

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Call to Order

President Renee Hawkins called the meeting to order at the Marinette Recreation Center at 1:00 p.m. There were 65 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Petersen made a motion to approve the December 1, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Terri Simpson. Motion carried.

Treasurer and Membership Report

Barb Halpin reported that the ledger balance as of February 5, 2024, was \$5,844.83. The 2024 budget is \$1,725.00 and the 2023 unpaid budget is \$98.22. Forward liabilities are \$1,555.78 and the unbudgeted balance is \$2,465.83.

Barb noted that we have 110 regular members and 6 social members.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SWGA/UMBRELLA

Renee Hawkins reported that Team Play Fun Day for 2025, was discussed at the Umbrella meeting. Many players want to play with their own peers on Fun Day. Others want to mix it up and play with competitors to meet new people. Fun Day is flighted and a scramble format. A show of hands at today's membership meeting revealed:

- 29 were in favor of keeping the current format of A,B,C and D teams.
- 7 were in favor of playing in their flights

We were also reminded that we must leave the baskets for practice balls at the course. It is okay to take the practice balls home but baskets must remain at the course.

AGA/Handicap/Hole-In-One

Polly Fischette reported:

- the next Medallion events will be on February 27 and March 3, 2024
- please put our Rec # on the handicap cards instead of our GHIN #
- use fractions to record a hole score when necessary (e.g., 7/8)
- the hole-in-one fund has \$196.00 dollars

CAGD (Central Arizona Golf District)

Debbie Buffington reported:

- the next blind draw will be on February 20, 2024
- the April Showers tournament is a 2-day tournament on March 29 and 30, 2024; the event includes dinner each night and Debbie encouraged members to sign up to play; the cost is \$70.00 per person

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory

Cristi Dorsch reported:

- Chuck Manning has been given an instruction sheet which he is to follow
- new rakes have been ordered for the sand traps
- ball washers and trash cans are now at the yellow tees
- additional tables have been requested for the patio area
- lights in the parking lot should arrive next month
- employees are trying to limit the course damage from equipment trucks but we must remember that they are driving in the dark
- Willowcreek had the most rounds of golf played in 2023, when compared to the other courses in Sun City
- next year all courses will be overseeded; Willowcreek's overseed will begin October 14.
- the new tuff tuff grass at the North course is regrowing; it was shaved down due to weeds and the choice not to lay down any emergent; it will revive as the weather gets warmer
- the Quail course will be completely redone including a new irrigation system
- Jay Sprague was hired to coordinate with Chris Liman on the ranger program, to make sure the rangers are doing what is necessary on the course
- there is consideration also to implement a paid ranger program for non-Sun City residents
- some issues that Advisory Committee addresses will be passed to Brian Duthu, who is now getting better support from the new RCSC Board members; issues such as the # of carts allowed per group, # of riders, size of cart tires, non-golfing people who ride their bikes or walk on the course
- lines in the parking lot won't be repainted until next year
- attempting to get the sand traps on a 7-year rotation per USGA recommendations
- repainting the club house is in the budget for 2025
- dead trees will be left as is until budding season to determine if they are truly dead and if dead, they will be removed
- fees will continue to increase as we are behind in the budget

Tournaments

Marcia Grenier reported:

- the Club Championship and Eclectic tournament will start on February 27, 2024; it is a 3-week event; a player must play all 3 weeks to be eligible for Club Championship prizes; a player may play 1, 2 or 3 weeks to be eligible for Eclectic prizes; day money will be paid each week; the entry fee for this year has not yet been determined (it depends on the # of entries); players who can only play 1 of the 3 weeks should consider if it is worth their entry fee due to the limited opportunity to win any prize money; the entry fee will be collected on the first day of the tournament; the fee is not refundable
- tournament invitations will be sent to your email on Sunday, February 11, 2024; the deadline for entering is Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- if you are playing any of the 3 days, click on "PLAYING" in the invitation; if you are not playing in the tournament, click "NOT PLAYING"; a confirmation email will be sent to you immediately
- if you chose not to enter and then later wish to enter, contact Marcia who can most likely get you a spot in the pairings
- follow the rules as best you can; if a score is questioned, talk it through at the time – don't get upset; do not agree to something that you know is not correct; play 2 balls if necessary; count the strokes for each ball and do not sign the scorecard until you find out the correct answer.

Member Guest

Jean Emerson announced that applications for the event and menu selection forms are at the back table at today's meeting and are also on our web site.

Pairings

Kathy Hutchinson had nothing new to report.

Ringers and Birdies

Kryssy Brown asked members to report any mistakes to her as soon as possible.

Rules

Arlene Balazic reported:

- range or distance finding equipment can be used BUT the slope feature cannot be used; there is a penalty for the first violation of using the slope feature and disqualification for continued use; disable the slope feature on your equipment even if you are not using it; if it is turned on, it is considered to be in use
- artificial wind detection items are not allowed; an example is a feather attached to your cart to show you wind direction;

- cart decorations such as flags could be considered artificial wind detection items and consideration should be given for removing them or at least lowering them below the roof line
- about concrete rivers that sometimes have running water or sometimes are dry:
 - o you can play the ball out of a dry hazard from the point where the ball stopped rolling
 - o BUT when the ball is moving in flowing water and you take penalty relief, you must take the ball back to the point where it entered the hazard
 - o there was disagreement at the meeting on whether it was allowed to hit a moving ball in the water

Marcia Grenier also noted:

- that there will be red lines along the ditches to mark them as hazard areas
- it's best to remove flags from the carts during league and tournament events
- handicap flags could be lowered below the cart roof line
- compass use is not allowed
- the maximum # of clubs allowed is 14

Team Play

Carol Arend reported:

- Willowcreek did well for the first ½ of events but we are now 2nd in gross and 3rd in net
- On Fun Day, as long as you signed up for Team Play but were never called to play, you can still play on Fun Day
- we were asked to encourage eligible members to play in the Octogenarian tournament and to volunteer to help at the event

Welcoming

Paula Sjulstad reported that there were no new members to orient.

Historian

Barb Davies reported no new issues.

New Business

Jean Emerson asked if members were interested in playing with the women's Willowcreek 9-hole league. Several were interested and Jean, Cindy Baumgartner and Michelle Hrynew will meet with any interested 9-hole women to set up a time.

There was a 50/50 raffle at this meeting and monies were distributed by Cindy Baumgartner.

Motion to Adjourn

Kathy Cea made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m., which was seconded by Teresa Otto. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tricia Affleck
Secretary