

# SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

January 18, 2023

Talisman Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 9:05am by **Umbrella President Rosie Oblinger**

## **Attendees:**

Rosie Oblinger, Linda Sears, Bev Piette, Jody Ault, Wendy Otto, Judy Cockerill, Karen Madison, Linda Metzger, Arlene Balazic, Barb Duhlstine-Robarge, Susan Brooks, Mariann Peterson, Chris Linam

## **Secretary Report: Wendy Otto**

Rosie explained the number of membership directories that each league will need to bring and there will be some changes to the number distribution

Presidents: please bring 13 copies of your membership books for distribution:

Each *league* president (4)

Each board member (4) (*Current league acting as Board*)

Director of Golf Operations & his assistant (2)

Team Play ~~Captains (2)~~ *Coordinator (1)*

Computer/Golf Genius Coordinator (1)

## **President-elect (1)**

A suggestion was made to include the time & meeting place in emails.

## **Treasurer Report: Judy Cockerill**

I spoke with Evelyn, she has received an email from the audit committee and the books have balanced.

League names were not correct on the refund checks to the leagues so they will be voided and reissued.

League fees are \$100 for the 2023 year.

## **VP/Tournament Chair: Karen Madison**

Karen handed out hard copies of the Better Ball application. She explained that it had also been sent out electronically, and requested each league make sure their members know about it. A discussion about the sweeps and the entry fee occurred.

Karen handed out a proposal to allow walkers during SCWGA sponsored tournaments. She explained her reasoning behind the proposal (less impact on the courses, better for overall health of body and environment). She requested that the leagues presidents take this proposal back to their leagues and bring back their opinions for future discussion and a potential decision to change the current rules about not allowing walkers in tournaments. Discussion occurred.

## **President Elect: Arlene Balazic**

Nothing to report.

**Team Play Coordinator: Linda Metzger**

Team play has been going smoothly. Linda mentioned that Riverview's C team have been signing up to play without any need for her to call people. She said that she has talked with her C players about how they feel about the combo tees and most feel they are fine. The CERTS form was discussed briefly. Linda discussed the cumulative report as well as how tees are showing up on the scorecards.

**Director of Golf: Brian Duthu**

No report

**Pro Shops:Chris Linam**

Discover Sun City is occurring at the same time as the Umbrella meeting. Course play in 2022 was up (353,000 rounds). Outside play, small group bookings, and tournament play is taking up a lot of Chris's time. He & Brian are looking into how to better manage the lottery requests. Recommendation that if you are submitting to the lottery to expand your tee time spread request from 2 hours to 4 hours. Outside play opportunities have been cut in half to facilitate resident play. Fees for outside play has been raised. Outside play is running around 10-12% of the bookings over the past couple of years. Outside players can book 3 days in advance. Lottery bookings can be 5 days in advance. A discussion about how outside play accesses the tee times available occurred.

Pro Shop & Range Sales were up in December so thank you all for supporting RCSC.

With all the cold weather and rain our courses it's so important to please follow the 90\* rule in your carts and we ask that you all please help spread the word about filling divots in fairways and fixing yours and a couple of other ball marks on the greens! We really appreciate your help.

Just a reminder for the New Club Presidents in charge for 2023, please be sure to bring in your pairings for the next week's event at least 6 days in advance to the starter so we get them in before the Lottery Draw 5 days in advance.

We are in full swing with the Get Golf Ready classes, and they will run through April. Class is \$130.00 so if you or anyone you know would like to attend a class please contact Chris Linam at [clinam@suncityaz.org](mailto:clinam@suncityaz.org) or call 623-876-8419. The Get Golf Ready class is without a doubt the best value for your dollar.

If any group has their 2023 league schedule set and have not got them to us yet please be sure to send it to me Via Email at [clinam@suncityaz.org](mailto:clinam@suncityaz.org) or in Pearson so we can get it on the calendar, and don't forget to go to the Clubs Office to book your rooms for your awards banquets and lunches etc

**Presidents reports:**

**Lakes West: Beverly Piette**

82 members. Lakes West was not overseeded so it may be rough to play.

Chairman has been designated for Champion of Champions.

**North: Jody Ault:**

73 active members and several social members.

President's Cup going on now. It's a two-week tournament however it had to be postponed on January 17 due to rain and course not draining. The second round will be scheduled.

North is in charge of the Sun City Open this year. They would like to know how the players feel about the designated tees for play in the Open. Jody brought out concerns about the combo tees and maybe using them in tournaments is discouraging play.

A suggestion was made that maybe A players play from the red tees, B players play from the combo tees and C players from the yellow tees. A discussion about the combo tees as well as the other tees occurred.

A reminder that SCWGA voted to play from the combo tees at Riverview and Lakes West and the yellow tees from North, South, and Willowcreek through the 2022-2023 season.

**Riverview: Linda Sears:**

80 members. First time doing on-line registration and it went well.

Upcoming membership meeting on January 24. Guys & Gals tournament on February 7.

Conversations about combo tees have been going on amongst members. Placement of combo tees is not consistent so that will be addressed.

Riverview Board voted to allow walkers for any Riverview league event. The course is showing signs of wear especially with divots.

Concern expressed about the placement of the flags. Red should be in the front, white in the middle and blue in the back of the green.

**South: Barbara Duhlstine-Robarge**

Our first board meeting was held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Newly elected officers are President, Barbara Duhlstine-Robarge; Vice President, Sharon Graham; Secretary, Susan Stewart; and Treasurer, Patricia Hobert.

South currently has 82 paid/active members. A brunch was held at South for our 8 new members. Committee chairs also attended and they presented the purpose of their various committee and explained opportunities for service. It was a very enjoyable morning ending with a fun putting contest.

The Medallion Tournament begins on January 31, and Guys and Dolls will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Members Donna Peterson and Sandy Fitzgerald competed in the AWGA Medallion and placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Willowcreek: Sue Brooks**

118 members and 4 social members.

Held our Christmas Luncheon December 2nd at Palmbrook. 61 members bought tickets, 5 did not show.

Completed our 3 week Presidents Cup Tournament in December. December 29, sent out the flyer for the Sun City Open to our membership.

Sent Marcia Grenier and Judy Conrad to the state Medallion Tournament January 15th.

Had our first Board Meeting January 16th. Their Board decided that if the course is cart path only the players will be allowed to lift, clean and play. That way there is no confusion for the players.

Rescheduled our Memorial Tournament to January 24th due to wet course and cart path only.

The first round of the Medallion will be played concurrently with the Memorial Tournament.

January 17, sent out the March Better Ball flyer

**Old Business: Rosie Oblinger**  
**None**

**New Business: Rosie Oblinger**  
**None**

**Next meeting will be at 9:00 AM, February 15 2023 at Talisman Hall.**

Adjourned by consensus at 10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Otto  
2023 Umbrella Secretary