

SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

February 16, 2022

Talisman Meeting Room 9 AM

*** corrected as approved March 16, 2022***

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

Attendees:

Karen Smolinski, Pam Portillo, Bev Piette (for Donna Laufer), Lisa Braegelmann, Jaye Sprague, Connie Brueshaber (for Deb DeKaye), Judy Lawrence, Evelyn Bertsch, Terrie DeLorm, Terry Klatt, Chris Linam, Pat Bilquist.

Secretary Report: Pat Bilquist

Motion to accept minutes of Dec 15, 2021 and Jan 19, 2022 as circulated. Pam Portillo motioned. Jaye Sprague seconded. Carried. Question re: effective date of consistent yardage between courses ?April or ? November. Clarified that April had been decided at Jan meeting.

Treasurer Report: Evelyn Bertsch

Evelyn reported balance as of January 31, 2022 is \$ 1,075.19. Budget is balanced. Audit currently being completed. Connie Brueshaber moved that the Treasurer's report be approved and seconded by Jaye Sprague. Carried.

VP/Tournament Report: Terrie Delorm

Discussion re: group of non tournament players in between tournament players at the Sun City Open which slowed play and created a backlog at hole 10. Chris apologized for the disruption and explained that it was a timing issue with block booking.

Karen informed the group re: Jan 19 decision to allow a spotter for the handicap player created some concerns as spotter provided more input than just spotting the ball. Lisa informed the group that she had played one of the two days with the individual that required a spotter and she did not feel the spotter provided any "caddie" duties, just spotting the ball. Need to revise rules to ensure that the spotter in the future only does spotting and does not act as caddie.

President Elect for 2023: Rosie Oblinger

No report.

Team Play: Terry Klatt

After 5 rounds of Team Play, the leagues are very close with scores of 561, 558, 529, 528 and 518. Next play is Saturday.

Terry advised members that RCSC is in the process of implementing a new Cert form to be completed for all payouts and explained rationale for change. Karen will invite December Davis to next meeting to provide information on how to implement new form. Concern is new form will be required for March Better Ball. No date for completion has been noted at this time.

Director of Golf: Brian Duthu

Chris reported for Brian and informed the members that January saw a 13% increase from previous January.

Pro Shops Report: Chris Linam

- We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Golf Courses
- Pro Shops Merchandise and Range Sales ended January, mixed with driving range sales ahead of budget and Merchandise sales just behind budget.
- SCMGGA 2-Man Extravaganza was a success again this year, well done guys! Our Ladies are starting their Club Championships running through March looking for the best from each course to play in the Champion of Champions in April! Good luck Ladies.
- We have been getting a lot of comments about ball marks on the greens. We would greatly appreciate any help we can get by reminding all the players in our groups to please spread the word about keeping your courses in the great condition we all strive to be in with all of us fixing our ball marks and 1 more.
- Free Golf Clinics are back at Lakes West GC. The dates are March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. All clinics start at 9:30 am and are conducted by our local PGA and LPGA Professionals. No sign up necessary just show up and have fun. Each Saturday our instructors will be going over all aspects of the game from driving to putting and everything in between. So come out and enjoy the beautiful weather and the great game of golf.

North: Connie Brueshaber (for Deb DeKaye, President)

- Connie provided a verbal report.
- Course is in good shape
- Guys and Dolls held yesterday
- No new members this past month

Question was asked regarding Team Fun Day and luncheon for same. Email had been circulate. Concern expressed that RCSC rule does not allow for outside food at events. Potlucks are allowed. Further discussion is required with Myrna.

Riverview: Pamala Portillo, President

- We have 67 members up 5 from that was reported last month.
- We had our Guys and Gals tournament 19 teams participated. We had a lot of fun and all seemed to enjoy it. The starter, Rich, took care of us without any delays. We ordered sandwiches from the Snack shop and BB and her crew did an awesome job of taking care of us. We needed more tables than the patio provided and Chris graciously had more tables set up for us and we greatly appreciated it.
- Our Club Championship will be held on February 22, March 1, and March 8th.
- We have ordered markers from the metal club for our combo tees. They are making the marker similar to the ones we have only with an orange color.

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 play straight sheet and ladies have option of yellow or red tees.
- Completed our Memorial Tournament Jan 18th which was also the first day of the Medallion Tournament. Judy Conrad was overall low net with a 63 and Mary Engert was overall low gross with a 79.
- At our Feb 1st Membership meeting our tournament chair had said that the March 5th Better Ball tournament was near capacity. Again, this will be straight sheet with tee times starting about 7:45-8:00. 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold at the tournament as well.

