

# SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

February 21, 2024

## Talisman Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 8:57am by **Vice President Marcia Grenier**

**Attendees:** Marcia Grenier, Lisa Braegelmann, Mary Engert, Sharon Graham, Cindy Aguilar, Jody Ault, Bev Piette, Renee Hawkins, Linda Sears, Mariann Peterson, Chris Linam, Linda Rose Metzger, Brian Duthu.

### **Secretary Report: Lisa Braegelmann**

Marcia asked for a motion to accept the December January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion to accept made by Jody Ault, second by Linda Sears; motion passes.

### **Treasurer Report: Marcia Grenier for Chris Barnes**

Marcia presented the February budget noting a balance of \$1,000.97 and that a check has been disbursed to North in the amount of \$17.00 for engraving of Team Play plaque from 2022. All clubs have paid their dues for 2024 as well.

Report attached at the end of the minutes.

### **VP/Tournament Chair Report: Marcia Grenier**

Marcia confirmed with Bev Piette that Lakes West was in charge of the Champion of Champions Tournament and if Talisman Hall will be used for the luncheon or if they will be eating on the Patio as well as if tickets are being used for the luncheon. Bev will follow-up and report back at March meeting.

Marcia talked about the results from the Sun City Open and that it is important to retain all ties with the exception of the Champion of Champions. When there are ties for the overall gross and net winners of tournaments the scorecard playoff will be used, including the Better Balls and the Sun City Open. Champions of Champions will be determined by a play off hole if a tie occurs. Jody asked that a play off hole occur in the Sun City Open as well. Marcia asked Jody to write a proposal and bring it to the March Meeting for discussion. It was also noted in the SC Open report that the KP payouts for the Sun City Open was paid out of the 50/50 money. The payout for KP's comes from the money collected for registration; NOT money from the 50/50 funds.

Marcia recommended to the clubs in charge of SCWGA events to send out tournament results along with cert information to players prior to submitting to RCSC for payment. Once certs are sent in and posted it is hard to make the changes needed. Marcia in the past was told she had to make the corrections and it is not easy to do. Marcia recommended to allow members 2 days to verify before submitting to RCSC.

Marcia again, extended to help anyone or club for any tournaments they are in charge of.

### **President Elect: Cindy Aguilar**

The 2025 SCWGA tournament schedule has been completed and turned into Chris Linam; Cindy will bring copies to the March Meeting. Meeting dates and rooms have been reserved for 2025.

## **Team Play Coordinator: Mary Engert**

Mary reminded the group that the make-up day of the February 8<sup>th</sup> Team Play will be held tomorrow 2/22 and thanked Chris and Brian for keeping the courses and times the same. With the inclement weather, we had to institute our inclement weather procedures and Mary asked for confirmation from Chris on how to handle. Chris verified that he informs the Starters who then let the Superintendent of the courses know. Chris also notifies the Snack Shop of the change. Mary asked about more tables for Willowcreek during Team Play. Brian said more tables will be ordered for next season but if tables are needed to let staff know at the course and tables will be set up for us. Chris will add 2 additional tables for 2/22 Team Play. This goes for any course that needs more tables for Team Play.

Mary handed out a report showing the breakdown of how many ladies are available from each course per flight for Team Play. Further discussion takes place during Old Business.

Mary then talked about moving Team Play from using an Excel Spreadsheet software to Golf Genius Software. Many issues seem to be occurring with the current system. All of the other SCWGA tournaments are using Golf Genius. Mary will touch base with Rosie Oblinger and Terry Klatt about moving forward on this and report back in March. A question was asked about the cost of Golf Genius; if we use the Basic it is free of charge and if we use the Premium which offers a lot more; it is approximately \$3600 per club per year.

It was noted that Riverview and Lakes West are trying to implement using Golf Genius for their league day Play of Day.

Mary asked Brian about notifications being sent out when golf pass memberships expire. At this time there are no notifications being sent out but Brian will check into this and get back to us. An issue came up where someone checked in for Golf and couldn't play because their membership expired but had never received notification until this person went to golf. Mary said this could be problematic especially when ladies are in a tournament of any sort and on weekends.

