

SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

March 20th, 2024

Talisman Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by **President Arlene Balazic**

Attendees: Arlene Balazic, Marcia Grenier, Lisa Braegelmann, Mary Engert, Chris Barnes, Cindy Aguilar, Jody Ault, Bev Piette, Renee Hawkins, Jean Emmerson, Linda Sears, Mariann Peterson, Kathy Yentes, Terry Klatt, Preston Kise, Chris Linam and Brian Duthu.

Secretary Report: Lisa Braegelmann

Lisa asked if there were any corrections to the Meeting Minutes of February 21st, 2024 and with no corrections needed; Motion to accept made by Jody Ault, second by Linda Sears; motion passes.

Treasurer Report: Chris Barnes

Chris presented the March treasurer report noting a balance of \$1,100.97. Chris noted that a check of \$24 for engraving of the Team Play plaques is not included in this balance and a check from South for the Team Play Fun Day also has not been included in the balance. Report attached at the end of the minutes.

VP/Tournament Chair Report: Marcia Grenier

Marcia emphasized the importance of using resources to help run the Umbrella tournaments as well as consistency in a number of tournament categories. Marcia also encouraged the Presidents to have their Vice Presidents attend the Umbrella meetings. Especially if they are fairly new to Sun City and especially in the Fall. 50/50 payouts should be more consistent as the range has been from \$46-\$74. Marcia will be going through all the SCWGA binders and updating them before handing them on next year. Marcia's report is attached to the end of the minutes for each club to have as a guidance and give to their tournament chair to refer to for all SCWGA Umbrella tournaments. Cindy Aguilar asked if the Umbrella By-Laws and Policies could be distributed to their membership. Willowcreek and Lakes West, both have them on their website along with other information for all members to see.

President Elect: Cindy Aguilar

Cindy handed out the 2025 SCWGA Umbrella tournament schedule but noted a change needed to be made to the Team Play Fun Day from March 15th, 2025 to March 22, 2025. Team Play Coordinator is working with Chris and Brian to see if we can still use Riverview as the course for Team Play Fun Day. Being there is another tournament being held North of Grand, it would be a RCSC board policy #17 violation to hold another tournament on the North side of Grand on the same day. Other options including changing to a Friday or Sunday, or changing to a different course were also discussed. Cindy will email the new Umbrella Tournament schedule once the date and course is confirmed.

Team Play Coordinator: Mary Engert

Mary informed the board that she has contacted Terry Klatt and Rosie Oblinger about meeting and moving Team Play to Golf Genius starting the fall of 2025. Terry and Rosie have agreed to meet to see how they could implement this using Golf Genius.

Mary handed out a sheet with different scenarios for moving the index for all flights so flights "B" and "C" would have more players to use to complete their line ups for Team Play. After some discussion it was decided that option 5 looks to be the best fit. Mary indicated that this could be a 1-year trial and review again after the end of the season. Discussion continued about letting "C" pull from "B" and "B" pull from "A" and this is not an option as the program would need to be changed and with the possibility of moving Team Play to Golf Genius in 2025 it would be better to just move the indexes instead of doing a whole program change. At the February meeting, Mary had suggested to do 2 flights of 12 and expanding the indexes which would be half of index "B" into "A" and the other half of index "B" into "C" which would give Captains more ladies in each flight to complete the line up. Discussion continued under Old Business. Mary stressed the fact that this needs to be decided at the April meeting so we are ready to go in October for the 2024/2025 Team Play Season.

Golf Sr. Leader: Brian Duthu

Report attached at the end of the minutes

Pro Shops: Chris Linam

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Presidents' Reports:

Lakes West: Beverly Piette

Lakes West just completed our Medallion & Club Championships tournaments. Our Club Champ is Pat Bilquist. For our Club Champion, the girls have to play all 3 weeks; all flight winners only require 2 weeks participation. We will be having our presentation & scramble on the 19th, and general meeting. Our course is in great shape, and we are starting to notice some of the rough beginning to grow. Our greens continue to be in great shape, though quite fast.

North: Jody Ault

North league finished their championship yesterday. Congratulations to Joan Hinkey first, Pam Bonsack second, Barb Currie third, Lisa Tram fourth. Carol Arinno is the alternate. The medallion will be finished next week. The course is getting better and will be in good shape in the fall. Our April showers will be held on the 16th before people leave for the summer. The Pink Ribbon will be held Tuesday, November 5th. It was suggested from Willowcreek that it would be a good idea to move Pink Ribbon to a Thursday. We are looking into the possibility of doing that. We will let you know more next month.

Riverview: Linda Sears

We have completed our Champions and Handicap tournaments.

