

**WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2020**

Call to Order President, Arlene Balazic, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. at Marinette Recreation Center.

Approval of Minutes Arlene asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Membership Meeting held December 6, 2019. No corrections or additions were offered. A motion was made by Angy Felcyn and seconded by Barb Halpin to accept the minutes as presented and posted.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report Rhonda reported a balance of \$6,477.07 minus remaining budgeted items of \$1,711.90. Forward liabilities are \$996 leaving a balance of unbudgeted funds at \$3,769.17.

We have 124 members and 8 social members.

President's Report - Arlene Balazic

SCWGA - Arlene reported that a menu heading on our website has been added for members to get a better understanding of what the SCWGA actually does and who it represents. They oversee five tournaments each year (separate from each club's tournaments) – the Sun City Open in February, Better Ball in March, Champion of Champions in April, the Octogenarian in even years in April and Better Ball in December. The Sun City Open is 2/6 and 2/8 – tee sheets are posted in the bathroom at Willowcreek. The Better Ball tournament on March 7 is full with a waitlist if there are openings. Going forward, all information on tournaments will be electronic. For those who do not have email/computers, they will need to rely on friends/other members who have email to get this information. All tournament information will be sent to club Communication Chairs (i.e. our president, Arlene Balazic) by the tournament chairs and distributed to members.

The issue with red/yellow tee usage is still under discussion; no deadline has been set at this time. We are hearing that there is more consensus that members want to be free to choose tees for league play. Right now, Team Play and Champion of Champions will be played from the red tees. Eventually there will be a decision made as to a change in tees for Team Play and Tournament Chairs will make decisions regarding tees for tournament play.

Committee & Representative Reports

Welcoming Committee – Angy Felcyn

Three new members: Nancy Gallagher, Connie Pocus, and Lynn Targeon.

Greens Committee/Tournaments – Marcia Grenier

There will be a demo day on March 2 at Riverview with all kinds of equipment. Free golf clinics are back at Lakes West and are scheduled for the first four Saturdays in March. Golf Ready classes are up in full swing - \$99 for four classes plus one round of play with a pro.

Presidents are reminded to bring in pairings six days in advance to the starter. Turn in 2021 league schedules to Chris Linam. If this is not done in a timely fashion, it opens up room for Golf Now and other public usage. Reservations for Recreation Center facility rooms need to be submitted as soon as possible. If you find you cannot use the facility, please cancel right away.

The Teal Ribbon tournament will be held at the Lakes Golf Course on February 13. This is a nine-hole event with the proceeds going to the University of Arizona Cancer Center for Ovarian Cancer research.

A tentative overseed schedule is out. Willowcreek will be closed September 28-October 17, weather-permitting. HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS: Feedback has been received regarding ball marks on the greens not being repaired. If you see a ball mark, please repair it. Do not lift the dirt around the hole – use your tool to pull the dirt inward around the divot. Handicap card holders are not following parking rules around the greens. Please refer to the card you were given as to where you can park when at the greens. The animals do not eat apple cores and banana peels. Please use the garbage cans to dispose of these items.

Memorial Tournament results and payouts were emailed to members and to RCSC and the certs were paid out within two days! Congratulations to Nancy Gray as overall gross winner and to Sharon Poskin, the overall net winner. 90 people signed up to play, 70 people endured a bad weather day to play.

The next tournament is the Club Championship/Eclectic (simultaneous). It will be held 3/3, 3/10, and 3/17 with a rain date of 3/24. Orange entry forms are on the box in the Pro Shop. All that is needed is a name and \$13 (this includes sweeps, but not golf fees). Make checks payable to RCSC, NOT WWGA. It will be an 8 a.m. shotgun with crossover. It is a flighted tournament with gross scores. If you play all three weeks, you will be eligible for flight & eclectic payouts. If you only play one or two weeks, you will be eligible for eclectic payouts – i.e. best hole scores for the weeks you play. There is no limit on entries – February 25 is the deadline for entry. The yellow tees will be used by everyone because it is an individual gross score tournament. We have received good feedback using the yellow tees and we will experiment as we go along. Medallion tournament is using yellow tees on all four events. The Medallion Tournament is a state-run tournament. They take the best gross and best net winners. The top four are eligible for the Champion of Champions tournament – 4/6, 4/9, & 4/11. Entry fee is \$10 and forms will be emailed and some forms will be at the clubhouse for those who don't have printers. There will be a non-tournament sign-up. Find your tee times,

pairings, and information on the WWGA website and through emails. You can also find out more information on the RCSC web portal. Remember, gross tournaments are played from the same tee box, whether it is red or yellow. Play of the day is net so different tee boxes can be played and adjustments will be made. FYI – stroke average from reds last year was 95.66 and this year it is 102.8.

