**VGCSA Board Meeting**

**Spring Creek GC, Gordonsville, VA**

**Thursday, August 13th, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.**

Shawn Baskette, Bill Keene, David Walter, Ed Long, Mike Mueller, Chris Roberts, David Norman, Tyler Eastham, Tim Doran, Jeff Whitmire

1. Call to Order – Bill Keene at 9:08
2. Approval of Minutes
   1. Motion to approve: Shawn Baskette
   2. 2nd: Jeff Whitmire
3. Treasurer’s Report – Mike Mueller presented the treasurer’s report
   1. Financials – we are slightly behind budget due to some members not paying 2020 dues and because the VT Research Classic that was rescheduled.
   2. Investments – Investments are doing well considering the pandemic, we are in good position.
      1. Motion to approve treasurer’s report: Shawn Baskette
      2. 2nd Jeff Whitmire
4. Partner Program Update – David Norman gave an update
   1. Most of the partner renewals and new partners were confirmed before March and the pandemic.
   2. DN and TE are working on collecting outstanding partner revenue
   3. Down just $2,700 compared to 2019
   4. One Diamond Partner is available because VA Sand & Stone moved down to gold
5. Virginia Tech Turfgrass Research Classic
   1. Sponsorship levels are very close to last year, slightly down but outstanding considering the situation. $72K this year vs $78K in 2019. Teams are sold out; we are still soliciting hole sponsors for $500
   2. Independence is not allowing shotgun starts. We will do tee times in ten minutes intervals
   3. We are not allowed to have a social gathering afterwards but will add fun activities on the golf course to make it memorable
6. BMP Update – Tim Doran
   1. Tim gave an update on BMP noting the content is finalized and the template is ready to go. Stacey Kingsbury is behind schedule on publishing the website.
7. Annual Conference Discussion
   1. UVA Darden Inn closed to outside events this year
   2. Boars Head Inn is where we referred for the meeting but food costs are extremely high
   3. Options include Farmington, CCV, Hermitage
      1. Speakers are currently on hold
      2. Some people are not travelling
   4. Options
      1. 1 Day event
      2. Virtual event
         1. One speaker followed by annual meeting. Limit the virtual meeting to 2 hours
      3. No Event
   5. Mike Mueller says he would like to see it happen if possible but would not like to see the conference suffer.
   6. David Walter notes that with national being changed to all virtual, VGCSA should consider falling in line with how national is handing and do something virtual
   7. Bill Keene notes that with national cancelling the in-person event, the optics of VGCSA having an event would not look good.
   8. David Norman suggests an annual conference *week* with one or two one-hour sessions each day.
   9. The consensus of the board is to cancel the in-person conference, and have a virtual event December 7-10.
      1. Speaker Ideas
         1. Roundtable with Pete Maybach, Steve McDonald and Cutler Robinson
         2. COVID-19 speaker
         3. Mental Health speaker
         4. Michael Woods – could join the roundtable also
         5. Dan Taylor, Jay Long, Chris Roberts talk about Bermuda vs Bent
         6. Chris Harriman, Charlie Fultz – Blue-muda
         7. Frank Wong – Can cover anything
         8. Bill Kreuser, aeration, top dressing, etc. from Nebraska
         9. Tyler Bloom
         10. Rob Bohannon and GCSAA Government Relations
         11. Lisa Goatley
   10. Goal is to make the event free
8. External VP Reports
   1. ODGCSA – Chris Roberts
      1. Looking to come up with a social event
      2. Scholarship tournament on 9/29 at CCP, Vince Hankley is hosting
      3. Chad Karr stepped off the board and Jeremy Waddell is new President
   2. SVTA - Ed Eagle
      1. Two Events planned
         1. 9/15 at Shenandoah Valley GC
         2. 10/8 – fundraiser
   3. GWGCSA – David Walter
      1. Hosted a social event in place of Virlina Cup qualifier
      2. They have developed an app for their local association by playbooks for golf company
      3. Annual Meeting at Evergreen is scheduled for the first week of November
   4. TTA – Tim Doran
      1. Working on the Bert Walton event to hopefully take place in late summer maybe at Bay Creek
      2. Social events are not getting traction because many members are not comfortable in addition to many venues being closed
      3. Working on another event in late October
   5. VTA – Shawn Baskette
      1. Bob Ruff Scholarship tournament was held in June
         1. 13 teams, at Poplar Grove
      2. Considered a modified field day with VT but that has been cancelled
      3. Next meeting is in October at Great Oaks in Floyd, VA – need a meal sponsor
9. Local Association Challenge
   1. Virlina Cup is cancelled this year and being replaced by a local association challenge
   2. Each association fields a team of 4, Virlina Cup Qualifiers are automatically on the team. External VPs will fill out teams with their picks and update David Norman by Labor Day.
   3. Format: College style (count best 3 of 4 scores), double bogey max.
10. Recap of Recent Events
    1. VGCSA Championship
       1. Success at Glenmore, Bobby Friend won the event. It was a spectacular event.
    2. Rounds4Research
       1. Considering it was postponed we did ok ($4.2K). Many courses did not get their donations in because of the date change and forgot. The Dormie Network donation brought in over $2K.
11. Other Events
    1. Joe Saylor
       1. Scheduled to be a great event at Hermitage in October. As always, we will be donating to Toys 4 Tots. Registration will open 4-6 weeks before the event.
       2. Assistants Forum – update provided via separate document. The event is on November 10th at Springfield with a roundtable about financial planning.
12. GIS Social and Conference cancelled
13. New Business
    1. DN will send list to the board of superintendents that did not renew for 2020.
14. Adjourn to Lunch & Golf Match - WEST versus EAST