

CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL GOLF LEAGUE

CAPTAINS' WINTER MEETING

MARCH 3, 2018

The annual Winter meeting of Team Captains of the Cleveland Industrial Golf League was held at BW III Westlake, on Saturday, March 3, 2018. In the absence of Secretary Daryl Smith, minutes were taken by Vice President Pat Murphy.

1. President Jim Bilek called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Roll call was taken, teams and representatives present as follows: American Japanning – Bob Grosh; Cleats Bar and Grill – Tom Kotlarik; County Engineers – Ted Bush; County Fire – Adam Hill; DLH – Kevin Reddinger; Keystone – Ray Mach; Mashies – David Hill; Net Birdie – Erik Sandvick; OCS Technologies – Bob Heiss; Tendon – Scott Tench; xR – Jim Bilek. Current officers Jim Bilek, President; Pat Murphy, Vice President; and Jeff Kregenow, Treasurer were also present. Several other league members also were present. Par Shergill was present as the representative of 6 Flavors, a team that has requested to become a member of the league.
2. President Bilek requested a moment of silence in recognition of Rich Mach and Don Tresise, two long standing members of CIGL who passed away over the off season.
3. Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Captains' Meeting held on September 5, 2017 were reviewed, moved for approval by Kotlarik, second by Adam Hill. Minutes unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kregenow reported a current balance of \$1,037.42, which amount is \$300 less than the balance at the close of the 2016 season. Kotlarik moved to accept the report, second by Mach, Treasurer's Report approved unanimously.
5. Handicap Chairman's Report: David Hill reports there were 49% fewer penalties assessed in the 2017 season and that no “slow play warnings” were issued. Three teams DLH, QDM, and xR were not assessed any penalties.

The league website was updated so that all documents are available in PDF format. A new laptop computer was purchased and runs on Windows 10 software.

Reddinger asked if legitimate USGA handicaps could be created and maintained. Hill indicated the difficulty in doing so, as every player (136 last year) would have to report his score for every round of golf he played, then Hill would have to calculate. Much easier to do this through a recognized handicap service.

Neubauer asked whether there had been any complaints regarding the league from course operators last season, Bilek said only Eagle Creek and that we may look to do some kind of “rangering” when league plays there this season.

Bilek announced we are scheduled at several new courses this year, several difficult ones, which may prove challenging in meeting our pace of play standards.

Bush stated he heard the starter at Brookledge comment on the league being “slow” getting off the first tee. That hole plays directly into the sun, and the Par 5 can be reached in two by some players, which causes delay. Course management did attempt to help by having a ranger stationed on the hole.

Sandvick asked if there had been any issues relating to rules of golf that had to be decided by the Rules Committee. Grosh said no.

6. Rules Committee: Grosh reported that there are multiple changes anticipated to be effective in 2019, but none for this year.

Sandvick inquired about the proper play of a provisional ball when a shot “may” be in a hazard. The technical rule of golf is that if a player puts a provisional ball in play, believing his ball is in the hazard, but then finds his original ball, the provisional ball must be played. It appears that many in the league “ignore” this rule, in the interest of maintaining pace of play. It was stated that the league must abide by the rule of golf, and that perhaps the issue should be addressed by adopting a “local rule” on a weekly basis, applicable to particular holes on particular courses, where the issue may be prevalent.

7. Scheduling Chairman: Bilek announced the schedule is posted to the website, with courses and LEAGUE starting times indicated. Detailed week-by-week schedule will be available later.

The first date at Turkeyfoot will be an Open Event.

Week two, Shale Creek, still not confirmed, and a shotgun start is being considered.

The league is scheduled to play a week later into September this year, and also will not skip a week in July, as July 4 falls mid-week.

As of now, Windmill Lakes, Good Park, Chippewa and Hawk's Nest will be Open Events, Sanctuary will be a Knockdown.

Hawthorne Valley and Chardon Lakes are considering shotgun starts.

With the addition of a twelfth team, there would be 11 team matches, 5 opens, and one knockdown.

