

**20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLF ASSOCIATION
March 29, 2023
Zoom Conference Call
Script Minutes**

You will all notice that our IT people have disabled the audio as well as the chat options. Audio options will be opened later in the meeting so you can ask questions

- A.** Ladies and Gentlemen, honoured guests, my name is Greg Moody and I am pleased to be the President of British Columbia Golf. As president, I will act as Chair of the meeting. With your approval, I will ask Kojo Frempong to act as secretary of the meeting. Kojo has conducted the registration of those present, either online or through proxy.

The purpose of today's meeting is to complete the requirements as set out under the societies act so we can officially close the 2022 golf season and look forward to the 2023 golf season.

It is my pleasure to welcome the following honoured guests who have joined tonight:

Honoured BC and Canadian Hall of Fame member
Doug Roxburgh

Current Golf Canada Board members
Adam Zubek
Patrick Kelly
Michelle Collens

Western Manager, Membership Golf Canada
Doug Hastie

Past BC Golf President
Michelle Collens

Past BC Board members

Golf Canada Governors
Susan White

Zone Council members from around the province

My fellow board members

Distiguished Service Award Recipients Wilda Schab and Dan Sabourin. who will be introduced more formally later. later in the meeting

Greg Moody Remarks

I would like to start my remarks by giving thanks for this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you to the membership for giving me the honour of being your President.

Thank you to the Board for accepting my leadership and working as diligently as you do to make us a better organization.

Thank you to the clubs who graciously host our championships.

Thank you to the officials and volunteers, without whose efforts we could not function.

Thank you to our champions and teams for representing the best of golf in British Columbia.

And of course, thank you to all golfers who keep tee sheets full and make golf in BC such a vibrant and exciting sport.

The 2022 golf season saw the start of a movement toward normalcy after two full years of the pandemic. While restrictions and health concerns curtailed activities during the winter, warmer weather saw golfers return to the fairways in a major way. Just as they were in 2020 and 2021, tee sheets were full and rounds of golf played easily surpassed pre-pandemic levels. It is safe to say the future of the sport appears much brighter today.

From a competitive standpoint, BC golfers continue to lead the country in quality of play. BC is strongly represented in men's professional golf at the PGA Tour and all levels below. On the women's side, although we may be under-represented at the top professional level, the number of up-and-coming female golfers is impressive and a testament to the hard work being done by coaches, clubs, zones and associations to improve skill levels. It is important to note that success does... and did not... happen overnight, but as a direct result of programming started years ago.

I was fortunate to be in the Niagara region for the Canada Summer Games and was completely amazed to watch Team BC sweep gold in the men's, women's and team competitions. Congratulations to BC Golf, Managing Director of Player Development, Debbie Pyne, Coach Chris MacDonald and the team for an outstanding performance.

At the start of the season BC Golf's Tournament Director, Doug Hastie, accepted an offer from Golf Canada. We were very fortunate that Jerome Goddard was available to step in and did an admirable job for the rest of the season. Jerome is young, has fresh ideas and I know he will continue to impress and grow going forward.

We were treated to great golf stories in 2022. Shelly Stouffer won everything she entered, making history as the first BC woman to win a USGA championship. The UBC Women's Golf team under the direction of Coach Chris MacDonald, was undefeated winning both the NAIA and Canadian University titles. Earlier this month, we watched all three receive Sport BC Athlete of the Year recognition for their accomplishments.

Two years after a serious stroke, Sandy Harper came back and won the BC Senior Men's Championship. Almost as impressive was the number of competitors who surrounded the 18th green to offer congratulations to Sandy on a job well done.

I will leave it to Finance Chair Brent Lindberg, to outline the financial strength of the association but I will end by saying improvements in the financial health of golf as a sport and BC Golf as an association means we are able to invest greatly in the future of the sport and I am confident we have the right team in place to manage that growth.

Thank you again.

British Columbia Golf CEO Kris Jonasson and my fellow members of the board are online and available to answer any questions.

Moving on with the rest of the meeting

A. Notice of Meeting

1. The **first notice** calling this meeting of the members; the form of delegate registration; the form to nominate candidates for the position of Directors at Large; and the number of eligible delegates was sent via email on the 8th day of February 2023 to all voting Members, all Secretary/Treasurers of Zones and all Directors of British Columbia Golf.

