

**WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 1, 2022**

Call to Order President Lisa Braegelmann called the meeting to order at Palmbrook Country Club at 10:50 A.M.

Approval of Minutes Lisa asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the General Membership Meeting from February 1, 2022. There were no corrections or additions. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Terry Bogue, seconded by Susan Petersen. Carried.

Treasurer's Report Barbara Halpin gave the Treasurer's Report from March 31, 2022. The Bottom Line is that we have a Ledger Balance as of March 31st of \$6,530.30

2022 Budget	\$1,388.54
2021 Unpaid Budget	\$640.32
Forward Liabilities	<u>\$1,174.00</u>
Unbudgeted Balance	\$3,327.44

Membership Report Barbara Halpin said that we have 123 regular members and 7 social members.

New Member Introductions Kathy Cea was going to introduce our new members, but none were in attendance. She would like us to encourage them to attend our meetings and participate in our events.

Committee and Representatives Reports

Umbrella Lisa said that it was decided at the Umbrella meeting on March 16th that ALL SCWGA and Team Play events going forward will be played as follows; from the Yellow Tee Boxes at Willowcreek, North, and South and Combo tees will be used at Lakes West and Riverview. Riverview has orange tee markers for combo tees placed on the tee boxes signifying the tee to be played and Lakes West is in the process of purchasing some as well. Lisa was in a minority about using the Yellow Tee Boxes at all courses. Combo tees are not included on the regular score cards and cheat sheets are available. When SCWGA events are played; combo tees are able to be printed on the score through a computer program which is used for these events. Cheat sheets are available at each course if you are at RV or LW and want to play the combo tees and combo tees are included in the GHIN app for posting scores and looking up handicaps. At Riverview you can find the cheat sheet located in the bulletin board across from the rest room and at Lakes West you can find the cheat sheet in the room located in the pro shop in a folder hanging on the wall.

Umbrella also decided to have only one Team Play event starting in November of 2022 and three Team Play events in January of 2023. With it being hard for some courses to

field a team before their members are back and with overseeding and cart path only, it is difficult to schedule Team Play in November.

Lisa stated that Riverview approached the Umbrella about changing Team Play from a Net only event to Gross and Net. On each hole, 1 point is awarded for winning the hole gross, and 1 point awarded for winning the hole net. ½ point gross and ½ point net will be awarded when the hole is tied. Team totals will be kept for gross and net as they are now only kept for net. Sweeps would increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 which will cover the payout for the gross winners. The rationale to consider this change is that it encourages the lower handicap players to participate in Team Play. It also gives equal competition for gross and net players. It reduces the chance that a team will leave their low handicap players out of the lineup and just play the high handicap players. The increase in sweeps allows payment for both Gross and Net winners. Lisa Braegelmann had a show of hands to see if our membership would be interested in adding gross score to Team Play and it was mixed but no one was strongly against the proposal. Lisa will bring back to the Umbrella April meeting that Willowcreek is ok with the addition of gross score.

The next item Lisa discussed at the Umbrella meeting concerned Play of the Day. When Willowcreek is closed, our members can play at other courses and participate in their Play of the Day event. If we play other courses when we are closed, we need to pay attention to the handicap adjustment at their course, and their procedures for score card completion. It is best to ask one of their members how they do their score cards. We pay the sweeps every Tuesday for preferred tee times regardless of which course we are playing.

Greens Committee /Golf Advisory Marcia Grenier reported for Cristi Dorsch that at the last meeting they once again talked about setting the cups on the greens properly. The rakes at North are very light weight compared to ours. Ours will be changed to the larger, lighter weight rakes when they wear out. Willowcreek is trying to get garbage receptacles by the Yellow Tee boxes. With our parking lot very dark at night, Willowcreek is also trying to get increased lighting in and around the parking lot like Riverview has. These are all budget items that will need to be addressed. Marge Erwin asked about the use of cameras for security at Willowcreek as well.

Tournaments Marcia Grenier thanked all of us for such great participation in our recent tournaments. We had 99 women sign up for the Club Tournament and fielded 94 players after some cancellations. We had great participation for the Memorial Tournament, and with both tournaments, there were very few rules questions or complaints and it went well. Marcia had a few rules reminders: in the desert landscaping if you take an unplayable lie, it is from where the ball is in the bush, not from the edge of the bush. If there is a rules question, we should always play a second ball and get a ruling when we get to the club house before signing the score card. If there is a question about how many strokes someone has, it is best to resolve it immediately with assistance from the other players, and before you get to the next hole. She reminded us that if we get a new rec number, no one is notified automatically. We need to let Marcia Grenier and Polly Fischette know if our rec number has changed as they do not automatically change in the

Ghin system. Your Ghin number always stay the same even when getting a new rec number.