The playoff format tentatively approved last year provides for the first place team to receive a bye, teams in second through seventh place play matches, with three winners joining first place team in semifinals; teams eight through eleven playing semifinal and final matches in a consolation bracket; and last place team eliminated from playoffs.

Mach inquired about league playing Ellsworth Meadows, Bilek said just could not fit it in, but league does like it, and they like having us.

Bush asked if opens would only be opens, Bilek said yes, barring rainouts, in which case matches would have to be made up at an open event.

Bilek announced Skyland and Barberton Brookside are closing. Mohican Hills has been sold, but will remain open as a golf course.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: Bilek announced no changes to Constitution, and that he continues to work on updating League Bylaws.

Bilek introduced Par Shergill who has been a member of the league but had asked to bring a new team into the league this year. The team will consist of 2 players from the existing Net Birdie team and 1 from Cleats, but will not impact Net Birdie's team negatively. The new team will be named 6 Flavors. The team will have 13 players. Bilek moved to accept 6 Flavors team as a member of the league, second by Mach, passed unanimously.

Bilek initiated a discussion relating to the future of the League. He stated he was approached by a current league member who wants to bring a team into the league. He is on American Japanning roster. Bilek said if a 13th team is added, it would require a bye week for every team, as he is unable to schedule additional tee times to accommodate playing against the field at most courses this season. Jim indicated that if the league tees off at 8:00 with 10 teams, the last tee time is 9:50; with 11 teams, the last tee time moves to 10:15. With 13 teams, there is a 2 ½ hour span between first and last tee times, making for long days when travel time added.

Sandvick expresses he would hate to lose opportunity to expand the league, especially given some teams have been shaky in the past. Adam Hill agrees. Bilek said all teams now are solid. Adding 13th team would create scheduling problems with regards to knockdown matches in particular.

David Hill said no problems created computer, scoring, record-keeping wise with addition of 13th team.

Sandvick moves to add 13th team, Bush seconds, motion passes 9 for, 2 against.

Bilek said he had explained difficulties to entering league this season to the member who approached him, but since the league favors the addition, he will contact member to see if he still wants to join this year. *** (In a later email message, Bilek advised team decided to wait out this year, and hopes to enter next year when they can be more easily accommodated).

Bilek said Knockdown matches are now scheduled for Eagle Creek and Sanctuary, subject to addition of 13th team.

Captains' meetings will be held on Monday, March 26 and Monday, April 16. Money/fees due by April 16 meeting, rosters must be emailed to David Hill anytime. Need to confirm meetings can still be held at Clubhouse in John Szopo's development.

The revised playoff format was previously discussed. Bilek indicated that under current awards format, first place team is awarded \$250 for best record. If that team was awarded a bye, they automatically receive another award of at least \$125 for reaching the semifinals. He would propose decreasing the award for best record. Sandvick suggested that the issue of playoff format be tabled, pending resolution of 13th team addition. No vote was taken, but Bilek did table the discussion.

A discussion was initiated regarding alternative tee box eligibility. Currently there is no criteria for play from any tee box, and a player can declare at beginning of season, then change one time at mid-year.

Bilek suggests some criteria using a combination of age plus handicap index be adopted to be eligible to play from forward tees, and that only AA players be eligible to play from back tees. He

suggests 75 as a reasonable age/index combined number for forward tee eligibility. Reddinger asked if pace of play impacted by potential of 3 different tee boxes being in play in a single match.

Adam Hill asked for numbers from last year. David Hill said 34 players used forward tees last year, and that 4 or 5 players would become ineligible to move forward if the “75” rule was adopted.

Adam Hill asked if necessary to make rule affecting 5 players. Also only 3 players utilized back tees last year, so same thought. Par indicated one of his players would be eligible to move forward if “75” adopted.

Heiss asked why league moves up only one tee box from 6,300 yard standard if another, shorter tee box is available. Bilek states league adopted 6,300 yard standard, and use of next tee forward, but never less than 5,400 yards. Suggested captains could make motion to adjust yardage criteria. Grosh stated Bilek arrives at course early each week and checks tee markers to try to match scorecard yardage, since scorecard is what league uses to establish tees in play that week.

