

Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990ez.**

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017, and ending 12-31-2017

- B** Check if applicable
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
 EXPLORE MINNESOTA GOLF ALLIANCE

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 C/O MGA 6550 YORK AVE S RM 211

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 EDINA, MN 55435

D Employer identification number
 41-1923994

E Telephone number
 (952) 928-9299

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ▶ EXPLOREMINNESOTAGOLF.COM

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 113,420

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	32,600
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	17,100
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	63,720
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	113,420	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	2,800
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	111,396
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	114,196	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-776
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	12,767
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	11,991

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and foreign accounts.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 46 No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only
All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 47
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None "

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here ***** Signature of officer 2018-01-29 Date STEVE DOWLING EXEC DIR Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name JAMES E STEVENSON CPA Preparer's signature Date 2018-04-25 Check if self-employed PTIN P00163024 Firm's name LETHERT SKWIRA SCHULTZ & CO LLP Firm's EIN 41-0738189 Firm's address 170 7TH PL E STE 100 SAINT PAUL, MN 551012361 Phone no (651) 224-5721

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 41-1923994

Name: EXPLORE MINNESOTA GOLF ALLIANCE

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
28 PROMOTION OF GOLF TOURISM IN MINNESOTA (Grants \$)	28a	64,348
If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Trustees, and Key Employees

(list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
STEVE DOWLING EXEC DIR	000 00	22,800		
ERIC PETERSON CHAIRMAN	000 00	0		
DAVE GRAVDAHLBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JAN KROELLSBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DAVE MOOTYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
MIKE MALONEBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DEREK STENDAHLBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
EINAR ODLANDBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
SHAD GORDONBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JEFF KENNEDYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DON BERRYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JOE ABOODBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JOHN KENDALLBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
FRANK SOUKUPBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
KEITH KALNYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
RACHEL INDIHARBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JEFF KENNEDY BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JOHN KELLEN BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DAN WALKER BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
SHARI PRAUSE BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
BRAD STEVENS BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
AARON JOHNSON BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
KATHY REICHENBACH BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JAMES CARLSON BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No 1545-0047

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
EXPLORE MINNESOTA GOLF ALLIANCE

Employer identification number

41-1923994

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 54,622 INSURANCE 502 GOLF SHOW EXPENSES 9,726 WEBSITE/INTERNET 11,267 ADMINISTRATIVE 25,650 AUTO EXPENSES 4,115 OFFICE SUPPLIES 58 MISCELLANEOUS 5,456 TOTAL 111,396

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EQUIPMENT 1,794 1,794 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 1,794 1,794 TOTAL 0 0