

# WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 31, 2023

### Call to Order

President Sue Brooks called the meeting to order at Bell Social Hall #2 at 1:05 p.m. There were 63 in attendance.

### Introduction of the Board

Sue introduced the Board members – President Sue Brooks, Vice President Rene Hawkins, Treasurer Barb Halpin and Secretary Tricia Affleck.

### Approval of Minutes

Terri Simpson made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Arend. Motion carried.

### Treasurer and Membership Report

Barb Halpin reported that the ledger balance as of October 31, 2023, was \$5,669.71. The 2023 budget is \$749.18 and the 2022 unpaid budget is \$8.07. Forward liabilities are \$1,920.78 and the unbudgeted balance is \$2,991.68.

Barb noted that we have 123 regular members and 4 social members.

### Introduction of New Members

Kathy Cea introduced and welcomed returning member Barb Davies. New member Janice Hawxhurst was not present.

## COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

### **SWGA/UMBRELLA – SUE BROOKS**

Sue Brooks requested comments on increasing the number of players that play in the Champion of Champion tournament. Other leagues have expressed interest in adding 2 to 4 more players from each of the five leagues. This annual tournament has been for the top four golfers from each of the five women's

leagues. No one present wanted to see any change and Sue will report that consensus to the Umbrella Committee.

### **CAGD (Central Arizona Golf District)**

Nancy Masters reported that 30 clubs belong to CAGD with 1,154 members. The CAGD membership fee supports 5 tournaments, blind draws and various charities such as Junior Golf. The District is still working on venues for 2024. To participate in a tournament, players must be members of CAGD as of the day of registration for that tournament. Nancy encouraged us to visit our website for CAGD information.

### **Greens Committee/Golf Advisory**

Cristi Dorsch reported that it had been a very busy summer for the committee. Cristi noted:

- Membership dues will most likely increase. A 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to approve the increase was waived so it should pass at the next meeting. The No Fee Pass for all courses will increase from \$1550 to \$1800. The Surcharge Pass will increase from \$800 to \$925. Surcharges will increase by \$1.00. Guest fees will increase from \$45 to \$49. Cardholders will increase from \$35 to \$39 and the Public fee will increase from \$50 to \$59. Cart rental fees will increase \$1.00. Nonresident passes will increase from \$2570 to \$3250 with no guarantee for a rental cart. There will be a cap of 250 maximum nonresident passes.
- Tee times for small groups will start at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There are two larger groups that will start at 10:30 a.m. for now.
- Fivesomes will still be allowed on executive courses but there is consideration to return to a limit of foursomes.
- Regarding Golf Now players. If we have a group of four scheduled to play, Golf Now can't determine that you aren't a full fivesome so Golf Now will not be able to sign in to your group.
- Penalties for No Shows will focus on the small groups who fill out their field with guest and not focus on individual groups.
- The new grass at the North course seems to be a success. It is okay to use sand from any course to fill divots on the North course. Remember to fill your divots and fix your ball marks on the greens.
- Bunker rakes – place the rake parallel to the bunker and fairway.
- Don't drive carts over damaged areas when driving off of the cart path.

Cristi thanked all of the volunteers who participate in the adopt-a-hole program.

### **Member Guest**

Cheryl Medeiros announced the tournament will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 with lunch at the Sun City Country Club. Cheryl asked that someone volunteer to be a cochair for the event.

### **Ringers and Birdies**

Nancy Krause announced that birdie pins will now be limited to one time only per membership duration. This is due to the increased cost to purchase the pins.

### **Rules**

Arlene Balazic encouraged all members to download the USGA rules app to our cell phones and she offered assistance to anyone who needed help to complete the download. USGA has discontinued hard copy rule books so having the app allows for quick information about a rule. Arlene noted that when there is a disagreement about a rule, play two balls through the hole and don't sign the score card until the issue is resolved. Rule examples are posted in the bathroom and members were encouraged to let Arlene know if they have a particular rule to be featured.

Arlene reviewed one rule regarding how to take relief when the ball is resting on the cart path and how to drop the ball from knee height.

### **Team Play**

Carol Arend noted that A, B and C teams are forming and sign-up sheets are available at today's meeting. The first event will be November 16, 2023, against the South course. Riverview and Lakes West will play from the combo tees, and Willowcreek, South and North will play from the yellow tees.

### **Tournaments**

Marcia Grenier reported that the Better Ball tournament for December 2<sup>nd</sup> is now full but interested players can still sign up on a waiting list. The tournament will be at Willowcreek and Marcia and Mary Engert need volunteers to help with registration and the fifty-fifty draw.

Marcia noted that the President's Cup 3-day tournament will be on November 28, December 5 and December 12, 2023 and participants must play all three dates. It is a partner event for Willowcreek women only. Marcia will email the invitation/registration to all members on November 10, 2023 and registration will be open for one week. Only one person in the partnership should complete the registration for both partners. Handicap stroke difference is limited to 10 or less within the partnership.

### **Social**

Dar Hedin noted that the Christmas luncheon will be December 1, 2023, at Sun City Country Club. The fee will be \$25.00 and the menu was available to review.

### **Old Business**

See discussion above regarding birdie pins.

### **New Business**

Sue Brooks presented the nominations for 2024 Officers: Renew Hawkins for President, Barb Halpin for Treasurer, Tricia Affleck for Secretary and Jean Emerson for Vice President. No other nominations were made and the vote was unanimous to accept the slate.

Carol Harrington asked if we could play fivesomes in the summer months because sometimes, all but one player in a foursome may cancel or not show up which leaves the remaining player alone. Sue Brooks said it would be addressed at the next board meeting.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Kathy Cea made a motion to adjourn at 2:15 p.m., which was seconded by Kathy Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tricia Affleck  
Secretary