HDGA Board Meeting Summary

June 4, 2026 | States Discussion & Tasks Breakdown | 1 hr 49 min
Attendees: Alex Wong, Allen Borsky, Eric R, Jason Kozlik, Jeff Hawkins, Lawrence Lavergne

Executive Summary

The board focused on salvaging and delivering the Hawai■i State Championships after the original HCC venue arrangement fell through. Wa■ahila Ridge and Sand Island are the planned replacement courses, pending state permit approval. Parking restrictions, public safety, course preparation, basket transportation, volunteer staffing, and tournament finances remain the main operational risks.

Permits, Parking & Safety

- **State approvals:** Allen submitted permit requests for Wa■ahila Ridge and Sand Island. The state requested parking management and safety/hazard plans and indicated that additional event fees may apply. Allen planned to submit the documents the next day; the permits and final charges were not yet confirmed.
- **Wa■ahila parking proposal:** Limit tournament parking to approximately 10 vehicles (initially eight participant and two staff), require carpooling of at least three players per car, and station an attendant at the entrance from about 7 a.m. Overflow parking, drop-off and shuttle options were discussed; their feasibility and staffing were unresolved.
- **Sand Island:** Use designated parking near the tournament area; no parking on grass. Final tournament-central and parking locations were discussed but not fully settled.
- **Safety plan:** Public visitors have right-of-way; pause throws whenever pedestrians enter a fairway. Provide warning signs, appropriate buffers near active picnic/restroom areas, secured tents, first aid, water, emergency response procedures and severe-weather protocols. Players should be warned in advance about Wa■ahila's slippery terrain and footwear needs.

Competition Format & Course Design

- Saturday: professionals at Wa■ahila Ridge and amateurs at Sand Island. Sunday: divisions switch courses. Two rounds per day were discussed, with approximately 8:30 a.m. starts and Saturday check-in around 7:45 a.m.; shotgun starts were referenced.
- Sand Island uses a new approximately 6,450-foot, 18-hole layout with four par-4s. Jason will review safety buffers and may revise holes near picnic areas, particularly holes 17–18. Wind, ocean hazards and out-of-bounds lines were discussed; some design details remained under review.

Wa■ahila Course Readiness

- Priority work includes storm debris and fallen-tree hazards, especially around holes 11 and 15; fairway clearing; and tee-pad improvements. Hole 6 was identified as the highest-priority unfinished tee pad because it retains water.
- Consider a simple bench near hole 15. Clear hazardous seed pods and prepare tee pads close to tournament day so conditions do not deteriorate again. Jeff reported recent cleanup assistance from Rusty and Gabe.

Operations, Finances & Follow-ups

Setup, Equipment & Volunteers

- **Sand Island baskets:** Use 18 baskets recovered from HCC. Jason offered to arrange a 15-foot rental truck on Thursday, provided he can get a ride home and a secure staging location is identified. A Friday-morning setup crew of roughly four people is needed; Jason can mark tees and basket positions Thursday but works until 2 p.m. Friday.
- **Overnight security:** State representatives reportedly allow baskets to remain in place but will not accept liability. Overnight supervision or consolidating baskets was discussed; no final arrangement was confirmed.
- **Venue packages:** Assemble separate tournament supplies for each course: player/check-in lists, amateur player packs and preordered merchandise, CTP prizes, tee and directional signs, hazard signs, flags, water coolers, ice, tents and first-aid supplies. Water provision was planned for tournament days, not Friday practice.
- **Staffing:** Allen reported several potential volunteers but emphasized that coverage remains thin because many board members are competing. Alex agreed to be an on-site tournament official at Sand Island. Parking monitors, setup crews, ice delivery and course-specific staffing still need firm assignments.

Financial Position & HCC Refund

- Allen reported approximately **$600** in a savings account and just over **$13,000** in PayPal. Estimated professional payouts were about **$4,520**, amateur payouts a little over **$1,200**, and 56 purchased discs cost approximately **$1,200**. Figures were preliminary.
- HDGA had paid **$3,000** in deposits to HCC. After management changes, HCC did not honor the earlier contract terms; the former manager proposed repayment in installments. The board was generally receptive, but the repayment schedule should be confirmed in writing.
- The state event fee was tentatively estimated near **$600**. Members discussed paying it from club funds or sponsorships rather than reducing promised player value. **No motion or vote occurred**; the board agreed to wait until the amount is confirmed.
- Amateur player-pack calculations were discussed using approximately $39 actual pack cost plus the $50 formerly allocated to greens fees. The board stressed honoring communications already sent to players.

Action Items & Open Decisions

- **Allen:** Submit state parking and safety plans; confirm permits and exact fees; coordinate communications, tournament supplies, financial settings and HCC reimbursement follow-up.
- **Jason / Sand Island team:** Test and adjust layout for public-use buffers; mark course Thursday; arrange basket transport, overnight storage/security and Friday setup volunteers; coordinate with Sean regarding logistics.
- **Jeff / Wa■ahila volunteers:** Prioritize hazardous debris, hole 6 tee pad and tournament-day surface preparation; identify workday help.
- **Board:** Confirm parking attendant, carpool instructions, shuttle feasibility, water/ice coverage, CTP holes, awards assistance and lodging help for visiting player Nico.
- **Other:** Keep two spare ChainStar Lite baskets for potential replacement needs rather than raffle them. Alex agreed to assist with awards emceeing. Eric and Henry requested withdrawals/refunds; possible Saturday volunteering was not guaranteed.

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