

SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

January 16, 2021

Talisman Meeting Room 9AM

Attendees: Ruth Melena, Lynda Blubaum, Dottie Honsberger, Carolyn Jennings, Jan Lunceford, Brian Duthu, Karen Smolinski, Cindy Aguilar Dailey, Pam Portillo, Judy Lawrence, Connie Brueshaber

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by President Ruth Melena

General:

Presidents were introduced:

Lakes West	Karen Smolinski
North	Connie Brueshaber
Riverview	Pam Portillo
South	Cindy Aguilar Dailey
Willow Creek	Judy Lawrence

Copies of the updated umbrella policies, team play schedules and umbrella responsibility for future years were distributed and Club directories exchanged.

2022 Umbrella President – Karen Smolinski

All forms for 2022 have been submitted. Copies will be distributed.

Secretary Report: Carolyn Jennings

Minutes from the December 16th meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and corrected as follows:

“A motion was made by Karen Smolinski that each each club select a committee of 3 to review combo tee placements that would achieve 5200 yards at each course.

Judy Lawrence moved that the minutes be approved as corrected and Pam Portillo seconded.

Treasurer Report: Dottie Honsberger

There is \$675 in the treasury. There has been no activity since March of 2020.

Tournament Report: Lynda Blubaum

60 players are signed up for the Sun City Open at the time of the meeting. Tournament book is missing for all tournaments in 2020 other than the better ball in December. Cindy Aguilar Dailey is going to check with Kathy Marpe as to where they are filed.

Team Play: Jan Lunceford

Team play is going well with the compressed schedule. Some of the courses are having a difficult time filling the 6 player slots. This is partially due to memberships being lower than usual due to snowbirds late return. The other issue is around playing from the red tees. Several of the courses are playing from yellow primarily and the players are hesitant to play the reds when they are not used to them.

There have not been any complaints from the courses about slow play this year even though we are using a straight sheet.

We would like to recommend that the umbrella address the issue of red vs yellow playing tees. We have talked to numerous players on both sides of the issue and it seems that the best thing to do is let the home course decide at the beginning of the season which tees their course will use. This will mean having to master tee sheets but that is something that can be done fairly easily.

Lakes West: Karen Smolinski

Lakes West is currently at 80 members

Our Eclectic Tournament was played in Dec, with regular tee times

Our Fall Welcome back event played with regular tee times and no luncheon

Transition of officers took place at Dec Board Meeting

Our board Meetings continue @Talisman Hall

Terry Klatt has asked that we provide all tournament directors with an updated list of the contact person for each club.

Preparing for Sun City Open, to be hosted by LW. Currently 60 registered, deadline to register is Jan 27. Hoping to use the new Combo Tees.

North: Connie Brueshaber

This year we have 76 members

Our course has not been in good condition, especially over the last year. We now have a different superintendent, and it is starting to look better. It will take time.

Joan Hinkey and Diana Pomeroy represented North in the Medallion Tournament and came in fourth place.

We have cancelled all special events until further notice

Riverview: Pam Portillo

We have a total of 55 members down from last year but most are because of Covid-19 causing members (snowbirds) to remain in their Summer homes.

On the last Tuesday of the month we mix everyone up so members can meet and play with other members instead of their usual Foursome.

We have had two monthly meetings outdoors safe distancing on a members patio to catch up on our finances and future events.

We canceled Guys and Dolls and are replacing it with a scramble to try mixing yellow and red tees that meet the possible new Tees for tournament placement in 2022. We will be having a bag lunch on the turn from the snackshop and heart markers at the Tees.

We had towels made up with our logo and showing Team Play Champions for 2020 which all of our Team play participants will receive.

Linda Sears our VP studied the proposed tournament tee's and developed an extensive list of proposed tee locations. We believe these would be a good choice for Riverview when changes are discussed at the Umbrella Committee. Totaling 5180 yards in length. They are Red on: 1,2,3,4,5, 10,11,12,13, &15 and Yellow on6,7,8,9,14,16,17&18.

South – Cindy Aquilar Dailey

Currently, South has 84 paid members.

South is planning to hold the Guys and Dolls event on Feb 16th. That will be followed by our Club Championship which will run from Feb 26-March 9th.

