

SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

March 16, 2022

Talisman Meeting Room 9 AM

Meeting called to order at 9:02 by Umbrella President Karen Smolinski.

Attendees:

Karen Smolinski, Pam Portillo, Bev Piette (for Donna Laufer), Lisa Braegelmann, Jaye Sprague, Deb DeKaye, Evelyn Bertsch, Terrie DeLorm, Terry Klatt, Rosie Oblinger, Chris Linam, Pat Bilquist, Jodi Ault.

Secretary Report: Pat Bilquist

Corrections to February 16 meeting minutes:

1. Page 1. VP Tournament report. Change hole 1 to hole 10.
2. Page 4. 5th bullet – add “options” to different options for play.
3. Page 4. 9th bullet – change yellow to “red” so A team could play from red
4. Next Paragraph – add “four opposed. Not carried.”
5. Last Paragraph – restate previous motion “Lisa motioned to rescind the decision from Jan 19 meeting to move to combo tees based on 4900-5200 yards for all SCWGA events.”

No further corrections.

Motion to accept minutes of Feb 16, 2022 as circulated with above noted corrections. Pam motioned. Seconded by Jaye. Carried.

Lisa B from Willowcreek would like to clarify statement from last meeting (Willowcreek stated in Feb that they would not comply with Combo Tees) to reflect that her intent was to convey that WC would not use Combo Tees at their course, for their league play.

Treasurer Report: Evelyn Bertsch

Evelyn reported balance as of February 28, 2022 is \$ 1,075.19. Budget is balanced. \$100. received from Sun City Open and \$100. received from Better Ball. Audit has been completed. No issues.

Lisa moved that the Treasurer's report be approved and seconded by Pam. Carried.

VP/Tournament Report: Terrie Delorm

Sun City Open and Better Ball completed. Fun Day is next activity.

Lisa reported the Better Ball had a great turnout with 194 ladies. Results have been sent in to RCSC. Terry asked if Lisa had received any feedback re: tee times and not shot gun start. Lisa stated that they were able to accommodate more ladies and was well received. No complaints of slow play or with registration at time of event. Some concerns with Snack Shop not being open for some of the last groups. Rosie noted that Dec Better Ball may have issues with start times due to shorter days and asked about possibility of second course. Scheduled at Riverview for Dec 2022. Chris stated he would require at least 30 days notice to book a second course. Karen requested that Rosie submit now for the second course to be Lakes West. Course can always be cancelled if participation doesn't warrant 2 courses.

President Elect for 2023: Rosie Oblinger

No updates.

RCSC: Myrna DeBruyne

Guests: Myrna De Bruyne, December Davis and Cat from RCSC Card Holder Services attended meeting. .

Myrna requested that all leagues please ensure that they have submitted their 2023 schedules for bookings. Myrna noted that they handle usually between 17,000-19,000 reservations per year.

Myrna introduced December and Cat and presented the new cert form that will be implemented April 1, 2022. December provided handouts of the new form and advised she will be sending it out electronically as well. Karen provided current contact list to December, for her to use in emailing the new form.

Karen requested information re: charities and RCSC contributions for clubs. Karen advised that Chartered clubs are different from golf clubs. Chris will look into this issue and provide further information at next meeting.

Team Play: Terry Klatt

Team Play is now completed and Willowcreek is the winner. Terry will be picking up plaque and it will be available for presentation on Saturday.

Terry is now the representative for Central District and presented information re: blind draws. Terry encouraged Presidents to discuss with their membership.

Director of Golf: Brian Duthu

No report. Chris stated that golf courses have been very busy for month of February. Chris advised that they have been working on the booking lottery system and feel they may have a solution for some of the issues that have been occurring with emails. Chris noted that users need to ensure that emails are not going into spam folders as this has been an issue.

