

**WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020**

Call to Order President Arlene, called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Attending were:

Carol Arend	Rhonda Dunckel
Arlene Balazic	Jean Emerson
Lisa Braegelman	Polly Fischette
Sue Brooks	Marcia Grenier
Kryssy Brown	Judy Lawrence
Janet Buchholz	Susan Peterson
Kim Bushaw	Marjorie Waugh
Kathy Cea	

Approval of Minutes Arlene asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from the board meeting held on November 19, 2019. No changes or corrections were offered. Polly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rhonda. The minutes were approved as presented and posted.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report Rhonda reported a ledger balance of \$6,653.17. Remaining budgeted items total \$1,707.00 with a forward liabilities of \$996.00, leaving a balance of \$3,950.17.

Membership: 124 regular members and 8 social members.

Committee & Representative Reports

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory/Tournaments – Marcia Grenier reported that Willowcreek grounds maintenance is short two full time greens workers. If you know anybody who might be interested please let them know. Next month the over seeding schedule for the fall will be out. The work on the greens with sanding and seeding is continuing.

Our Memorial Tournament on January 21st has 81 signed up so far.

Teal Ribbon Tournament at Lakes East & West is February 13th, 9:30 shotgun, 9 hole, \$30.00 entry fee.

SCWGA-Arlene attended the Umbrella Committee meeting December 18th as the incoming WWGA President. A nice welcome brunch was served. The new board for 2020 is from South. President – Judy Appel, VP/Tournament Chair – Kathy Marpe, Sec. – Barbara Duhlstine-Robarge, Treas. – Nanacy Simms, Team Play Coord. – Judy Fry. The next Umbrella meeting is on January 15th. Arlene expects that red/yellow tee play will continue to be the main topic of discussion.

The flyers and sign up forms for the SCWGA Open are posted at all courses (and available on our website). It is a two day tournament, individual stroke play, Feb. 6 at Lakes West and Feb 8 at Riverview. \$10.00 entry fee.

Ringers and Birdies- Gloria Stump was unable to attend but submitted report via Arlene. She reported that she will be posting all scores for ringers and giving birdie credit whether played from the yellow or red tees. Only exception will be tournament play (like a scramble) where players do not play their own ball for all holes.

Arlene also announced that Gloria was recently promoted to Head Starter at Willowcreek/Willowbrook so may not be able to attend all meetings. Congrats Gloria !!

Beautification –Karen Sund was unable to attend but submitted report via Arlene. She reported that she received a new Adopt a Tree request as a Memorial, tree planting will continue until completed, and is getting missing and new memorial plaques made and placed.

Play of Day – Sue Brooks reported there are some members that play but do not sign up for Play of the Day. Arlene and Carol Arend confirmed that some members did not sign up for POD last week because they wanted to play yellow tees and the game was from red tees. There was a discussion on how to do POD if we don't play from the same tee. Given the new World Handicap System automatic adjustments from any tee played all agree that we can play together but make sure the course handicap for the appropriate tee is used, i.e. red or yellow. The flights may be adjusted in the future but it was felt it would make little impact.

Sunday Mixers – Kryssy Brown reported the February mixer is Feb. 9. All information is posted at the course and on the website. All is going well with Willowcreek, North, and Riverview sharing job responsibilities.

Pairings – Lisa Braegelmann had nothing new to report. She is getting up to speed on the computer program.

Team Play-Mary Engert reported that the next Team Play is on January 18th against North, at Willowcreek. We are currently tied for 1st with Lakes West.

Social – Kim Bushaw reported that everything is set up for the membership meeting February 4th at Marinette. The order forms for the sack lunches from the snack shop are available.

Publicity – Cheryl Claggett was unable to attend. Arlene reported that the picture of the new 2020 board was in the local paper.

Welcoming – Angy Felcyn was unable to attend. We have two new members, Nancy Gallagher and Connie Pocus.

Website – Janet Buchholz reported the website has been turned over to her and she will be doing some updates. It was decided materials for the website should be sent to her as opposed to having several people with access.

Member Guest –Kryssy Brown reported that planning is going well for the Member/Guest Tournament on April 7th. Lunch is confirmed and all information is on the website. 50/50 tickets will be sold at the membership meeting. Please send registration and checks to Jane Elam as requested on the entry form. Do not put them in the tournament box at the pro shop. The posse will be in attendance. Due to the new GHIN system change over new computer programs will need to be looked at to do score cards for Member/Guest and Mixers. Golf Genius seemed to be the best choice and Marcia agreed to assist in training.

Rules – Carol Arend got her copy of the USGA Full Rules book and is busy reading.

Bulletin boards- Marjorie reported all is well.

Old Business

Bank Signatures

For banking purposes the minutes of the Board Meeting need to reflect that the authorized signatures for the Mixer bank account are Kryssy Brown and Dar Hedin; for the Beautification account are Karen Sund and Yvonne Bogue; for the Member/Guest account are Jane Elam and Kryssy Brown. A motion to approve these authorized signatures was put forward by Susan Petersen and seconded by Kim Bushaw. The motion passed unanimously.

The current 2020 Willowcreek Woman's Golf Association officers are: Arlene Balazic, President; Judy Lawrence, 1st VP; Lisa Braegelmann, 2nd VP; Rhonda Dunckel, Treasurer; and Jean Emerson, Secretary.

Lift, Clean, and Place- Arlene

At the last Board Meeting on Nov. 19th, 2019 the issue was raised as to who has the authority to decide when to declare Lift, Clean and Place be used. Per Arlene's conversation with WC Course Superintendent Chuck Manning, that is for us to decide. He and his staff will make decisions regarding cart path only for frost delays to protect course when warranted. After a discussion it was agreed that Lift, Clean, and Place will be in effect for the two weeks after over seeding in the fall. All other times Lift, Clean, and Place will be up to the discretion of the Tournament and Play of the Day Chairs depending on course conditions. Notice must be posted prior to start of play that day.

New Business

New World Handicap System (WHS)- Polly Fischette presented a handout that is also posted on AGA webpage and on ours. She is also placing several hard copies in the women's bathroom at the course. The roll out is still a work in progress. Due to these problems she needs everyone to put their GHIN numbers on the score cards to post scores.

A few discussion points:

- Handicap Index will update daily with the new WHS, however WWGA will continue to use the GHIN reports for the 1st & 15th. The SCWGA Team Play Chair has also decided to use the 1st & 15th handicaps for Team Play.
- The new maximum handicap is 54. The SCWGA Umbrella Board passed a motion in November 2019 to adopt that 54 maximum at all 5 courses.
- Net Double Bogey – The maximum hole score for everyone will be limited to a New Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive). This replaces the old Equitable Stroke Control procedure.
- It was suggested that members that have become familiar with the new system help those they are playing with and Poly will display a sample score card to help with the new net double bogey procedure.

Yellow Tee Survey-Arlene presented the results of her member survey regarding playing from yellow or red tees on league days. She received 75 responses (61% of 122 members). Of the 75 responses – 36 prefer yellow, 31 prefer that members be allowed to choose yellow or red, and 8 prefer red.

She felt that by far the responses leaned towards what would be the most positive and best serve our members and our club this information will be presented again at the Feb. Membership meeting and a final decision will be made at that time regarding our club. The board felt that Umbrella should resolve the issue this year regarding SCWGA tournaments and Team Play.

Adjourn There being no further business Arlene asked for a motion to adjourn. Polly Fischette made a motion to adjourn and Susan Petersen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Jean Emerson, Secretary