North discussed a frustration of 5-hour round with the last Team Play on 2/17/24. It was because of the 2 public fivesomes out in front of them. Lisa asked the question if there were 1 or 2 tee times blocked off prior to our Team Play start. There are none and never have been.

The topic of Rangers came up and Brian indicated that they hired Jay Sprague to manage, train and improve the rangers on the courses. Rangers are to talk with groups falling behind and move them along on the course. If anyone should have any suggestions or questions, Jay can be reached at 513-312-0087 or email: [jimfs@aol.com](mailto:jimfs@aol.com).

Issue was brought up about "A" Team Play group passing the group in front of them on the last Team Play event on 2/17/24. This group told the "A" group to go ahead as they were waiting for a non-player (male) rider who was holding them up and they were already 2 holes behind. This rider was also observed coming out of the cart when it totally states they are to remain in the cart. No further discussion was held on this as in the past it was agreed upon to let non-playing person ride along.

Chris asked if the last group out for Team Play could come in and let the Pro-Shop know they are crossing with being a split sheet as this will allow the starter to let the other golfers out. Mary will send e-mail to all Captains to address this.

## **Director of Golf: Brian Duthu**

Report attached at the end of the minutes

**Pro Shops: Chris Linam**

Report attached at the end of the minutes.

**Presidents' Reports:****Lakes West: Beverly Piette**

Lakes West started our Medallion Tournament Tues 2/20. Our Club Championship will begin next week for 3 weeks. Course is looking good and everyone is enjoying the warmer weather.

We are enjoying greater participation in Team Play, and the new ladies (including those who have come back after a break) are enjoying the format.

At our last general meeting we discussed the proposed annual 5% increase costs for golf. A great discussion, which we summarized and submitted to Golf Advisory. Then the discussion got tabled. We also had a discussion and approval about offering our course to the Pink Ribbon Tournament, to increase participation. It has been reported that the overseed schedule was modified so that this could happen this coming year.

**North: Jody Ault**

We played guys and dolls yesterday. Very successful and everyone had a great time with a wonderful meal after play. We voted and our members would like to have fun day one year all players play with their teams and the next year mix it up. Gave the report on the Sun City Open tournament.

**Riverview: Linda Sears**

Better ball is full. Final details are being addressed by tournament lead Rosie Oblinger.

Our Guys and Gals tournament had both good participation and good weather.

We have our club championship tournament the next three Tuesdays. We run our Handicap tournament at the same time.

The course continues to play well.

We want to remind everyone it is our intention to change our orange combo Ts to teal and make minor adjustments in our scores cards this summer.

We will be using a local tournament rule this year allowing free relief from our red and white yard markers. If we get favorable reviews, we may make this a local model rule for Riverview Ladies and therefore request use during next year team play. TBD.

**Team Play**

We continue struggling having enough players for our A team and our C team for league play. Several times we have had to bring up 1-2 B team players to fill the A team. Our C team is a constant challenge. Suggestions would be appreciated.

Our ladies have mostly accepted the three-cart rule and are slowly returning to pre Covid cart sharing with little issue.

**South: Sharon Graham**

Thanks to Vice President, Jann Jemsek, for giving January report for South. We currently have 82 members, 11 new members this season.

We held a new member breakfast on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cindy Aguilar, our membership chairperson, said there was good attendance of both new and current members.

Our league gave a \$100 donation to the Octogenarian tournament.

Guys & Dolls event was held on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are in the middle of our Medallion tournament. February 6<sup>th</sup> round was rescheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather.

Our Club Championship starts next Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, with other two rounds being played on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our fundraiser for the Beautification committee is our "Win a Ball" tournament which will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We bake cookies for the Men's league and they make a donation on the two par 3s and get a bag of cookies for their donation.

As the roses in our rose garden by #10 tee box die, they will be replaced with barrel cactus plants to align with the upcoming desert remodel.

