

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

Call to Order Vice President Sue Brooks called the meeting to order at Marinette Rec Center at 1 P.M. Sue introduced herself and said she is filling in for President Lisa Braegelmann.

Approval of Minutes Susan Petersen made a motion to approve the April 1, 2022, minutes. Second by Terry Simpson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report Barbara Halpin reported that the Forward Liabilities as of October 31, 2022, are \$7,362.28. The Unbudgeted Balance is \$3,201.21. She wants a paper trail to go with dues checks so we need to make sure we give her the worksheet she emailed to us when we pay our dues.

Membership Report Barbara Halpin said that we have 128 regular members and 7 social members.

New Member Introductions Kathy Cea introduced several new members. She talked about the closest to the pin game. Phil the ranger used to put the flags out, but he is no longer a ranger. She needs the last group to pick up the flags and measuring tape and turn them into the Pro Shop. One person from the group who picks up the flags needs to text the winners names to Janet Buchholz, so she can post the winners names on the web site. Kathy also talked about Play of the Day scorecards. We need to drop down the scores on the holes that count and do not circle them because it makes it look like a birdie. If you withdraw, please put that information on the Play of the Day sheets outside so they do not go looking for a card for you. She reminded us that last names and rec card numbers are a must.

Team Play Arlene Balazic reported for Mary Engert. Arlene explained what Team Play is, for the benefit of new members. The season starts November 10th with a match against North. There will be gross and net winners so we will pay \$2.00 sweeps instead of the \$1.00 we used to pay. We will use Combo tees at Riverview and Lakes West. Those tee markers are orange at Riverview and Teal at Lakes West. There are also cheat sheets available at Lakes West. Matches at North, South, and Willowcreek will be played from the yellow tees. As a courtesy this year there is no penalty for using the incorrect tee box when playing from combo tees. There may be local rule changes at Lakes West due to construction, but we do not know what they are yet. Mary will have Janet Buchholz add the payouts to

our web site. We can win both gross and net as a team. Arlene introduced the Team Co Captains. A Team - Mary Engert and Jean Melaragno, B Team - Kathy Hutchinson and Sue Melcher, C Team - Carol Arend and Jan Elfritz. Arlene said the captains would like women to sign up even if there are already 8 names on the sign-up sheets, as this will help them in case someone cannot play. Captains use the 5 lowest handicap indexes automatically to determine who plays Team, and they have 3 Captains picks.

Tournaments Marcia Grenier presented the information about the Presidents Cup, which is played on November 29th, December 6th, and December 13th. She advised that we need to play all 3 days of the tournament or should not sign up. There are six different formats over the three weeks. This Sunday we will get an email invitation to play the tournament. Check either PLAYING or NOT PLAYING. You will receive verification immediately. You can sign up your partner if you are the host and your partner has not already signed up. The cost is \$10.00 total for the 3-day tournament, and it is paid November 29th. She "begged" us to read complete emails regarding tournaments. There is no limit to the number of teams that can play this tournament. She mentioned that there is a good article on the AGA web site today about playing the correct tees based on your playing ability.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory Cristi Dorsch reported that many people are concerned about the length of the tee shots required to reach the fairway. Someone measured the tee shot required to get to the fairway on #16 and it was 155 yards. Chuck, the Ground Superintendent said that those areas were not overseeded because of water restrictions and the cost of seed. Instead, the seed went to the fringes of greens and around bunkers, per Gloria Stump. Those concerns are under discussion, and she will know more on Thursday, November 3rd after a Greens Committee meeting. North will be closed this summer. Tiff Turf will be used on the front 9 to see if it will eliminate the need for overseeding in the future.

AGA/Handicap/Hole in One Polly Fischette said there is nothing to report on AGA. The schedule of tournaments is not available yet. Handicap card information was already covered by Kathy Cea. No one has had a hole in one this year on a Tuesday.

Member Guest Jean Emerson explained what the Member Guest Tournament is ,for the benefit of the new members. It is April 4, 2023. She has signup sheets today since she will need volunteers for scoring, photography, publicity etc. The theme is Black and White. Dinner will be at the Social Hall at Bell, and she is looking for a caterer. The guest fee is \$50 and golf fees are separate.

Beautification Laura Horvatich reported about the memorial paver project so that the individual markers on the course can be eliminated, which would help the grounds crew. She has a contact for a licensed and insured contractor who does small jobs, so she hopes to contact him soon. Alternatively, she thinks the metal shop could make a frame and put name plates on it close to the club house if she cannot find a contractor to do the pavers.

CAGD Deb Buffington stated that she learned a lot at a Central District meeting recently. There are 5 blind draws each year. Central District is trying to keep entry fees for tournaments at \$90. There is an annual donation by Central District to Jr Golf and Scholarships. Next year the confirmed tournaments so far are at Los Caballeros, The Raven, and Superstition Springs. November 15th is the last Blind Draw for the year. It is \$8.00 to join.

Ringers and Birdies Nancy Krause explained what Ringers are. At the end of the year, it is the lowest score you have throughout the year on each hole on league days. Prize money is awarded at the Christmas luncheon. For the first birdie you get each year there is a birdie pin in the accordion folder on the table in the pro shop. There is also an Eagle and Hole in One pin. Please review the Ringers and Birdie scoreboard in the women's rest room weekly to check for scoring errors. If there are any errors, please report them to Nancy or Kryssy Brown immediately.

Pairings Kathy Hutchinson said everyone did a good job this summer on the sign-up sheets. On the 8th of November the Riverview women will join us because of the Pink Ribbon tournament. She said you may only sign up your foursome on Tuesday and the signup sheets are available at 6:30 that morning. Kathy does the pairings Tuesday night for the following week. If you have any changes to the sign-up sheet, call her if it is Tuesday, but call the Pro Shop if it is Wednesday or later.

Social Kim Bushaw is in charge of Social Events. There are 3 each year. The next event is the Christmas luncheon, which is Friday, December 2nd at Palmbrook Country Club. The cost is \$23.00 per person and menu choices are Pasta Primavera with veggies, or Santa Fe salad. Registration forms are in the club house and the form along with check or cash should go in the social box. The other events are the Spring and Fall meetings.

Play of the Day/Publicity Cheryl Claggett will contact the newspaper when there is something newsworthy to report. She said Kathy Cea already covered Play of the Day reminders.

Old Business Sue Brooks said that the Board meetings have been changed to the third Monday of the month in order to accommodate people who want to attend RCSC meetings on the first Monday of the month.

Sue said that information on Mixers will be posted on our bulletin board.

New Business Polly Fischette presented the slate of officers for 2023:

President-Sue Brooks; Vice President -Renee Hawkins; Secretary-Tricia Affleck; Treasurer-Barbara Halpin.

Thorine Peterson made a motion to approve the slate of officers, second by Angie Felcyn. Carried.

Sue Brooks initiated a discussion about Guys and Dolls. It was cancelled a few years ago because we could not bring our own food and alcohol to the course, and no one stepped up to run it. There was a consensus to not bring it back.

Sue Brooks said that Barb Davies will not be the Historian and Photographer in the future and would like someone to fill her job. Please let Sue know if you are interested.

Barb Halpin wants checks and forms from everyone by tomorrow so they can be in the 2023 directory and handbook.

Motion by Nancy Masters, second by Marge Erwin, to adjourn at 2:16 P.M. Carried.

Carmen Fish

Secretary