Pam Hines and Bev Schuch represented SOUTH on Saturday, January 9th, in the Medallion. It took place at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Goodyear.

In February, South will hold its club championship tournament. It is a three-day flighted event Flight one must play all three Tuesdays but the other flights we use the two best scores out of the three Tuesday's.

The annual Divot Party will be held on Sunday, January 31, at 3:00 P.M.

South has had a good start on 2021 Team Play. Players have shared that they enjoy the play and getting to know the players from the other Leagues. Some players have shared with me their thoughts about the C players playing off the gold tees. They wondered if the Umbrella was thinking of making changes for next year.

South's Hearts and Hands for Humanity Food & Fund Drive South has conducted two Food & Fund drives this season beginning in Thanksgiving and Christmas. At this point, South has donated approximately \$5,000.00 to the food pantry. We look forward to our larger drive in April.

Willow Creek: Judy Lawrence

- Currently 115 regular members and 4 social members
- Our Tuesday league tee sheets have been full, with 70-80 members playing each week. We're continuing Play of the Day, and most Tuesdays have a voluntary \$1 pay-in to participate in closest to the pin on two of our par 3 holes. Members continue to choose to play either from red or yellow tees
- Memorial Tournament was rescheduled from January 19 to January 26. January 16th was also the first day of the Medallion Tournament. Seventy-nine members were signed up to play. This year our tournament chair is not doing the pairings. Instead, players may do their own pairings by signing up the prior Tuesday, as we do for non-tournament days.
- Our Board had a Zoom meeting on January 11, and we covered a full agenda. Feedback on that venue has been positive.
- Members were surveyed to assess tee box preferences among red, yellow, and alternate/combo tees for Team Play and Tournaments. Also, Team Play captains and co-captains met and studied possible combo tee placements for an adjusted course length of 5200 yards.
- Flyers and entry forms for the March 6th Better Ball Tournament to be held at South have been distributed and posted. The course will likely still be running a straight sheet with assigned tee times.
- Our February membership meeting, Member Guest Tournament, and Spring Brunch & Membership meeting are cancelled.

Director of Golf – Brian Duthu

December ended with rounds up. People are playing more golf as other activities remain closed. Golf will finish in the black for the 3rd time in 10 years. Sun City had the most rounds played since 2007. Snack shops are taking a hit due to seating restrictions. Aerification schedule has been given to the Golf Advisory Committee for approval.

Only meetings that are allowed currently in Talisman Hall are meetings that feed to the Golf Advisory. Those are Greens, and Umbrella meetings. All club meetings must be off site.

A question was asked about the shallow cups on the existing pins. Brian is hoping that we will be back to the normal pins sometime soon. They were designed to limit handling of the pin.

Old Business:

- Clubs were asked to form a committee to look at combo tees. Results are below:
 - LW Combination: 10 Red and 8 yellow for a total of 5185
 - WC Combination: 14 Red and 4 yellow, a survey was done of members and 87% prefer to play yellow tees
 - RV Combination: 10 Red and 8 yellow for a total of 5180
 - SO No combination needed. Existing yellows are 5185

A motion was made by Karen Smolinski that we continue to pursue the combo tee option for umbrella tournament play. It was seconded by Judy Lawrence. 3 opposed, 2 for. Motion not approved and the umbrella will not pursue the combo tee option for their events.

Karen Smolinski moved that: "the club who is in charge of the Umbrella managed tournaments; Sun City Open, Team Play fun day, and the 2 better ball tournaments be allowed to choose which tees are used for the tournament." Connie Brueshaber seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussion around team play was tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

Ruth Melena appointed Carolyn Jennings and Dottie Honsberger (former Umbrella board members) to do the bank audit as no appointment was made in December 2020 as is policy.

The new cosigners at Western State Bank for 2021 will be Dottie Honsberger and Ruth Melena. The 2020 signers were Nancy Simms and Judy Appeal. They will be removed.

Umbrella rules for handling of bunkers and pins during COVID-19 was tabled for next meeting. These need to be uniform across all clubs.

Next meeting is February 17th, 9:00 am, Talisman Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Cindy Aguilar and seconded by Connie Brueshaber.