Pro Shops Report: Chris Linam

- Pro Shops Merchandise and Range Sales ended Feb. ahead of budget, thanks to all for supporting RCSC.
- We only have 2 Get Golf Ready classes left in April, so if you or anyone you know would like to attend a class, please contact Chris Linam at clinam@suncityaz.org or call 623-876-8419. The Get Golf Ready class is without a doubt the best value for your dollar.
- Free Golf Clinics are on now at Lakes West GC. The dates are March 5th, 12th, 19th & 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 learn the Fundamentals of Golf and meet our instructors but most of all have fun.
- 'Our SCMGA and SCWGA will be holding some Great tournaments in March and April. Quail Run Invitational starting March 21st, the SCMGA April Showers will start April 1st, SCWGA Champion of Champions will be the week of April 4th, SCMGA 3-Man Hot-ball will start April 8th, RCSC Moonlight Madness will be played on April 16th and finishing up April Tournaments will be the Men's Octogenarian starting April 18th. Women's Octogenarian will be held April 11th and 15th.
- You can find all events on your RCSC Golf Calendar.

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

- We had 1 new member this month
- Club Championship will conclude this week
- We had a Hole-in-one that we will reward and celebrate at our next General Meeting March 22.
- We are still pursuing Club Jackets, and plan to present at the General Meeting

- We are trying to get a Charity committee kicked off, but have been informed of RCSC requiring they receive matching funds, so we are trying to get that clarified.
- Still have good turnouts to our Mixers, and are having dinners after now.
- We are going to be using an AP for miscellaneous payments such as Mixers & Special events, so that people don't have to write checks. This should help quite a bit with some of our Canadian players who don't have a local account, and those that are getting a charge for writing checks.
- Our Guys & Dolls scramble will be held April 5, followed by luncheon at SunDial.
- During our last General Meeting, our membership voted to continue to allow choice of Red or Yellow tees for Play of the Day, but will use our Combo Tees for all Tournament play.

North: Deb DeKaye, President

Verbal report given.

- Course is in great shape. Concerned with next year and course conditions. Chris stated that the South Course was a learning curve and will be making some changes. North will be better. South will be the best course this summer. Watering once a week instead of once a day has made a significant reduction in water usage. South has started watering more now with the increased warmer weather. Chris noted that the seed costs have risen from \$0.90/pound to \$1.91/pound.
- Club champion will be concluded soon. Joan Hinkey and Barb Currie are Medallion representatives.

Riverview: Pamela Portillo, President

- We had our Club Championship and Karen Madison is our Champion.
- We will be having our Brown bag meeting the last Tuesday of the Month. We started last year having what we call a Krazy tournament on that day. It is a shotgun start and we play with some pretty crazy rules but it was a big hit last year so we decided to continue.
- We have our new markers out and several of our league has played them. It is so nice to have the markers instead of having to look at our sheet. It does make for a different game and have received all positive feedback. Brian allowed Rick (our Superintendent) to put them out everyday and we greatly appreciate it!! I contacted the paper and hope they publish a little something on them.
- I set out a clipboard for with choices as to what tees each player would prefer to play at the SCWGA tournaments and have tallied the results. I hope that the 5 league presidents can come to a conclusion on this and move on!
- I had sent a proposal to Karen about adding gross scoring to team play but have since found out that there needs to be more discussion on this and I would like to table it till Riverview board has a chance to get some questions answered.

South: Jaye Sprague, President

- The South Course still has 90 members. We are going to introduce/ recognize all 5 new members with a rose and a small gift at our Spring Mixer/ meeting on April 5.
- Our Club Championship is in it's last week. So far, we have two players tied going into the last day.
- We have our Spring Mixer on April 5, 2022. The golf will be a shotgun start at 8:30am with us playing the "dice game." The lunch and meeting afterward will be at the Fairway Center.
- The South Course Team Play Captains and players have really enjoyed the season. Thank you, Terry Klatt for coordinating it all!

- The South Course would like to see Team Play in 2022-2023 play from the yellow tees at South, North and Willowcreek and play from the Combo tees at Lakes West and Riverview.