We reinstated ringers and birdies this season for no additional cost to players; this will be discussed at our Spring Luncheon and general meeting in April regarding how we will handle this next season.

### **Willowcreek: Renee Hawkins**

We have 110 Golf members and 6 socials.

We finished our second round of the AGA Medallion.

The first round of our Club Championship starts at the end of the month.

During our February membership meeting I took a poll on playing Team Fun Day, 67 members were present, 29 voted to leave Fun Day as is, 7 voted to change format to play in your flight, 36 did not vote.

I spoke to the "C" Captain, she said they have plenty of qualifying players, however she's having trouble filling at this time due to injuries and illness and just not wanting to play.

### **Old Business:**

**Team Play Fun Day format.** Clubs reported back as follows: WC- A, B, C format; RV, LW and SO; allow the course in charge of Team Play Fun Day to decide the format choice and North alternate every other year. After further discussion it was agreed that Team Play Fun Day format will continue to be the choice of the club in charge for that year.

**Team Play line up, player number issues and index changes.** Mary asked if Presidents felt that 24 players are too many for Team Play as courses struggle to get enough players for this event. Mary asked do we go to 18 players, do we possibly just have A and B line up with 5 people for 20 total or do we need to change the index ratings again. A lot of discussion was held on this issue. Also, discussion of using the bottom "B" players to help fill in the "C" roster. Conclusion after discussion was to keep 24 players and possibly moving the indexes to accommodate. Mary asked all Presidents to talk with their Team Captains and bring this information to the March meeting. Mary will work up different range indexes for each flight and bring to March meeting for discussion as well.

**Update on letter sent December to 2023 Better Ball player regarding inappropriate behavior.** Because she was not going to be at the meeting today Arlene Balazic emailed a copy of the letter and information about what actions she took before writing and sending the letter to the Board prior to the meeting today. Marcia asked if there were any thoughts or concerns with the letter and none were warranted.

## **New Business:**

**Update Policies & Procedures regarding sanctions for inappropriate behavior at SCWGA events.** Marcia, per Arlene's request, asked the Presidents to read the Umbrella's By-Laws Appendix "B" Divisions inappropriate behavior section and bring feedback to the March meeting if we want to incorporate any language to address this in the Umbrella By-Laws. Lisa will forward to all Presidents a copy of the Umbrella By-Laws for review.

**Change of December Meeting Date.** December Umbrella Board meeting has been changed from the 18<sup>th</sup> of December to the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Male guest on South Women's Tuesday League play day.** Sharon Graham, president of South was wondering if any other club allows male guests to play with their league on Tuesdays. No other club allows this and all felt that they should not be allowed. After some discussion; Brian Duthu suggested changing the language in each clubs' rules from "guest" to "perspective member" to alleviate this issue.

**Questions for Brian:** Brian was asked why there are so many bumps when doing the Lottery. Brian said this happens when they book 4/5 groups at a time. Brian also mentioned that the "no show" penalty is in place now. Meaning, that not only the person booking the tee time but everyone in the group gets penalized for not showing up and that in return, lowers your priority to your bookings on the lottery. People need to cancel prior to getting to the course to alleviate this happening.

It was also noted by Brian that the small groups 30+ (preferred tee times) will no longer be able to book if they continue to have a lot of no shows in their tee time bookings. They are still not allowed to book tee times between 9:30-10:30.

Linda brought up the issue with the handicap on the Riverview Score Cards being incorrect. Question was asked if Golf Genius could pull a report showing 500 scores to make the correction when the next score cards are printed. Marcia thought this was possible and will check into this. New score cards for Riverview will need to be printed in 3 months so this correction should be done before then.

Fee increase. Bev from Lakes West asked about the proposed annual 5% fee increase that is going to take effect. Brain stated there is no fee increase proposed at this time. RCSC is putting a 5-year plan together to show where money is needed and increases will be made accordingly in smaller increments.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Jody Ault and second by Renee Hawkins; meeting was adjourned at 10:45.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Braegelmann  
2024 Umbrella Secretary