Handicap/Hole-in-One/AGA – Polly Fischette

Scorecards need to include the GHIN number, not Rec number. Write legibly and include first and last names for more clarity and less confusion.

We currently have \$243 in the Hole-in-One fund, it is \$2 to join.

We are up and running with the new AGA GHIN system in place. The GHIN reports are still published on the first and 15th of the month. Check out the AGA website for more information on the new system. If you have questions about how to compute the net double bogey scores, please ask. There is a mock-up scorecard posted at Willowcreek if you did not see one here today.

Team Play – Jean Melaragno

We have done well but we need team players – it's enjoyable and we encourage players to sign up. The next match is 2/15 and our last match is 3/12 at Willowcreek.

Team Play Fun Day – Carol Arend

Team Fun Day is 3/21 and the entry is \$21 payable to WWGA. If you do not play but wish to have lunch, it is \$13. Working on catering and looking for volunteers at Lakes West and Bell Rec Center (members who are not participating) for a variety of assignments:

50/50 Raffle

Registration at LW

Placing hole markers at LW

Parking at LW – someone to assign holes and administer parking directions

Scoring

Set up and serve lunch

Decorations for the tables

There will be two meetings before the event to discuss details of Fun Day.

Octogenarian Tournament – Carol Arend

The Octogenarian Tournament will be played on April 13 and 17. Carol has application forms, and there are some posted on the bulletin board at Willowcreek.

Social – Kim Bushaw

The April brunch will be April 3 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Palmbrook Country Club. It will be a buffet starting at 10 a.m. The cost is \$21/pp, checks payable to WWGA. Beverages other than water/tea/coffee can be purchased individually.

Mixers/Member Guest – Kryssy Brown

Membership from Willowcreek has gone way down and we would like to see more participation. The next Mixer is March 8 and signup is due by February 28. Play will be at Willowcreek with dinner to follow at Lakeview. Please check out all the information on the mixers on our website.

Entry forms for the Member Guest are available at the golf course on the bulletin board and on the website. Entries DO NOT go in the tournament box. There are 24 members signed up for a total of 48 players. There is a list of ladies from other courses that can be matched up with our players. The last day to sign up is 3/15. Kay Brittingham will be co-chairing this event.

Beautification – Karen Sund

Linden Nursery will be ordering trees but are delaying placement under the threat of frost. We will be using some trees in the desert landscaping area. The marker on #4 will be placed flush with the ground at the request of Hugh Orr. The marker is planned to be between the two Memorial Trees that will be there for both he and his wife, Jan.

Ringers/Birdies – Gloria Stump

Members need to let her know right away about birdies that might have been missed. Clarity on the scorecards is also necessary. It is hard to distinguish names sometimes and often last names are not included. Help make this an easier process.

Old Business – Arlene Balazic

Decisions for lift, clean, and place will be up to the Play of the Day chair and Tournament chair on the day of play. This will be posted in the pro shop prior to play.

Arlene reviewed the responses she received from members about their preferences for playing from Red or Yellow tees. She received 76 responses (62% of 122 members). Thirty-seven prefer Yellow, thirty-one prefer that everyone be allowed to choose Yellow or Red tees and eight prefer Red. Overall responses leaned toward what would be most positive and would best serve all our members and club, specifically that members should be able to choose.

This issue was discussed at the January Board Meeting and after careful consideration the **Board decided that effective February 4, 2020, after the Membership Meeting, all members will be allowed to play from the tees of their choice. Play of the Day will not**

be separated by tee color. Everyone should make sure they use the appropriate Course Handicap for that tee on their Handicap and Play of the Day scorecards, and also mark on both scorecards which tee they are playing from (R or Y) for posting purposes. Ringers and birdies will be posted whether played from the Red or Yellow tees.

New Business - None

Adjourn There being no further business, Arlene asked for a motion to adjourn. Barb Halpin made a motion to adjourn and Terri Simpson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Christy Patterson for
Jean Emerson, Secretary