Willow Creek: Lisa Braegelmann, President

- Currently have 123 Members and 7 Social Members; which is up 3 new members from February.
- WC has completed the Club Championship tournament which was held March 1-15th and we had 99 ladies participate.
- Completed our Medallion tournament on March 8th with Marcia Greiner and Judy Conrad winning this event and will play in the State Medallion next Jan.
- March Better Ball was held at Willowcreek and we had a great turnout with 194 ladies out of 202 registered participating.
- WC will have our Spring Membership and Brunch meeting April 1st at Palmbrook.
- Our Member Guest tournament slated for April 5th has 124 players participating.

Old Business:

1. Review reports from clubs regarding tees for SCWGA Events
 - Pam reported that she gathered information at Riverview and 18 people were in favor of Riverview and Lakes West playing from Combo tees and North, South and Willowcreek playing from yellow tees. 18 ladies favored A Team playing from Red, B and C playing from yellow. 6 ladies wanted yellow tees and 2 wanted red tees.
 - North, South and Willowcreek don't want A teams from red tees so that will not be an option.
 - Lakes West wanted Yellow @ North, South and Willowcreek, Combo tees @ Lakes West and Riverview.
 - South wanted yellow tees at North, South and Willowcreek but Combo tees at Lakes West and Riverview.
 - Willowcreek wants yellow tees and did not want Combo tees at Lakes West and Riverview.
 - Discussion re: Should Team Play be handled separately from other SCWGA events? Should decision on tees used at SCWGA events remain with the host club?

Pam motioned for all SCWGA Tournaments for upcoming season, including Team Play, at Riverview and Lakes West to be from Combo Tees and Willowcreek, North and South to use yellow tees. Deb DeKayne seconded. All in favor. Carried.

New Business –

1. New Team Play suggestions (Pam Portillo and Lisa Braegelmann)

Pam provided handouts and presented a Proposal for Adding Gross Scoring for all SCWGA Team Play. Cards would have to be adjusted to include gross. Discussion. Suggested to present proposal to members at Fun Day. Pam to update proposal with benefits and will circulate to all Presidents. To be voted on at April Meeting.

Lisa questioned the current schedule of having 2 team play dates in November and 2 team play dates in January and would like to see 1 team play date in November and 3 team play dates in Jan. Discussion. Last year because of Covid, the schedule was completed in three months and there were some challenges with having the team dates scheduled closer together.

Lisa motioned that the dates be moved for Team Play in November 2022 to have 1 scheduled in November and 3 team play dates scheduled in January. Seconded by Pam. All in favor. Carried.

2. Participation in POD at other clubs, when courses are closed – Lisa B

Discussed what each club does when players from another course participate in the POD. Terrie stated that there was an issue a couple of years ago with Willowcreek players at Lakes West but they wanted to play their own POD. Was discussed at prior Umbrella meetings. Lakes West has always included players from other courses in POD. Karen noted that the participation of players in POD from one course at another course is only “when home course is closed”. If a player wishes to play a club that they are not a member of, they are subject to that club's rules regarding “guest play”.

3. 2023 SC Open scheduled for North which will not be overseeded – Lisa B

Karen advised that we had discussed previously when this year's Sun City Open was scheduled for South and decision was to leave as scheduled. Noted that Chris would require 30 days notice to move tournament. Tabled until next year and Rosie will advise further at that time.

4. Pam had a question regarding ByLaws. Article 1 Section 5.

Do clubs allow 9 hole players to play in the 18 hole league?

Chris stated that the Men do allow and some have men that play in both 9 hole and 18 hole leagues and that they pay to join both clubs.

5. Lisa had a question regarding By Laws.

Are leagues required to come to the Umbrella Committee for approval?

Appendix A states that leagues are required to present By Law changes to the Umbrella Board for approval. This seems to contradict the premise that each league is independent and not ‘governed’ by the Umbrella Board.

Rosie will look for Appendix A and B. Karen will go through the A and B Appendices and bring back to Umbrella for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 10:33 am. Motioned by Lisa. Seconded by Deb. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be at 9:00 am April 20th, 2022 in Talisman Hall.

Please note Rosie Oblinger will be taking minutes at the April Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Bilquist
2022 Umbrella Secretary