

# **WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 15, 2024**

### **Call to Order**

President Renee Hawkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Talisman Hall.

### **Attending**

Tricia Affleck	Renee Hawkins	Nancy Krause
Kryssy Brown	Carol Arend	Arlene Balazic
Cristi Dorsch	Nancy Masters	Barbara Davies
Sue Brooks	Kathy Hutchinson	Barb Halpin
Jean Emerson	Paula Sjulstad	Marcia Grenier

### **Approval of Minutes**

Carol Arend made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023 Board meeting. Nancy Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Announcements**

Renee Hawkins asked that we state our name when making motions or statements.

### **Treasurer and Membership Report**

Barb Halpin presented the Treasurer's report. The ledger balance as of 1/13/2024, was \$5,944.83. The 2024 budget is \$1,825.00. The 2023 unpaid budget is \$98.22. Forward liabilities are \$1,555.78 and the unbudgeted balance is \$2,465.83.

Barb also reported that we have 110 regular members and 6 social members.

### **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

#### **SWGA/Umbrella**

Renee Hawkins introduced the new board members:

Arlene Balazic – President

Marcia Grenier – Vice President

Lisa Braegelmann – Secretary

Chris Barnes – Treasurer

The gavel was passed to the new President.

## **AGA/HANDICAP/HOLE-IN-ONE**

Polly Fischette reported via email that the hole-in-one fund was \$196.00. It was again mentioned that score cards must contain the players' names, recreation #, and which tee box was played.

## **CAGD**

Nancy Masters reported that there were 89 paid members. A check was received for the last blind draw and payments will soon be disbursed. The next blind draw is January 23, 2024.

Paula Sjulstad requested an explanation of the blind draw process and was informed that cards are placed in a bin and then some are withdrawn to become the winner(s) - it is blind luck on which cards are chosen.

## **GREENS Committee/Golf Advisory**

Cristi Dorsch reported:

- Garbage cans and ball washers are now in place at the yellow tees
- New rakes, which are wider, for all traps have been requested
- Parking lot lights for the outside parking lot are here and waiting for a contractor for installation
- The budget now has funds for parking lot stripes for the cart areas
- Funds were requested for next year's budget to paint the club house
- Patio tables and chairs (5 sets) were requested to replace the tables/chairs that went to other courses in Sun City. It was noted that at a recent team play event, there were not enough tables available.

Nancy Masters asked if security cameras for the parking area could be installed to help secure carts left behind due to the new limitation on number of carts allowed per group. Cristi noted that we were limited to carts per group prior to the Covid pandemic and no security cameras were provided at that point. Others thought maintenance workers were doing damage to the course and it was noted that those workers are 'working in the dark.' There is 60% turnover in maintenance staff for the golf course due to higher wages offered at other courses. Renee Hawkins suggested a bonus payment for grounds workers based on length of employment.

## **Historian**

Barb Davies noted that she posted photos for the recent President's Cup and will post photos after the Memorial Tournament to be played tomorrow. There was one prior member who passed away in 2023.

## **Social**

There was no report.

## **Member Guest**

There was no report.

## **Pairings**

Kathy Hutchinson reported no issues.

## **Ringers and Birdies**

There was no report.

## **Rules**

Arlene Balazic has nothing to report.

A question was raised about the ruling when a ball is resting against a yardage marker on the fairway. Arlene said a free drop is allowed in that circumstance.

## **Team Play**

Carol Arend reported that Willowcreek is doing well to date. The last event was against North where North won net by 3 points but Willowcreek won gross by 3 points. That last net loss was the only one we have lost to date.

Carol said team captains are still having difficulty getting enough people to play in this event. Fun Day information has been posted on the boards. Carol thought they could open up Fun Day participation to all who want to play, even if they haven't played in Team Play. Carol will verify that this would be acceptable. Fun Day is scheduled for March 16, 2024. Barb Halpin noted that this question has been dealt with before and the consensus was that only people who signed up to play Team Play should be eligible for Fun Day.

Nancy Krause asked who notifies the starters in the Pro Shop about the number of players because sometimes when it gets backed up, the starters send out non-Team Play players who then get in between the Team Play groups – this occurs during cross-over.

## **Welcoming**

Paula Sjulstad was not sure how to proceed and Tricia Affleck said she would review this with Paula after the meeting.

Barb Davies asked that she be included in communications about new members so that she could arrange for photographs.

## **Tournaments**

Marcia Grenier reported that 76 players were signed up for tomorrow's Memorial Tournament. Some members never responded to the invitation. Members were asked to respond as "playing" or "not playing."

Marcia also noted that some people do not properly count their strokes which is causing some issues. In these situations, Marcia asked that we try to review with the person each stroke they make on the hole to get an accurate count. Tournament play requires the full gross score per hole and we cannot use an adjusted score (i.e. maximum score) during tournaments.

Questions arose about continuing to use fractions on the score cards (eg. 7/8) and Renee said she would find out the answer.

## **Beautification**

There was no report.

## **Auditing**

There was no report.

## **Play of the Day**

There was no report.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

Jean Emerson noted that at her Idaho course, the 18-hole league and the 9-hole league sometimes play a golf round together by combining and just playing 9 holes. There were mixed thoughts on this and it was tabled for future discussion.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Sue Brooks made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m., which was seconded by Nancy Krause. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tricia Affleck  
Secretary