2. The **second notice** calling this meeting of the members; the list of Directors elected at the Zone Committee AGM; the list of nominees for the Director at Large; the list of registered Delegates; a ballot for the election of Directors at Large; and the form of proxy were sent by electronic mail on the 14th day of March 2023.

Proof of such mailings has been duly filed by the secretary of the meeting, and I direct that a copy of the notices with proof of mailing be kept by the secretary of the meeting with the records of this meeting.

I shall now read the Notices of Meeting unless I receive a motion to dispense with this reading.

I have received a motion from Michael Cook, seconded by Sheila Van Gisbergen to dispense with the reading of the notices of the proof of meeting.
Is there any discussion? Please signify approval by raising your hand

Motion has carried.

B. Reading and Disposition of any unapproved Minutes

I have received a motion from Sam Oliphant, seconded by David Lee-Fay to dispense with the reading of any unapproved minutes. Is there any discussion? All in favour

Motion has carried

C. Approval of the agenda

I have received a motion from Shauna Wilton seconded by Namoi Yamamoto to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Is there any discussion? All in favour

Motion has carried.

D. Quorum and report attendance

In accordance with the By-Law 24.9 a quorum for the transaction of business must not be less than 25 Delegates present in person or by proxy.

I would ask Kojo Frempong to advise as to the quorum,

British Columbia Golf has _____ voting members and there were _____ Delegates present at the beginning of this virtual conference. Since the meeting began _____ delegates have arrived.

As of the deadline, Tuesday March 28 , 2023 _____ proxies have been received; therefore, a quorum of delegates are present at this meeting.

Since a quorum is present, I declare the meeting to be duly called and properly constituted for the transaction of the business identified in the second notice calling of the meeting.

E. Appointment of scrutineers

I have asked Corrie Wong and Kojo Frempong to act as scrutineers for any votes that occur at this meeting.

F. Introduction of the re-elected and new Board Members

The three candidates elected to director at large positions for three years are:

- Sam Oliphant
- Michel Cook
- Hugh Wong

Elected for a one year term:

- Joe Higgins

Congratulations.

I would now like to introduce the rest of the board for British Columbia Golf:

Directors at Large

- David Lee-Fay
- Christina Proteau

- Joe Higgins.
- Shauna Wilton
- Naomi Yamamoto
- Michelle Collens, Past President
- Greg Moody

Representing the Zone Council

- Sheila Van Gisbergen (Chair)
- Brent Lindberg

G. Review of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

It is now my pleasure to turn the meeting over to Brent Lindberg, Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee for the report on finances for British Columbia Golf.

Brent Lindberg remarks

Good evening, my name is Brent Lindberg and I have the privilege of sitting on the board of British Columbia Golf and I currently chair the Finance Audit and Risk Committee.

It is my pleasure to present the financial results for the association for the year ending September 30th, 2022.

Overall the association had good financial results. I would refer you to the Statement of Revenue and Expenses on Page 1 of the financial package.

Club membership revenue increased slightly while income from the Public Player Program and championships increased substantially. Other revenue items were fairly consistent to the 2021 results.

On the expense side, the association invested heavily in championships. Performance and participation programming also increased, although it is important to note pandemic restrictions did have a negative effect on off-season training. The association managed to hold the line on administration expenses. Overall, increased revenues offset by increased expenditures, resulted in an operating surplus of \$129,000.

The association received an unsolicited offer to purchase the championship vehicle. The offer was accepted and an order was placed to purchase a Sprinter Van. Unfortunately, supply chain problems delayed delivery of the van until fiscal 2023 and the transaction is

outlined in note 12. I can advise the Van has now been received and will be utilized starting this season.

The cash flow statement on page 4 shows the association is in a healthy position with sufficient cash and short-term investments to easily fund operations. The association is very risk averse and invests solely in short term guaranteed certificates.

The association has a small (\$30,000) term loan from Government which is due in December of this year. That loan will be retired as required. As part of a good governance exercise the finance committee met (independent of management) with the association auditors. I am pleased to report the auditors advised they are impressed with the record keeping of the association and the transparency evident in the association's reporting.

On behalf of the committee I would express my sincere thanks to the administration staff for their hard work and would specifically like to recognize Andy Fung for his leadership.

You have had an opportunity to review the financial results and we will now open the floor for any questions. Are there any questions?

