Meeting assets for Jerry Woodard. Gladys Lee proposal.

Meeting summary

In attendance: Jerry Woodard, Truman Thomas, Charles Woods, Eddie Gassaway, Steve Edwards, Ellard Lamb, Jenee' Porter, Quesha Horton, Thomas Sweeney

Quick recap

The meeting began with introductions and casual conversation about golf before transitioning to a discussion about the PGA Junior League and potential golf team initiatives at various schools, including Dunbar High School. The group explored ways to support and develop high school golf programs, with specific focus on implementing the PGA Junior League program and providing necessary resources and training facilities. They concluded by discussing program pricing, registration timelines, and the need to review UIL rules regarding student participation, with plans to form a committee to assess local high school programs and schedule follow-up visits.

Next steps

- Thomas: send Jerry passcode information for Zoom calls
- Thomas: show Jerry how to create invites and use the Zoom platform
- Steve: reach out to Dunbar High School coach and schedule a meeting in January
- Steve: notify all call participants of the scheduled date and time for Dunbar visit
- Steve, Thomas, and Gladys: visit Dunbar High School to assess their golf program and meet with the coach
- Jerry and foundation members: schedule another call before end of year to assess passing out funds for Micaiah, Lauren, and First T
- Thomas: start work on the coach's grant background
- Truman: arrange for DISD athletic director to give a lecture on UIL rules to the group
- Thomas: use ChatGPT to break down UIL policy information into plain English

Summary

Meeting Platform Setup and Training

Jerry and Thomas discussed the setup for an upcoming meeting, clarifying that Thomas had sent Jerry an invitation to reuse for future calls. Jerry needed Thomas's password and screen name to sign in and manage the meeting independently. Thomas agreed to send Jerry the necessary information, and they planned to review the platform to show Jerry how to create invites and manage the call. The meeting was set to start at 7, and participants were preparing to join.

Golf Coach Meeting Introduction

The meeting began with introductions and casual conversation about golf, including Charles's recent performance and Truman's experience caddying. Charles mentioned having dental issues and being on medication, which Truman and others noted might explain his good golf game. The group welcomed Quisha Horton, a golf coach, who was invited by Gladys. Steve and Laura Sweeney discussed an upcoming coach's clinic, noting that Ash and Chandler were on vacation until February. The conversation ended with a review of attendees, confirming that most of the invited participants were present.

PGA Junior League School Initiatives

The meeting focused on discussing the PGA Junior League and potential golf team initiatives at various schools, including Dunbar High School. Gladys Lee shared her experience with the PGA Junior League and her efforts to establish golf programs at Tarrant County Community College and other schools. The group discussed the benefits of the league's team format and match play approach for young golfers. Jerry Woodard introduced the participants and emphasized the importance of understanding the ideas presented before making decisions. The conversation ended with plans for further discussions on how to engage with schools and support these initiatives.

PGA Junior League Growth Overview

Gladyslee discussed the evolution and structure of the PGA Junior League, highlighting its growth to over 500,000 participants nationwide and the benefits it offers young golfers, including competitive play, instruction, and access to resources. She emphasized the financial and skill-building advantages for high school golf programs that join the league, suggesting it as a way to enhance and structure school golf teams. Gladyslee also shared her personal experience with the program and proposed team names for her teams, which are organized by age group.

Dunbar Golf Program Support Initiative

The group discussed supporting Dunbar High School's golf program, where Jerry clarified that while the Foster Kids Foundation and Pro Duffers are not directly working with children, they are exploring ways to assist the school's golf team. Gladyslee proposed a curriculum-based approach to help assess and develop the team's talent, while Jerry suggested that Pro Duffers could provide equipment and support, though they would need to assess the team's current capabilities first. The

discussion concluded with Gladyslee suggesting a scholarship program for military kids to join the PGA Junior League, with coaches requiring training to participate.

PGA Program Sponsorship for Students

Gladyslee proposed a program to sponsor 6 kids from Dunbar High School to participate in a PGA program at a cost of $100 per child, which includes access to a driving range, putting green, and match play training. Thomas expressed concerns about the definition of competing versus training and requested more information on the program's structure, including instruction frequency and criteria for golf course participation. Jerry and Steve discussed the need for the Dunbar coach to attend a golf clinic, where he could bring a few of his students for training.

Junior Golf Program Sponsorship Discussion

The group discussed supporting junior golf programs at Dunbar High School, with Gladys Lee offering her LPGA-certified instruction services. Steve suggested the Pro Duffers Foundation could sponsor entry fees for 6-7 students to join Gladys's program, which would provide better training facilities than the current football field practice. Lev proposed creating a "Pro Duffers Juniors" program with tryouts for multiple schools, though Thomas noted this idea had been considered 35 years ago and needed further discussion offline.

PGA Junior League Program Implementation

The group discussed implementing a PGA Junior League program, with Gladys explaining her fee structure of $370 (including $120 to the PGA) and the online registration process starting January 5th. They agreed to conduct an assessment visit to Dunbar High School to evaluate the program's potential value and alignment with UIL rules, with Jerry suggesting they could potentially replicate the model at other schools. The group acknowledged the need to balance helping individual students versus supporting broader programs, with Truman cautioning about potential UIL implications of coaching-specific support.

Program Pricing and Leadership Discussions

The group discussed a program priced at $370 per student, with online registration opening January 5th. Jerry announced that further discussions would be held between leadership teams of the involved organizations to determine next steps. Gladyslee shared information about the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony on March 7th, where Sarah Davis will be inducted, and discussed the possibility of nominating the Pro Duffers for induction in 2026. Charles expressed his intention to identify and support young golf talent, particularly from Dunbar, and bring them to the program for development.

High School Golf Program Support

The group discussed supporting high school golf programs, particularly focusing on identifying talented students who lack access to proper training facilities. They agreed to form a committee to assess programs at local high schools, with Steve taking the lead to schedule a visit to Dunbar High School in January. The group also discussed the need to review UIL rules regarding student participation in clinics and tournaments. They concluded that they would need to consult with the DISD athletic director to ensure they are following all eligibility requirements.