

DIAA Golf Committee Meeting Minutes
 Sunday, September 8, 2019 – 11:00am
 Odessa National Golf Course
 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. Kathy Franklin called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.
2. Committee Members in attendance:

Name		Name	
Kathy Franklin, Chair – Coach Tower Hill	P	Mark Robinson, AD/Coach St. Georges	P
Kevin Charles, Public	P	Laura Heien, DSGA	P
Andy Dick, AD Dickinson	A	Gary Cimaglia, DIAA ED	P
Eddie Meredith, Public	P	Bradley Layfield, DIAA BOD Chair	A
Jay Mankus, Public	A		
John Kelly, Archmere	A		
Karen Sinton, Tower Hill	P		
Steve Yiengst, Polytech	A		
Jesse Parsley, Principal Milford	P	Donna Polk, DIAA COA	P
Guest Attending			
Jack Holloway, DAAD – left 12:15		Seth Kushkin, Tower Hill AD – left 12:15	
Zach Robie			
John Burke, DuPont CC – left 12:15			

3. Motion was made by Kevin Charles to amend the agenda by moving the DAAD proposal to the first order of business and approve the amended agenda. Eddie Meredith second (Passed 8-0 Franklin, Charles, Meredith, Sinton, Parsley, Robinson, Heien, Cimaglia)

4. Motion by Jesse Parsley to approve the minutes from May 19, 2019 golf committee meeting. Kathy Franklin had a question about Item 6. It was deferred to old business. Mark Robinson seconded (Passed 8-0 Franklin, Charles, Meredith, Sinton, Parsley, Robinson, Heien, Cimaglia)

5. New Business: DAAD proposal. Mr. Holloway presented the DAAD proposal to create a separate girls tournament for 2020. He specifically stated that they are not talking about including it in the boys tournament. DAAD proposes a separate, girls only tournament with a separate qualifying process so girls do not have to compete against boys. He shared, “there are title IX concerns”. A copy of the proposal was shared with the committee. Mr. Holloway pointed out that it was supported by the DAAD members 54-0 with 2 abstentions (Archmere and Tower Hill).

- Seth Kushkin, Mark Robinson and Gary Cimaglia (via DAAD Executive Director Mike Wagner) agreed that the AD's felt they voted to explore the concept, not to implement in 2020 as that was a bit rushed.

- Several committee members pointed out inaccuracies in the proposal, e.g., WV runs a girls only invitational NOT a separate girls championship; DE actually does crown a

separate girls and boys champion; all girls have an equal opportunity to qualify for a spot in the tournament.

- Seth Kushkin distributed a paper countering the DAAD proposal. His comments included:

a. the academic impact of having students miss up to 6 days of school during exams for 3 tournaments vs the current 2 days for 1 tournament

b. the proposed model would have less impact on school time if golf were moved to fall

- Donna Polk stated a survey needed to be conducted among DIAA member schools female students to determine the desire for a separate tournament to address any title IX concerns

- John Burke of Dupont Country Club (CC) shared the following:

a. based on very limited participation in Delaware State Golf Association (DSGA) girls only statewide tournaments DE wasn't ready for girls only states.

b. studies showed that forcing noncompetitive golfers to compete against highly skilled golfers tended to discourage further participation by the lesser skilled golfers.

c. DE golf pros had for a number of years neglected youth golf, but had recently established new programs. DE was about 5 years away from being ready for separate tournaments.

- Laura Heien of DSGA shared that DSGA girls and boys tournaments are held concurrently at the same site. But they have completely separate leader boards.

- Kevin Charles supported the concept of a girls tournament but expressed concern with the extremely short implementation time in the DAAD proposal. He also shared that member schools should be providing more regular season opportunities for girls participation before DIAA establishes a separate girls tournament.

- Kathy Franklin expressed concern about excessively long rounds of golf by lesser skilled girls golfers not ready to compete in a state tournament.

Kevin Charles made a motion to table the proposal. Seconded by Jesse Parsley. Passed 8-0 (Franklin, Charles, Meredith, Sinton, Parsley, Robinson, Heien, Cimaglia).

6. New Business: 2020 sites. John Burke shared the duPont CC was unable to host in 2020 but may be able in 2021. Wild Quail (WQ) CC was suggested as a site and was unanimously supported. Kevin Charles will ask Steve Yingst to approach WQCC.

7. New Business: 6 year rotation. Eddie Meredith suggested we establish a tentative rotation of courses for planning and scheduling purposes. After considering multiple courses the following were recommended: Wilmington CC, duPont CC, Maple Dale CC, Wild Quail CC, Cripple Creek CC and Rehoboth Beach CC. Eddie Meredith and Kevin Charles volunteered to coordinate approaching each course to seek approval to be included and a tentative 6 year rotation subject to availability and change.

8. Wilmington Country Club offer. Kathy Franklin shared with the committee that WCC wrote her offering to host. Discussion followed regarding the limited availability of practice rounds. After discussion it was the consensus to include WCC in the rotunda but continue to work on practice round concerns.

9. Old Business - Review of 2019 tournament. Consensus of committee was that Cripple Creek Country Club was an outstanding host. Kevin Charles made a motion to revise medals from current to simply issuing separate top 3 or top 5 boys and girls finishers. Move the top ten all state golfers to the golf coaches association as is done in most all other sport. After discussion the motion was tabled to the next meeting.

10. Old business - Tuesday/Wednesday vs Wednesday/Thursday format. Discussion on the issue included: when in Sussex Tuesday/Wednesday is best because many from New Castle County are already in Sussex; DSGA's need for Wednesday/Thursday was no longer a factor per Laura Heien; Wednesday/Thursday gave coaches a day to work with team before states. After discussion, the consensus was that host courses should be offered the option.

11. Minutes. Kathy Franklin made a motion to amend Item 6 in the tie breaker criteria listed in the May 2019 minutes. Specifically, to place the bonus point for a win or tie vs a .501 team ahead of the bonus point for merely playing a .701 team. Mark Robinson proposed that we amend the point system by eliminating the win or tie vs a .501 team to get the bonus point. Merely playing a .501 team should earn the point. This change would bring golf in line with most other DIAA sports with respect to bonus points. Karen Sinton seconded Mark's motion. Passed 8-0 (Franklin, Charles, Meredith, Sinton, Parsley, Robinson, Heien, Cimaglia). Kathy Franklin then withdrew her motion.

12. No Public comment.

13. Adjournment. Motion was made by Jesse Parsley to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Karen Sinton. Passed 8-0 (Franklin, Charles, Meredith, Sinton, Parsley, Robinson, Heien, Cimaglia). Meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.