Our last Membership meeting is March 26th, which includes a tournament called the Krazy tournament- scramble, lots of fun and silliness.

Golf genius - We now have 4 administrator accounts and 5 members who can enter scores.

One member has stepped up to learn how to set up tournaments to assist Rosie Oblinger. We are looking into using GG for POD.

Course - Riverview is still Playing well, although divots, slow play and 90-degree driving continues a challenge.

There is anticipation that upgrades to drink selections at our snack bar will soon take effect.

Riverview will be staying with the orange markers instead of changing to the teal.

South: Cindy Augilar presented for Sharon Graham

Thanks to our Membership Chair, Cindy Aguilar, for giving this month's report for South.

We currently have 82 members.

Our last round of Medallion tournament will be March 26th.

The last round of our Club Championship was March 12th. Donna Peterson is our Club Champion.

We raised \$295 for our Beautification fund at the Win-a-Ball event last month. We need to bake more cookies for next year!

We sent out a poll to the membership regarding allowing men to play as guests during league day. We will vote on this at our spring general meeting on April 2nd.

We completed our two-year responsibility hosting the Fun Day luncheon for team play on March 16th at Bell Rec Center.

South Ladies are happy to have won Gross in Team Play this year.

Our team captains prefer either A or B index ranges regarding Team Play for the upcoming year.

Willowcreek: Renee Hawkins

Renee introduced her VP Jean Emerson. We have 110 members and 6 social members.

I had a meeting with our Team Play Captains and Co Captain's, Carol Arend, Kathy Hutchinson, Jan Elfritz, Susan Motto and Dar Hedin as to finding players for Team Play. After lengthy discussions about the issues that seem to be the problem, everyone agrees that 2 flights versus 3 may be a solution. Handicapped as 0-25, 25-36 or as The Team Play Coordinator sees fit. Also, they thought 6 captains picks would be fairer for players as some members never get picked.

I talked to a Team Captain with the Roadrunner Team and they have one flight 0-25

I Called Dottie Honsberger about the Pink Ribbon Tournament being changed to Dec in 2025. I left a message and asked her if it's not set in stone can that day be changed from Tuesday to a Thursday because we have a very busy schedule with our President's Cup. It would enable our members to play in the Pink Ribbon. However, she hasn't responded back yet.

We finished our Club Championship / Eclectic Tournaments, a successful turnout with some great scoring. Cat Felker is our Club Champion but not able to play in the Champions of Champions. Our 4 Champions of Champions are, Cristi Dorsch, Lisa Braegelmann, Mary Engert, and Marcia Grenier.

I received Great Reviews on the Fun Day at Willowcreek.

Our Medallion winners were Low Gross Cat Felker (151) Low net Sylvia Csabon (130)

I read the By Laws several times and I believe the Umbrella needs to have the same authority as the division Presidents have which is suspend or expel any member for behavior that is contrary to the highest moral and sportsman like principals.

Old Business:

Team Play line up, player number issues and index changes. After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed upon that the Presidents will take back to their clubs the option of moving forward with two flights; Flight 1 and Flight 2 with 12 players in each flight versus 3 flights of 8 with change of index. We will have to come up with an index that makes the most sense. Take the top 5 of each flight who signed up to play and the captains will choose the remaining 7 to fill the flight. Making sure Captains rotate their players. This has been tabled and will be discussed further and voted on at the April meeting now that everyone understands what has suggested by Team Play Coordinator, Mary at the February meeting.

Update Policies & Procedures regarding sanctions for inappropriate behavior at SCWGA events. There was much discussion whether to leave the By-Laws as is or change to include sanctions by Umbrella Board. Matter was tabled until April meeting.

Change of December Location. December 11th Umbrella Board meeting has been changed to Lakeview SH#2.

Male guest on South Women's Tuesday League play day. Cindy reported that at South's Board meeting it was decided that the President send out a poll to their membership about allowing male guests to play with their league on Tuesdays. She stated a vote on this will be held at their April 2nd membership meeting. She didn't think anything will become of it. Arlene stated to Cindy that this was already discussed at the February Meeting and the Board agreed that this would not be allowed. Arlene pointed out that if the vote is to allow men, that this needs to be brought back to the Umbrella first.

New Business:

Maintain integrity of USGA Rules at all SCWGA Division courses. We all need to play by the same USGA rules. There is an issue with Hole 4 on North where they allowed ladies to take 1 stroke vs 2 strokes penalty when out of bounds during their league to speed up play. Providing a drop zone is not the issue. Signing a scorecard that is incorrect for posting on the USGA GHIN system is an issue. Jody stated they will comply with USGA Rule for Out of Bounds penalty of 2 strokes and change the sign they have posted at the course.

