

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2024

Call to Order

Vice President Jean Emerson chaired the meeting in the absence of President Renee Hawkins. Jean Emerson called the meeting to order at the Marinette Recreation Center at 1:00 p.m. There were 49 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Kay Brittingham made a motion to approve the February 6, 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Cindy Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Announcement

Arlene Balazic announced that the Club services office has moved to the Oakmont Recreation Center. To access the center, a special security sticker is needed. The security sticker is available at the Member services office at Lakeview Recreation Center; the sticker will be attached to the back of your RCSC membership card.

Treasurer and Membership Report

Barb Halpin reported that the ledger balance as of April 9, 2024, was \$5,530.41. The 2024 budget is \$1,360.54 and the 2023 unpaid budget is \$98.22. Forward liabilities are \$1,555.78 and the unbudgeted balance is \$2,515.87.

Barb noted that we have 111 regular members and 6 social members.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SWGGA/UMBRELLA

Arlene Balazic reported:

- the individual responsible for inputting cert payouts has been ill so no payouts are being done at the present time;
- that position will now be supervised by Chris Linam and Brian Duthu;
- Chris and Brian are working to resolve the backlog;

- there was a rain delay but Champion of Champions tournament has finished with Joan Hinkey winning 1st, Pam Bonsack 2nd, Colleen Davis 3rd, and Pat Bilquist and Donna Peterson tying for 4th;
- the Octogenarian tournament has started.

AGA/Handicap/Hole-in-One

Polly Fischette reported:

- the most improved golfer for 2023 was Rhonda Dunkel who began with a 22.1 index and ended the year with an index of 16.0; Rhonda was given a check for \$25.00;
- it is important that first and last names and your rec# be written on all score cards;
- there is \$196.00 in the hole-in-one fund and to date, the only winner is Arlene Balazic.

CAGD (Central Arizona Golf District)

Debbie Buffington reported:

- the next blind draw will be on April 16, 2024;
- remember to record your “net” score on the blind draw score card;
- there remains a delay in receiving payments from CAGD;
- some members have blind draw money waiting for them to pick up from the folder in the pro shop;
- there are lots of fun tournaments and members are encouraged to view the dates on our website.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory

Cristi Dorsch reported:

- discussions continue for some type of penalty assessment when players fail to show for their tee time, including guests of players;
- you must call the pro shop to cancel you and/or your guest’s name;
- habitual failures could affect your place in the lottery draw for tee times;
- a new pass will soon be available for those wanting to play after 5:00 p.m.; it will be called “an after 5” pass and good for one month of play;
- 3 courses will have crossover sheets for the summer and 2 courses will have a straight sheet;
- when driving from the cart path onto the fairway, avoid driving through bare dirt; find another entry point that has grass to drive over;

- a new weedkiller is being tested which may discolor the grass for a short period of time.

Cristi also reviewed the correct way to rake sand bunkers; use a forward then back motion to avoid pulling the sand away from the middle of the bunker. After raking, the rake should be placed in the bunker and parallel to the hole.

Historian

There was nothing to report.

Social

Dar Hedin reported that the Fall membership meeting will be changed from November 5th to November 12, 2024, due to a schedule conflict. The meeting will be at Mountain View Recreation Center and will start at 1:30 p.m. (later than usual) to accommodate extra travel time.

Pairings

Kathy Hutchinson said the sign-up sheet for April 16th was available at this meeting. Willowcreek will be closed April 22 and 23, 2024, for fairway verticutting. Willowcreek will also be closed from June 3 through June 14, 2024, for aerification of the fairways and greens. May tee times for us will be from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Ringers and Birdies

There was nothing to report.

Rules

Arlene Balazic explained the application of rule 6.2 on the tee box:

- if your ball falls off the tee or is knocked off before you make a stroke, you can retee without a penalty;
- if you make an actual stroke and the ball falls off but stays within the tee area, you must count the stroke but you may also retee the ball for your second shot;
- the tee area is between the markers and within two club lengths behind;
- you may stand outside the teeing area but your ball must be inside the tee area;
- you cannot move tee markers;
- if you tee off outside the proper tee area, it is a 2-stroke penalty and you must hit again within the proper tee area.

Team Play

Carol Arend reported that South won low gross and Willowcreek won low net.

Welcoming

Paula Sjulstad introduced new member Jayne Meyer who previously played league golf in Oregon.

Tournaments

Marcia Grenier reminded us that the dates for President's Cup are in the membership book and members who want to play in this tournament should review those dates prior to making plans for the day because Marcia can't always juggle tee times to accommodate special requests.

Old Business

The Fall membership meeting date, time and venue were again announced.

Cheryl Clagget noted:

- if members think there is an error on the play of day calculations, they are invited to call or text Cheryl for clarification;
- she is leaving for the season at the end of May and needs a volunteer to do the play-of-day while she is gone;
- she does submit articles to the newspaper for publicity news but what she writes is often shortened by the paper.

New Business

Barb Halpin noted that 2025 dues will be paid again online. Debbie Buffington asked why the luncheon at the Spring Membership meeting was discontinued and the consensus was it was discontinued due to the cost to each member. The Member-Guest tournament won't be continued after this year due to declining participation. Rita Blackman asked if there was a maximum stroke count to use on the handicap card and was told it is two strokes over par plus your pops.

Motion to Adjourn

Teresa Otto made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m., which was seconded by Susan Peterson. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tricia Affleck, Secretary