Team Play Mary Engert was happy to announce that Willowcreek won Team Play by 26 points! She thanked everyone who played Team, and all the Team Captains, for a great year.

AGA/Handicap/Hole in One Polly Fischette said with there being more opportunities for Holes in One since so many of us are playing from the Yellow Tees; we are going to keep paying \$2.00 per year toward the Hole in One fund which gets divided among the ladies who get a Hole in One for that season. If no one gets a Hole in One, the money will be rolled over to the next year. Polly presented Nancy Krause the award for the Most Improved Golfer for 2022. Nancy received a certificate and twenty-five dollars.

CAGD/Member/Guest Debbie Buffington said we are doing a great job on the Blind Draw sign up and score cards, but remember to write down which tee box you are using on the score card. Upcoming Central District events are: Stonecreek on April 18th, GCU Golf Course on May 16th, and the Raven on June 6th, 2022. The Member Guest is April 5th and there are 124 participants. It is a straight scramble. She suggested that if you are out of the hole with a shot, please pick up and go on to keep things moving. She thanked her committee members and said the raffle prizes are very nice with roughly a \$200 value for each. Registration for the tournament is at 7 A.M and the shotgun start is at 8 A.M. The web portal will show a 9 A.M. start time and should be ignored. Instructions for the day will be attached to the score cards.

Sunday Mixers Lisa reported for Barb Davies that it is time to let the Sunday mixers go. It is a lot of time and effort to get only a few people to play. If someone is still interested in playing the mixers, they can join North as a social member for \$10 or Riverview as a social member for \$12.00. Pam Nichols asked if we could have our own mixers. It was decided to drop the mixers for a year and revisit the issue later. It was asked to maybe bring Guys and Dolls back as it was cancelled because members could not bring their own food and beverages on the golf course property. There was a question about the snack shop providing something besides sandwiches, and reinstating Guys and Dolls. It will be discussed at the October Board Meeting.

Beautification Lisa gave the report for Laura Horvatich. Laura is working on the project for memorial pavers, and it is such a small project that contractors who are licensed and bonded are not interested in bidding it or doing the work. She has something else in mind that she will discuss with Lisa later.

Ringers & Birdies Nancy Krause reported that there are a lot of birdies since many of us are playing the yellow tees. If you do not want a Birdie pin after getting a birdie, let her or Kryssy Brown know.

Pairings Kathy Hutchinson asked us to make sure we put down a rec card number on the sign-up sheet if we have a guest on Tuesdays if that guest has one.

Old Business None.

New Business Lisa asked for a show of hands of how ladies were measuring for the Closet of the Pin event on Tuesday. It was a split count as some measure from flag pole to the ball and some are measuring from the front edge of the cup to the ball. It was decided that we should measure from the front edge of the cup to the ball. We need to use feet and inches, not 15 inches, for example.

The white barriers on #12 will be in place for a while, according to Chuck Manning. If people would use the 90 degrees rule it would help with protecting the course and possibly eliminating the barriers.

At the March Board meeting, the Board decided to cancel the April Brunch/Membership meeting that is held at Palmbrook and just have the April membership meeting in 2023 after league play on a Tuesday. With the lack of interest for the brunch and the amount of work that needs to go into preparing for the brunch, a suggestion was to have the meeting at Marinette. Discussion was also held about maybe ordering pizza and salad or bring our own lunch; this will be discussed at a future meeting. That change means that the only meeting we have at a restaurant or Country Club is the Christmas luncheon.

Lisa asked how many people read the Minutes of the Meetings on the web site and with a show of hands, many members do. A suggestion at the board meeting in March was to have the minutes emailed to everyone. After some discussion, instead of emailing the minutes to each member Lisa will send an email to the membership letting them know when the minutes are posted on the web site.

In 2024 Willowcreek has the privilege of chairing the Umbrella group. Lisa announced the Officers: Arlene Balazic-President; Marcia Grenier-Vice President and Tournament Director; Chris Barnes-Treasurer; Team Play Coordinator – Mary Engert and Secretary-Lisa Braegelmann.

There was a motion to adjourn by Terry Bogue and seconded by Susan Petersen, at 11:30. Carried.

Carmen Fish, secretary