

SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

January 19, 2022

Talisman Meeting Room 9 AM

Meeting called to order at 9:01 by Umbrella President Karen Smolinski.

Attendees:

Karen Smolinski, Pam Portillo, Donna Laufer, Lisa Braegelmann, Jaye Sprague, Jodi Ault (for Deb DeKaye), Evelyn Bertsch, Terrie DeLorm, Rosie Oblinger, Terry Klatt, Chris Linam, Pat Bilquist.

Secretary Report: Pat Bilquist

Motion to accept minutes tabled until next meeting. Pat will recirculate minutes of December 15, 2021.

Treasurer Report: Evelyn Bertsch

Evelyn reported balance as of December 31, 2021 is \$750.59. Budget is balanced. Jaye Sprague moved that the Treasurer's report be approved and seconded by Donna Laufer. Carried.

VP/Tournament Report: Terrie Delorm

Terrie is requesting that each club forward the names of those individuals from their respective clubs with the responsibility for tournaments. Discussion of role of VP/Tournament with Umbrella and Club Tournaments.

President Elect for 2023: Rosie Oblinger

No report at this time.

Team Play: Terry Klatt

Terry reports as of Jan6, we are currently at half way for the Team Play. Lakes West is in 1st over Willowcreek by 9 points followed by South, Riverview and North. Anne Sextro will be completing next reports as Terry will be away.

Director of Golf: Brian Duthu

Brian sends regrets as he is currently at another meeting

Pro Shops Report: Chris Linam

Pro Shop & Range Sales were up in December along with golf rounds, thank you all for supporting RCSC.

We have a New Head Starter at Riverview, his name is Richard Erickson so the next time you are around please give him a warm Sun City welcome! He will be a great addition to our Team.

For those who love to practice we finally got in another shipment of Mesh Range Bags that will be in the shops this week! We are still losing our Plastic Baskets at all golf courses so please help by letting anyone you know who might have one to please get them back to the golf courses. We understand you might not hit all the practice balls you purchase in one visit but please feel free to take the balls with you to practice with at another time, but the plastic baskets are not to leave the golf courses. That's where the mesh bags come in handy for you.

Just a reminder for the New Club Presidents in charge for 2022, please be sure to bring in your pairings for the next week 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 or call 623-876-8419. The Get Golf Ready class is without a doubt the best values 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@suncitaz.org or in Person 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. Chris left the meeting at this point as he had another commitment.

Lakes West: Donna Laufer, President

- *Maintenance Facility Construction – Irons only Driving Range*

I made an appeal to Brian and Chuck to allow long metal practice from mats on competition and special events days – 8 more months (est September range reopening or when nets are permanently installed). Be prepared to watch for heavy equipment entering from the street between hole #1 & hole #2.

- *Del Well Signage and Maricopa County*

Brian is working with the County to put up signs for auto traffic at our Del Webb crossings. Players in carts and walkers have had some close encounters with oncoming traffic. In the meantime, be careful when one stops to let you through when the second lane cars may not stop.

- *Better Ball Registration Communication*

Because the BB fills so quickly and we want to give all the best opportunity to register and get in to play, I suggest sending an email to the presidents to watch for the official registration email and when it will be sent.

- *Sub-Committee Forming for Charity*

At the request of our membership, our 1st VP is pulling together a sub-committee for charity. The ladies would like to emphasize giving to a cause for our next Christmas Luncheon. Our goal is to make our choices responsibly/without bias as much as possible and create good policy. We hoped to get some insights from Jaye's ladies at South.

- *Playing Tees of Choice*

Lakes West is working through some issues that come with the option of tee choice on league day. With the transition of our returning seasonal players and those returning post pandemic boarder closings, the league policies and player responsibilities are presenting our POD and Tee Time Chairs with some challenges to re-communicate and clarify to a whole "new" audience.

While 25-50 percent of players have been playing with choice since March 2020, 50-75% are just coming into the new process of sign-ups, handicaps, flight sheets, etc. Donna requested feedback from other Presidents as to their process for POD and choice of tees. Discussion.

- *Membership*

Lakes West has 77 (verifying) members with one January rejoining (late) member. This time last year we had 70 members. We are increasing our Publicity in the *Independent* and upgrading our Club Communication Boards.

- *Team Jackets*

Membership requests Club Jackets. Two of our ladies are putting together a proposal for black with club logo embroidered, choice of fleece or nylon.

North: Jodi Ault (for Deb DeKaye, President)

- Currently North has 71 members.
- Fun Scramble was held yesterday and members filled in all the divots on the course.
- Course is in really good shape.
- Course is just packed at all times and pace of play is quite slow.
- Ladies Day POD is from yellow tees.