Request at least one tee time before all SCWGA Tournaments and Team Play. Arlene asked Brian about having an open tee time before our SCWGA and Team Play events. Brian stated they do not leave an open tee time for any other event including men's and that is the sticking point. An open tee time is left before Champion of Champions only. Chris Linam said he tries to leave an open tee time after the last tee time in our events so players won't feel pushed but did not think leaving just 1 tee time at the start would be much help. He did offer to have a ranger patrol slow pay in front of tournaments.

Team Play continue as crossover or change to tee times. Arlene asked Brian about keeping Team Play as a crossover instead of straight sheets. Brian said it was our day and we can do what we want; so, Team Play tee times will stay as a crossover for 2024/2025 season

Issues for tournaments running late. Linda Sears addressed the issues of the March Better Ball where the snack shop was closed when the last players came in because of the tournament taking 5 to 5.5 hours. Something needs to be done to avoid this for future tournaments even tho everyone at the Pro Shop, Snack Shop and Brian were informed of this tournament. She was not sure where the breakdown of communications occurred. Suggestion was also made about having our own internal Marshall (someone who is not playing the tournament) monitor the Better Ball tournament players to keep movement going. Marcia also talked about the time it takes to compute the results and that they do not need to be posted the same day. You can list the scores as a summary for people to see; but final results can be sent out a couple days later. Marica also emphasized that it is not fair to the higher handicap players to be rushed in any tournament. Snack shop was the biggest concern for players coming in late. Linda thought the snack shop can stay open late but we need to clarify with Chris/Brian and add these instructions to the tournament books.

Additional Questions for Brian. Marcia asked Brian if the Starters watch when singles come in to play. Scenario was foursome was booked and there is a threesome before or after the foursome, why wouldn't they put the single with the threesome? Brian indicated that some are better than others and sometimes people are canceling right before their tee time but that he and Chris are encouraging their Starters to watch for these situations. The scope and focus for the summer are to increase training for all staff. The older software was harder to move people around once they were checked in but with the newer software it does allow the Starters to move people around. Mary asked if the software could

be modified to ask if you are acceptable to a fivesome or not, especially in the summer time instead of putting a guest in there which would then create a problem with the no show. Even if 3 out of 5 courses could be foursomes and the other 2 courses fivesomes. Brian said there has been some suggestions to go to foursomes in the summer but doing it year-round would increase the bump rate quite a bit. Example was if you have 25 people you now have six tee times instead of five. Brian said this would be another good suggestion to bring to Golf Advisory as Brian is trying to utilize Golf Advisory for more discussions on questions like this. At this time, the software is not able to allow this.

Arlene will bring this to Golf Advisory for further discussion. Arlene also talked about the cart issue and Brian will be bringing this issue to the Golf Advisory March 21st, as there are some logical things to be considered when the public is paired with the group and is not fair to the resident to have to share carts with them.

Arlene asked how to get the dollar sweeps waved from the Champion of Champions and Brian and Chris said they will let the Starters know not to charge the ladies those days. Terry Klatt will email Brian with which courses and dates.

Brian informed us that the Certs employee is now under his supervision as accounting no longer wants to handle this.

Champions of Champions. Tournament chair Terry Klatt thanked everyone for submitting their list of names along with alternates for the tournament. Lunch will be on the patio of Lakes West and ladies can order what they want to eat and drink on the last day of the tournament. There was a discrepancy on the dollar amount for the tournament from \$400 to \$425. They believe in Feb 2023 it was voted on to change the amount to \$425. Arlene will check the minutes and let Chris Barnes know. Chris stated the budget was \$400.00 but we have the money to increase it. Arlene thanked Terry Klatt for reaching out to attend the meeting. The thought was it would be very helpful for the Chair(s) running a tournament to attend the Umbrella meetings one – two months prior to the tournament to discuss what they have going and to be able to discuss issues they may have and use the resources of the board to help them make it an easy and eventful tournament. It is easier to do this before the tournament then after the tournament is over.

Hole in One. Discussion came up about paying for a hole in one in any SCWGA tournament. No matter who is responsible for running the tournament; the amount for a hole in one is \$25 paid by the Umbrella Board according to the SCWGA By-Laws. No club can add money to this amount for any reason. We need to be consistent moving forward and there will be no exception to this rule.

Next meeting will be held at 9:00 am April 17th, 2024 at Talisman Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Bev Piette and second by Jody Ault; meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Braegelmann
2024 Umbrella Secretary