Bilek moves to establish combination of age plus handicap index totaling 75 as criteria to be eligible to play from forward tees, David Hill seconds. Motion passes 10 for, 2 against.

Bilek moves that only players with AA handicap index be permitted to play back tees, Bush seconds. 7 in favor, 5 opposed, motion passes.

Players maintain opportunity to declare tee box election at beginning of season, and to adjust one time during season, prior to Good Park Open event.

Bilek addressed current rule regarding breaking ties in playoff matches. Currently rule calls for players to return to course for playoff hole(s), a likely undoable scenario in today's golf world. He proposes ties be broken and winners declared by following criteria: (a) total match points won by 6 players; if still tied, (b) total 6 net scores; if still tied, (c) 6 net score reverse scorecard progression. Bilek moves adoption of this rule, second by Heiss, motion passes unanimously.

Bilek stated Captains' Meetings normally scheduled for Monday prior to Open events. Meetings will be held March 26 and April 16. Moneys due at April 16 meeting, but in any event all fees due before teeing off at Turkeyfoot, otherwise team and players ineligible for awards.

Bilek suggested thought be given to scheduling next year, given potential addition of 13th and perhaps 14th teams. Should league start earlier in April or play later into September?

Bilek presented slate of officers as currently comprised be adopted for 2018. Bilek – President; Murphy – Vice President; Kregenow – Treasurer; Smith – Secretary. David Hill nominates Adam Hill to be Vice President, Adam indicates he does not wish to serve at this time. Bilek moves slate be adopted, seconded and unanimously passed. Bilek indicates Handicap Chairman and Rule Committee are appointed positions.

Reddinger initiated discussion regarding qualification for Match Play tournament, why must player try to qualify at first event he plays. If he plays Turkeyfoot and does not enter Match Play, why preclude him entering at one of next two matches, while others who did not play Turkeyfoot can enter at one of those. Reddinger moved to permit entry into Match Play tournament at any one of first three league events, regardless of whether individual played in previous event. Scott Tench seconds. David Hill indicates not problematic for his purposes. Motion passes, 7 for, 5 against.

Heiss states OCS will have new name, Mike's Tree Service. Adam Hill and David Hill both state their teams (County Fire and Mashies, respectively) will also be renamed, but new names not yet available.

Shergill asks that approval be given for 3 players currently on other team rosters be approved to move to his new team, since bylaw currently requires such players be placed into player pool and made available to other teams. Motion made to permit "waiver" and 3 current players be allowed to transfer to 6 Flavors . Passed unanimously.

Grosh initiated discussion regarding Match Play bracketing. Last year, league knew in advance that a number of players who qualified for Championship Bracket (perhaps as many as 9?) would not be able to play at the first Match Play match, had not indicated any agreement to "preplay" their match, and thus a large number of "byes" and advancements in the bracket resulted. He moved that the Championship Bracket be filled to the full 32 player compliment, utilizing players as seeded from the Consolation Bracket, if it is known at Captains' Meeting preceding the Open Event where first Match Play matches are scheduled that an individual will not be playing, and he has not pre-played his match. Second by Reddinger, motion passes unanimously.

Kotlarik moved that if players "pre-play" a Match Play tournament match, that score be reported to the Handicap Chairman, and recorded as an official CIGL score. Bilek reminded that if adopted, players must have played their match in accordance with all CIGL rules, including no "gimmies", etc. Motion passes unanimously.

Bilek reiterated pace of play must remain at the forefront of concerns for the league if it wishes to continue playing quality golf courses with favorable starting times. He again noted new courses with some degree of difficulty (Boulder Creek, Hawthorne Valley, Chardon Lakes) have been added to the schedule this year. Grosh urged Captains to make players aware that "ready golf" is the accepted standard for league play.

At 2:10 p.m., Kotlarik moved to adjourn, Heiss seconded. Motion passes unanimously.