

MINUTES: EMPIRE 8 WOMEN'S GOLF CONFERENCE CALL

February 17, 2013

Participating on the call:

E8 – Janelle Feuz, Associate Commissioner
Ithaca – Dan Wood, Outgoing Chairperson who submitted these minutes
Elmira—Tim Crowley, Incoming Chairperson
St. John Fisher—Bob Simms
Nazareth—Marty Coddington
Houghton—Dr. Thomas Kettelkamp (didn't participate)

YELLOW indications a Vote

RED indicates an action item

The following were agreed upon:

1. The Empire 8 Championship will be held at Blue Heron Hills on Sept. 14-15, 2013 with Bob Simms and his assistant Nick Velasco serving as hosts and tournament directors. **Each school will send a \$550 check to St. John Fisher by the first week in September.** Bob expects the daily fee to be \$35 per player, which includes range balls and coach's cart, but lunch will be an additional charge. Tee times will be approximately noon on Saturday and somewhat earlier on Sunday. We anticipate about 27 total golfers with each school bringing 5 or 6 players. Play will be in threesomes with the possibility of one or two twosomes.
2. The tournament "host" school and coach rotation will be Elmira (Mill Creek, 2011), Ithaca (Mark Twain, 2012), St. John Fisher (Blue Heron Hills, 2013), Houghton ("south," 2014), Nazareth ("north," 2015), Elmira ("south," 2016), etc. **All agreed with Marty Coddington's suggestion that Houghton College, which will be a full member in 2014-2015, will be asked to host in September 2014 at a course in their area,** especially because they will have driven about 95 miles to both Elmira and Rochester area courses. All coaches continue to prefer that neutral sites be selected as opposed to the home practice site of an E8 member school.
3. The chairperson position will change every two years at the end of February after the conference call with the following rotation:
 - March 1, 2013—February 28, 2015 – Elmira (Chairperson Tim Crowley)
 - March 1, 2015—February 28, 2017 – Houghton
 - March 1, 2017—February 28, 2019 – St. John Fisher
 - March 1, 2019—February 28, 2021 –Nazareth
 - March 1, 2021—February 28, 2023 – Ithaca
4. Dan Wood noted that Sept. 14, 2013 is Yom Kippur and may affect Jewish golfers.
5. Of prime importance is encouraging other colleges to start women's golf programs and to have them join the E8 Conference. Perhaps SUNY Cortland could be a potential sixth member, no coach has any objection to this. However, to have an AQ, first we need to get teams to field five golfers per tournament - something we struggled with in the Fall 2012. True stability within E8 must occur before affiliate expansion can occur.
6. Associate Commissioner Janelle Feuz was thanked for her participation at the E8 Championship at Mark Twain GC and was encouraged to be at Blue Heron Hills next Sept.