

SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

February 17, 2021

Talisman Meeting Room 9AM

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Ruth Melena

General:

Thanks to Lynda Blubaum for making name placecards for everyone.

Secretary Report: Carolyn Jennings

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

“Karen Smolinski moved that “the club in charge of the Umbrella managed tournaments: **Champion of Champions**, Sun City Open, Team Play fun day, and the 2 better ball tournaments be allowed to choose which tees are used for the tournament.”

Judy Lawrence moved that the minutes be approved as corrected and Cindy Aguilar seconded.

Treasurer Report: Dottie Honsberger

Audit was done for 2020 by Dottie Honsberger and Carolyn Jennings, no issues. Umbrella will pay out two hole in ones. Shirley Spotts, and Mary Zutavern.

Tournament Report: Lynda Blubaum

Sun City open had 65 players a 50/50 was done. A two-part ticket was used to prevent overhanding and the winning tickets were posted. Some of the 50/50 money was used for payouts of the closest to the pin and hole in one. 100 dollars went to the Umbrella.

Sun City open had a couple of issues.

- Rules sheet needs to include a statement around 2 balls being used if there is a rules dispute. This allows play to continue and be resolved at the end of the round.
- Spectators per the bylaws must stay on the cart path.
- Per bylaws no walkers are allowed.
- Also the Sun City open is the only tournament that is open to all of Sun City including the non RCSC courses. We should make sure that the course running the tournament advertises at the other courses
- There was a problem with ties at the Open. Rule of thumb is do do low gross then low net.

- The tournament manual did not include the contact at the sun city newspaper so no report sent.
- Lynda will be putting out a procedure for approval at the next meeting.

There is no thumb drive in the tournament manual.

Better ball for March is full with 160 players.

President Elect: Karen Smolinski: No report

Team Play: Jan Lunceford

We are at the midpoint and Willowcreek and South are tied at 340. Riverview is only 2.5 points back in 2nd.

Should be a very competitive second half.

Lakes West: Karen Smolinski

Our Feb scramble was played, using tee times. No general meeting or luncheon was held.

Lengthy discussion at board meeting regarding tees for the upcoming club championship. We have decided to use the 'combo' tees for this year's event.

We have recruited most of the needed umbrella board members for next year, as well as a couple of open club positions.

Our board Meetings continue @Talisman Hall

Sun City open results were posted, good showing by all clubs.

North: Connie Brueshaber

North is good, course is coming together.

Riverview: Pam Portillo

We did not have a board meeting this month and we decided to communicate any voted on matters through e-mail if need be.

There is an average of 44 members who golf on Tuesday league day Jan. to present.

We are having a Just the Dolls tournament on the 16th. We have 45 members signed up. It is going to be a scramble with some fun twists. The ladies will each receive a gift bag using our Guys N Dolls expense money.

Our club championship is coming up on the 23rd, 2nd and 9th.

We have 2 new members. (Karen Madison and Gail Bader).

Again, this year we got scammed. An e-mail is sent out to our members supposedly from me (the president always every year) asking for gift cards. It has happened the last two years. However, we believe we have identified the source as our riverview18ladies.weebly.com account. We are hoping that by deleting any contact information on our members in this site we will have eliminated the problem.

South – Cindy Aguilar Dailey

South held its Annual Divot Party on Sunday, Jan. 31. Approximately 30 members participated and earned some delicious cookies for their efforts.

POD chairs are planning a great Guys and Dolls event on Feb 16th. They have approximately 15 teams signed up.

South 's Club Championship tournament will be held on March 2, 9, & 16.

South was well represented in the SCWGA Open.

South will culminate the season with a food drive in March & April.

South ladies responded to a survey regarding which tees to use for Team Play. The end result is as follows:

Have Team A play from the reds; Teams B & C, from the yellows....or....

Have Teams A & B play from the reds; Team C, from the yellows.

They want guidance from the Umbrella.

South's Board met on Friday, Feb. 12. Two new topics arose that South would like to address at the February Umbrella Meeting.

Topic 1: During the summer months (June - Sept), is inter-club play allowed on Tuesdays? If so, are players from other home courses eligible for payouts?

