

SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

March 15, 2023

Talisman Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 9am by **Umbrella President Rosie Oblinger**

Rosie reminded everyone to sign in.

Attendees:

Rosie Oblinger, Wendy Otto, Judy Cockerill, Jody Ault, Linda Metzger, Barb Duhlstine-Robarge, Susan Brooks, Arlene Balazic, Bev Piette, Mary Engert (incoming team play coordinator), Kat Fimmel

Secretary Report: Wendy Otto

Approve the minutes from the Feb 15, 2023 meeting with the addition of:

A conversation regarding offering a gluten free/vegetarian meal option for Team Fun Day occurred & any SCWGA tournaments going forward.

M/S Linda Metzger/Barb Duhlstine-Robarge

PASS

Treasurer Report: Judy Cockerill

Beginning balance: \$700.01

Credits/deposits: \$500.00

Debits: \$ 0.00

Ending balance: \$1, 200.01

Filed with minutes

VP/Tournament Chair: Karen Madison

The SCWGA March Better Ball was held 3/4/23 at Lakes West. Tee times from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm allowed 188 players to enter. Everyone who contacted me to get into the tournament, got in. Cancellations the day of the tournament meant that only 184 played. After the tee times were first published, I had 2 teams cancel and 2 other teams replace a team member causing multiple iterations of flights and tee times. **It would be good to have a discussion about some consequence to canceling within 5 days of the tournament.**

During the last 2 Better Balls, no one from flight 9 was able to reach the green. So I tried to give them a KP after their 2nd shot but someone started telling them that they could have 2 TEE shots and there was massive confusion. KP in 2 shots is quite common in Washington State for hard to reach holes. It didn't work down here.

All raffle money was distributed the day of the tournament. Cert sheets went out to all presidents and to Sun City on Monday after the tournament.

President Elect: Arlene Balazic

Arlene suggested SCWGA Tournaments & course selection be discussed as planning for future tournaments occurs. This is due to the shape/condition of the courses. Team play will still occur at each of the courses however it might be something to discuss for the other tournaments SCWGA sponsors. Previous Umbrella board have had this conversation. League presidents offered their thoughts. Talking with Chris was offered as a possible suggestion.

Team Play Coordinator: Linda Metzger

Linda went over her report.

Mary Engert, next year's Team Coordinator, and I both agree that it is important Team Play continue the way it is for next year. We had lots of changes and have spent many hours training both captains and players this year.

Knowing that Umbrella will be voting on a few issues regarding Team Play for next year, we would like to recommend:

1. Leave the tee boxes as is. Yellow for N, WC, & S and Combo for LW & RV
2. Keep the index range as it is.

A: 0.0-20.4

B: 20.5-26.5

C: 26.6-36.0

3. Continue with both Net & Gross scoring

4. Based on whatever decisions Umbrella makes in favor of continuing any (or all) of the 3 temporary changes listed above, the SCWGA Team Play Rules will need to be revised. The last REVISED edition appears to be November 2021. **We recommend a small Umbrella Committee be established to address any needed changes and report back to Umbrella's April Board Meeting.**

Computer Program Specialist There has been some concern to find a person to take over managing the Excel program that is used for Team Play. It really does the job and it works quite well. It cannot be easily replaced with Golf Genius. Our understanding is that neither Gerry Lou Haselwood nor Terry Klatt is interested in maintaining this program. We're happy to announce that we do have such a person that is very knowledgeable of Excel and has worked extensively with Gerry Lou throughout the years – Rosie Oblinger -- Rosie has volunteered to take over the management of our Excel program. If we don't have any major changes this will not require a big commitment. We appreciate all the effort Bob & Gerry Lou Haselwood, Terry Klatt and Rosie have been put into our program throughout the years.

Also, for Board's attention: **It's been noted that not all courses are sending out their hdcp reports automatically to competing teams. All leagues need to check that their hdcp reports are being sent out automatically as specified in Team Play Rules. It's something that Captains shouldn't have to think about and follow up with in case it's not received.**

Mary Engert: suggested that the Umbrella adopt lift, clean & place if team play occurs on a rainy day where the courses are cart path only.

Director of Golf: Brian Duthu

No report

Pro Shops:Chris Linam

No report

Old Business: Rosie Oblinger

Review & discuss how the tee selection of combo (Lakes West & Riverview) and yellow at North, South and Willowcreek worked for the season. This will affect Team Play and SCWGA tournaments. This will come back for action at the April meeting

Bev (Lakes West) reported that there is one fairway that is hard for players to reach from the tee boxes. She commented that we need to keep in mind that to the best of the ability of the Umbrella to be as "fair" as possible to all players.