Riverview: Pamala Portillo, President

- We have 61 members currently
- End of December we bought Pizza and sodas for the ground crew as a thank you
- We will be having a divot party this month but the date has yet to be determined
- Our Guys and Gals (name changed from Dolls) will be February 8
- Shirley Freeman got a hole in one on December 21st making her the 2nd person to get a hole in one in the year 2021. Her sister Jacque Moore was the other person. They had to split the pot.
- Our course is in good condition.

Willow Creek: Lisa Braegelmann, President

- Currently have 120 Members and 7 Social Members
- Tuesday's league sheets remain full at this time with 70-80 members playing weekly.
- We continue to do a play of the day game as well as a closet to the pin on two of the par 3's
- Had our first Board Meeting on the 10th of January which was well attended.
- Memorial Tournament will start Jan 18th with Jan 18th will also be the first day of the Medallion Tournament.
- Barb Davies will be our new Mixer chair for WC and this information has been forwarded to Riverview and North Presidents.
- Flyers for the March 5th better ball tournament have been emailed January 4th to each Club's President to be distributed to their membership. This tournament will run on a straight sheet, registration will be done via email and payment will be done at pro shop the day of tournament.
- Flyers for the Better Ball should have been posted at each club on January 5th.
- As of Jan 10th, there were 164 ladies signed up to play the Better Ball.
- Jan 4th, I sent a reminder out to our membership for the upcoming Sun City Open in February.

South: Jaye Sprague, President

- South's new Officers and Committee members are off and running in the new year. Our first Board Meeting was held on January 14, 2022.
- South currently has 90 paid/ active members. They are looking forward to a "Fun Day" scramble on January 18. We also have a "Guys and Dolls" Tournament coming up on February 8.
- South has Sunday Mixers every second Sunday of the month. The last 2 have filled up to capacity, even though the potluck dinners afterward have been cancelled due to Covid concerns.
- We have a "Divot Party" coming up on Sunday, January 30. Since the South Course did not get over seeded, we are focusing on fixing ball marks on greens and repairing divots on tee boxes and drop zones. Unfortunately, the chili supper afterward has been cancelled but we are having cake and drinks at the clubhouse for all of the volunteers.

- The “Win-A-Ball” event that we held for the Men’s League in December netted \$256.00, which will go towards our Beautification fund.
- Donna Peterson and Sandy Fitzgerald will represent South at the AWGA Medallion this month.
- Jay has received a number of complaints about the condition of the course. Next year two additional courses will not be overseeded given the current issue with water usage. Discussion re: Courses for Sun City Open. No changes made.

Old Business:

No old business at this time.

New Business –

1. Terry Klatt has received a request for player to have a spotter at the Sun City Open due to vision issues and concern with pace of play. Discussion re: current rule of no spectators. AGA has a modified rule for handicapped individuals re: blindness, amputees, etc. Discussion held. Jaye motioned to change the #6 SCWGA Tournament guideline as detailed out in the Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities under USGA Guidelines. Seconded by Jodi Ault. Carried.
2. Pam had a question related to Team Play. Does a player need to putt out if they are out of contention for the hole? Terry clarified that player does not need to putt out and can concede a stroke, hole or game at any time. Terry will draft information for Team players in this regard.
3. Some leagues post scores for players following Team Play and other leagues have players post their own scores. Discussion re: process for individuals that do not post their scores when requested. Question re posting. If you pick up or concede a hole, you can still post your score as it is a match play which is a valid form of play and therefore can post the score.
4. Riverview had an issue with pace of play given a group of five ahead of them. Need to raise this issue with the starter.
5. Lisa stated that a Motion in the Umbrella minutes in 2021 stated that Team Play for 20/21 season would be played from the yellow tees and further decisions on tees would be discussed at the February 2022 Umbrella meeting. Karen updated members that the Umbrella Committee had discussed whether we alternate tees between red and yellow each year or if team player coordinator decides. Or decision to go to consistent yardages for all courses and Team Play would be from the consistent yardage. Lengthly discussion. Jody motioned for all 5 leagues to agree to use and play from tee yardages between 4900-5200 for all SCWGA events. Pam seconded. Carried. Motioned amended to add “effective April 1, 2022.” Carried.
6. Each course will need to look at their respective course and see what changes need to be made. Changes need to be directed to Karen and Brian for changes to be completed for GHIN.
7. Rosie questioned for the scoring for the Octogenarian Tournament, do they use the handi comp or GHIN handicap. Directed to talk with Kathy Marpe.

Motioned to adjourn at 10:41. Motioned by Lisa. Seconded by Pam. Adjourned.

Next meeting will be at 9:00 am February 16, 2022 in Talisman Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Pat Bilquist
 2022 Umbrella Secretary