Background: During the summer, the number of players is significantly reduced. Many play with friends from other courses, and they take turns playing at their respective courses. Some leagues allow visiting players to join in the game and payout. Others do not. Should we be consistent across the 5 leagues?

topic 2: Discussion of Model Local Rule D-7

Missy Jones provided a handout and discussed this topic at our Board meeting on Feb. 12. According to AGA rules, Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b.

Willow Creek: Judy Lawrence

- We currently have 117 regular and 6 social paid memberships.
- After two postponements due to weather, we held our Memorial Tournament on February 2, with 80 members participating.
- Our Club Championship will be held on Tuesdays, March 2, 9, and 16. To be eligible for prizes in Championship flights members must play all three Tuesdays.

- Our Eclectic Tournament runs concurrently. To be eligible for prizes in the eclectic, members may play 1, 2, or all 3 weeks.
- Our Board met on ZOOM on February 7 in lieu of our normally held full membership meeting.
- Pam Nichols is the Willowcreek Chairperson for the March 6 Better Ball to be held at the South Course. The field is full with 168 players. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

Director of Golf – Brian Duthu presented by Chris Linam

January started off strong, through the 18th revenue was considerably ahead of budget and prior year. Beginning with the 19th rain began to affect revenue substantially. For the month revenue was down 1.9% to budget and 4.3% to prior year. Driving Range revenue was the only category that exceeded budget. Rounds played for the month fell short of the prior year by 2,016 rounds.

The free clinics scheduled for March have been canceled. For those seeking lessons both private lessons and Get Ready Golf classes are still available. Private lessons are arranged directly with the teaching professionals, their contact information is available in the pro shops and on the RCSC website (www.suncityaz.org). Get Ready classes have been reduced from 8 students to 6 students, to allow for better distancing. The Get Ready Golf schedule can be found on the RCSC website.

At the time the budget was created we were hopeful that restrictions would have begun to ease, however that proved to be inaccurate. Reduced seating and restrictions continue to hamper snack shop revenue, revenue for January was 75% of the budgeted amount.

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule was presented to the Golf Advisory Committee last month. We will continue our practice of a single more aggressive aerification. In addition to regular aerification events, we will be solid tine aerifying more frequently. Solid tines do not impact the green surface to the extent of hollow tines and do not require course closures. Fairway vericutting begins at the end of April and in two day blocks. Though it does not eliminate transition related issues, it does open the grass canopy for thinning out the rye grass, allowing the Bermuda base to recover from dormancy quicker. Please review the attached schedule with your respective clubs for any conflicts we may have missed. (Schedule was handed out to the presidents. It is not attached here)

Old Business:

Ruth Melena will be bringing up the issue of Course Board meetings not being allowed to meet at Talisman. They are a body that reports to the Advisory just like the Greens meetings and Umbrella.

There was discussion around bunkers and what is a holed ball. It was agreed by all course presidents that only a ball in the hole is considered holed.

Pam Portello made a motion that the SCGWA umbrella adopt the following local rule for bunker play: If a ball lands in a bunker, the player can place the ball one club length in a half moon arch no closer to the pin. They can also chose to play the ball as it lies. Motion was seconded by Karen Smolinski. Motion approved. This will continue as long as there are no rakes in the bunkers.

Team Play tees were discussed.

- South did a survey and results suggested that we use different tees for different flights.

- Willowcreek thought that the home team should be allowed to designate tees
- North wanted yellow tees
- Lakes West felt that everyone should play the same tees.

Karen made a motion that we would play from the yellow tees in 2021 – 2022 and the SCWGA would determine annually in February which tees would be used across all flights for the upcoming Nov thru March team play season. Pam seconded and all approved.

New Business:

Cindy Aguilar will invite Misty Jones to a future Umbrella meeting to discuss the 11.1 replacement for local rule D7.

Cindy brought up the topic of playing in the summer months at other courses and being allowed to participate in the POD. No decision was made. All courses handle this differently.

There has been an issue during overseeding in that people are not welcomed and if they do come and play, they are not allowed to play in POD. Both North and South allow players to pay the sweeps and do a random draw.

We had some discussion around making the Sun City Open a team event to promote more players. It is currently the only individual tournament.

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

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