifying purposes were played by USGA rules it would be left to those individual schools to report modified golf scores as they deem fit.

Dean Visser (AIA) went through the 2011 fall tournament guide with an emphasis on the Questions and Answers (pages 10 & 11) and the new qualifying target scores for both individuals and teams (page 13). John Allen made a point for the on course officials working the tournament to stay diligent by maintaining the Pace of Play requirement and possible ensuing penalties if necessary. Dean Visser pointed out the question regarding multiple tees and the use of the USGA Handicap System (page 34).

The committee went through the dress code and agreed that the students that are representing their school needed to be dressed in proper GOLF attire and the clothing needs to be appropriate for the individual. Any issues concerning the Dress Code will be handled by the Games Committee. Cindy Kirk (Valley Lutheran) and Sally Christensen (Westwood) agreed to serve on the games committee for the October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Girls Division I & II State Tournament. Thank You!

Discussion took place regarding the Tie Breaking procedures for both the Individual and Team places and no changes were recommended. However the committee did bring up the idea of giving certificates for places 1-10 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team all state) and still give the overall individual medalist a plaque.

- Meeting Adjourned.
- Next meeting November 9, 2011