- We had 13 women place in the Sun City Open which was held Feb 3rd & 5th.
- We will start our Champion of Champions March 1st, 8th and 15th.
- WC will be holding their Member Guest tournament Tuesday, April 5th, 2022. We may need to find guest to play; so, If you are interested in playing as a guest contact Deb Buffington at 623-523-7212 to be put on a list.
- WC was asked to join Adopt a hole to fill divots on the fairways and greens by the Greens Committee. A signup sheet was brought to our February Membership meeting.

South: Jaye Spraque, President

- South Membership numbers are holding steady at right around 90 members. Our Membership Chair is scheduling a “new member get together” in March so that our new members can meet our Board members and anyone from the club that wants to stop in for a drink and to say Hello. This get together helps them get to know people and ask any questions they might have.
- Guys and Dolls tournament is 2/15/22 with all playing slots full. We are having a picnic lunch afterward on our patio.
- Our Club Championship starts on Tuesday March 1, 2022 and will run the first 3 Tuesdays in March. It is \$5.00 to enter. Everyone will be playing from the yellow tees this year.
- Our Spring Mixer and Club Meeting will be held on April 5 this year. Details are being worked out with our Social Committee and Play of the Day people.
- South has historically used a web page to post articles, messages and pictures. This is very time consuming, and we had to have someone in charge of taking care of the website. So, we have decided to make a South Women’s 18 Facebook page that we will make invite only for our members. We will still have a couple people in charge of the page to post and check content, but it will be much easier to maintain.
- Our Hearts and Hands committee has been looking into our next idea for “giving”. Right now, it looks like we may do a food drive for a local pantry. Several ideas are on the table.
- Sunday Mixers are still getting great turn outs, however, the potluck dinners afterward are still being cancelled due to Covid.

Question was asked. If a club does a charitable event and raises money, does a certain percentage have to be given to RCSC? Karen will explore and gather information for the next meeting.

Lakes West: Bev Piette (for Donna Laufer, President)

- Bev provided a verbal report
- Medallion Tournament started this past week and continues in combination with Club Championship in March.
- Continue to have the choice of tees on league days but utilizing Combo Tees for competition.
- Two new players joined our club this past month.
- Club is looking at team jackets.

Old Business:

1. Handicap player with spotter discussed previously. Rules will need to be established and clearly stated in the future.
2. Lisa Braegelmann presented and read a document regarding the motion from Jan 19 meeting re: all five leagues to agree to use and play from tee yardages between 4900-5200 for all SCWGA events.

Comments following the presentation included the following:

- Pam informed that the Umbrella Committee decided last year that Team Play would be decided each year depending on league players
- Jaye states she agrees with a ton of comments as presented and that the Umbrella Committee should not change each year. Needs to be decided and move forward.
- Connie stated that she agreed that decision should be consistent and not change each year. She feels if we go back to red tees, we won't have a league in the future.
- Bev stated that the decision was made last year without thinking about each course. Need to include what is equitable for all courses. Changing each year is not beneficial. How do we grow our leagues. Need comparison between yardage on courses.
- Pam states that Riverview has combo tees and gives members different **options** for play.
- Karen states the decision was made in 2020 to evaluate each course for equitable distances between courses. And then that decision was overturned by the Umbrella Committee in 2021.
- Chris stated that if some players want to play red, some yellow and some combo tees, could the Ladies have an A flight from red, B flight for yellow or combo, etc. Issue has been raised in the past that players hitting from red tees could be hitting into players in front of them hitting from yellow tees. Chris did not feel this was an issue.
- Terry stated that the issue is Riverview and Lakes West are not happy with yardage of yellow tees.
- Karen suggested that A team could play from **red**, B and C could play from yellow.

Following discussion, Lisa made a motion to rescind the decision from Jan 19 meeting to move to combo tees based on 4900-5200 yards for all SCWGA events. Seconded by Pam. Voted on with only one in agreement, **four opposed. Not carried.** Further discussion was requested.

Discussion. Lisa stated that the issue is playing from combo tees for all SCWGA events and the **prior** Umbrella Committee had voted that the Course organizing the SCWGA event should decide what tees the event is being played from.

Lisa stated that Willowcreek does not agree to Combo tees and will not play from Combo tees. Karen asked for clarification of Willowcreek's position. If the Umbrella Committee decides and majority vote is for Combo tees, will Willowcreek be withdrawing from Umbrella and Team Play? Lisa stated she would have to discuss further with Willowcreek members.

Decision was that each President needs to take this discussion to their membership. Subject will be tabled to next meeting.

Motion presented again. **Lisa motioned to rescind the decision from Jan 19 meeting to move to combo tees based on 4900-5200 yards for all SCWGA events.** Seconded by Pam. Vote 4 to 1. Carried.

New Business –

1. Champion of Champions

Based on the motion above, Champion of Champions will need to remain as "Host club makes tee decision."

Motion to adjourn at 10:22 am. Motioned by Connie Brueshaber. Seconded by Lisa Braegelmann. Meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Bilquist
2022 Umbrella Secretary