Brent opens the meeting for questions

Brent Lindberg moves, **Greg Moody** seconds acceptance of the financial report.

Brent Lindberg moves. **Michael Cook** seconds a motion recommending the accounting firm of Baker Tilley be reappointed as the auditors for the year 2023.

H. Before I turn the meeting over to **Sheila Van Gisbergen to introduce our Distinguished Award Recipients**, I ask if there is any further business to come before the meeting.

I will now ask Kojo to enable the audio as well as the chat options should anyone wish to make a comment at this time, either unmute yourself and speak or type your comment in the chat box. Please identify yourself and your golf club affiliation.

If not I would ask for a motion to terminate the meeting.

Michelle Collens moves the meeting be adjourned.

Sheila Van Gisbergen DSA Award

As Chair of the recognition committee it is my pleasure to honour two recipients with the British Columbia Golf Distinguished Service Award in 2023.

Criteria for The Distinguished Service Award is as follows:

- 1. Member of either the original BC Golf, BC Ladies Golf Association or current BC Golf Association**
- 2. Resident of British Columbia during the period the majority of contributions were made**
- 3. Service was primarily voluntary in nature**

Nominations are reviewed by the committee I Chair and the approved by the board.

This year we are honoured to have two very deserving recipients in Wilda Schab from Zone 2 and Dan Sabourin from Zone 3.

Wilda Schab

Wilda Schab has a history of volunteering and supporting the development of amateur golf in addition to being a long-term active volunteer.

Wilda was elected to the board of British Columbia Golf in 2015, completing her service in 2021. Over this six-year period she served on the Governance Committee, Finance Committee as well as an ad-hoc Communications Committee.

Wilda is a certified Referee and has assisted with rules at several BC Golf Championships, including the Women's Amateur, BC Girl's Junior and BC Senior Women's Championships

Wilda, served several terms on the executive of the Riverside Ladies Group in Fairmont BC in addition to finding time to actively participate in Zone events. Her fellow golfers call her

“The Rules Guru” asking her to assist with workshops and championships. Wilda’s professional manner and willingness to help is not lost on all who know her.

Prior to retirement Wilda served on the National Board of the CLGA and was active in developing, instructing and setting exams for National Rules of Golf Seminars held across Canada. She served as National Director of Rules and Amateur Status for the CLGA, sat on the Golf Canada Rules of Golf Committee and Chaired the 1986 National Junior Women’s Amateur Championship along with the 1996 National Women’s Amateur Championship. Wilda was on the Rules Committee for the World Women’s Amateur Golf Championship held in Vancouver.

British Columbia Golf is pleased to recognize Wilda with the Distinguished Service award and it is with great pleasure I ask her to say a few words.

I would now like to move on to our second Distinguished Service Award honouree

Dan Sabourin

Dan started his journey through golf in the early 1960’s as a junior member at Vancouver Golf Club. As a junior he caddied at the club as well as working on the grounds crew during weekends and over several summers.

After marriage, Dan left the game for a few years to concentrate on family and business. Upon returning to golf in the 80’s started playing competitively. He joined Pitt Meadows Golf Club, playing up to 150 rounds of golf a year and then, in 1995, took an interest in rules by attending his first rules of golf seminar.

By 1996 Dan was nationally certified and serving as a volunteer tournament official for the Canadian Professional Golf Association. In the 10 years he spent with the tour he referred across Canada, the US and Mexico. He represented the tour as a guest referee at the Presidents Cup in Australia and California, and several Accenture Match Play Championships. He also assisted the PGA Tour by referring the Air Canada Championship.

Dan joined the board at the Pitt Meadows Golf Club in 1996 volunteering on several different committee’s including serving on the Executive Committee and as club President.

Dan has been an active volunteer for Golf Canada, British Columbia Golf and the USGA giving countless hours as a volunteer referee at championships. Dan was invited by the USGA to represent Golf Canada at the USGA Senior Men’s Championship in 2015 and 2017.

Dan has left a lasting impression by designing a hole placement spreadsheet which is still actively used. In his own words “It was a great journey through the world of competitive golf as well as the world of the Rules of Golf”.

Dan is most deserving of the Distinguished Service Award. He is currently experiencing some health issues and is not able to join us tonight. We know he is with us in spirit.

Thank-you Dan.