Jody (North) reported that most of the players from North would prefer to play from the yellow tees. They don't like the combo tees at Lakes West & Riverview. She suggested that maybe the B & C players could be played from the yellow tees.

Barb (South) wondered about getting input from the league members. She suggested that a statement be compiled that could go out to the league presidents to be shared regarding the options.

Linda Metzger commented that there has been talk about having the A players tee off from the red tees while the B players play from the combo and the C players play from the yellow tees.

Mary Engert suggested that since leagues have the options to chose what tees they play from and maybe the Umbrella could support this.

Bev offered to draft a paper to be sent to Rosie and the team coordinators for input. The final will be sent to the league presidents to be shared with their membership and a vote will occur at the April Umbrella meeting.

Review & discuss how recording both gross & net worked for team play.

Discussion occurred regarding how the leagues each dealt with learning curve

Motion: No team can win both net and gross. Following discussion, the motion was amended to read

Team Play will score both gross & net and no team may win both gross & net.

M/S Jody Ault/ Bev Piette

PASS 4-0 vote

Review and discuss leaving the index range as was used for the 2022-2023 season.

Discussion occurred regarding the index range. Overall it seemed to work well.

Motion: Continue the index range as used in 2022-2023 season.

M/S Sue Brooks/Jody Ault

PASS 4-0 vote

New Business:

APRIL: Review and discuss ways to decrease/avoid cancellations for tournaments within 5 days prior to the event. Potential consequences?

A conversation occurred regarding how the tournament sign ups happened and cancellations within the 5 days prior to the tournament. A waiting list helped fill spots. A conversation regarding handling payouts if you had figured based on "x" players and less than "x" players show up occurred. Life situations were mentioned as something to be kept in mind. It was noted that paying at the pro shops

works smoother than collecting checks ahead of the tournament. A question was asked about procedures in place for running tournaments. A suggestion was made that the tournament books be updated to include a recommendation for when tee times may be sent out to the leagues for distribution to the members.

A suggestion was made that a committee review & update the tournament books for the SCWGA tournaments, based on the decisions made by the Umbrella. Including the tournament directors from each league was suggested. Include the use of technology in the updates.

Rosie appointed Arlene, Sue, Mary to be the committee to update the tournament books. Mary suggested that Marcia Greniera be included in the process.

A discussion occurred about the KP for flight 9 at the 2023 March Better Ball and how offering 2 opportunities at that was a challenge.

Bev (Lakes West): A lot of leagues are using Golf Genius exclusively and wondered if the Umbrella would like to look into purchasing the upgraded version for Sun City (for use with tournaments). Rosie explained what her experience with the upgraded version has been. Arlene explained her experience with the upgraded version. Consensus was it was not worth pursuing.

Rosie appointed a committee to update the Team Play book: Linda Metzger, Mary Engert

Umbrella adopt lift, clean & place if team play occurs on a rain day where the courses are cart path only.

M/S JodyAult/ Bev Piette

PASS

4-0 vote

Presidents reports:

Lakes West: Beverly Piette

After Tuesday March 14, Lakes West we will have completed both our Medallion and Club Championship.

The course is still pretty rough since we were not overseeded this year. However, we continue to get lots of roll in the fairways.

The 21st will be our final Step Aside Scramble for this spring, and last General Meeting. Then we have our Guys & Dolls in Early April.

Champion of Champions Tournament:

Karen Smolinski is taking over the Champion of Champions Tournament, and recently emailed all Club Presidents regarding the general details and request for Winners of each Club.

North: Jody Ault:

Champion of Champions tournament going on now. Fairways are in good shape. Pat & Steve from the RCSC Board attended the meeting.

Riverview: Linda Sears:

No report

South: Barbara Duhlstine-Robarge

South currently has 84 paid/active members.

The Club Championship concluded on Tuesday March 14.

The Spring Fling Scramble is scheduled for April 4th with a 8:00am shotgun start.

All the plans are in place for the Team Play Fun Day including a full slate of volunteers. We will gather at Fairway Recreation Center.

By next month we should have completed updating and putting together all Committee Descriptions. This will enable us to better inform any new Committee Chairs of current procedures and their responsibilities.

Willowcreek: Sue Brooks

Tuesday, March 14th, Willowcreek finished the Club Championship, the Medallion and the Eclectic tournaments. Mary Engert is the Willowcreek champion. Planning for our April 4th Member/Guest is continuing. Our next Willowcreek Board meeting is March 20th

Next meeting will be at 9:00 AM, April 19, 2023 at Talisman Hall.

Adjourned 10:11am

M/S Sue Brooks/Bev Piette

PASS 4-0 vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Otto
2023 Umbrella Secretary