

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
Board MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2020

Call to Order President, Arlene Balazic, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at Bell Center Multipurpose Room. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes Arlene asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Board Meeting held January 13, 2020. A correction of the date on the minutes was mentioned. A motion was made by Susan Petersen and seconded by Carol Arend to approve the amended minutes.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report Rhonda reported a balance of \$3,711.93 Discussion followed about lowering the dues in the future to reduce the balance.

We have 126 members.

There is a new account for the Octagenarian Tournament and the bank donated \$100.00 to the account.

Committee & Representative Reports:

SCWGA /Umbrella- Arlene Balazic/Judy Lawrence

Arlene reported that Willowcreek did well in the SCWGA Better Ball Tournament in March. They are looking at options to change the format for The Sun City Open to increase partners and participation.

The Better Ball Tournament is overpopulated and they are looking to increase the numbers by having morning and afternoon tee times.

Judy attended the Board meeting on 2/30 and reported the following:

There is continuing discussion on red/yellow tees. Each club may do as they choose. As of yet there is not a decision to change tees for Team Play. Many clubs have just started surveying their members to see where they stand.

Some tournaments may be from the red tees. After SCWGA determines the tees, the choices may be revisited.

South has a social for new members with the Board to introduce them to general procedures and people within the club. Judy would like us to consider doing something similar.

Team Play posting was discussed after Lakes West made a request for individual players to post their scores rather than having their Handicap Chair do it. The change was adapted by the Board and all club Team Play Captains were notified. WC is not in agreement with this new procedure and Arlene plans to bring this up at the next Umbrella meeting.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory – Marcia Grenier reported that March 1st straight sheets start at 7:00. Crossover remains at 7:30 for March. Straight sheets will be moved up in 15 minute increments as daylight allows.

The overseeding schedule is set. Willowcreek will close on September 28th and re-open October 17th. Cart path only until November 6th.

The issue of cars stopping and waving golf carts on at the golf cart crossing should be discussed with Maricopa County. Reps from the county attend SCHOA roads and safety meetings.

There was a request sent from Golf Advisory to go to the RCSC Board. This was to have the handicap card and parking placard always displayed on the golf carts. This request was denied at the February board meeting.

Beginning in April, RCSC will begin field testing an automated draw system. This system will eventually replace the in person draw system at all the RCSC golf courses. For the initial trial, they have selected Riverview as the test site. The automated system is designed to handle player counts of 1 to 50 players and designed to keep players together in adjacent tee times. Players wishing to be included for the draw will be able to register through the web portal or through the pro shops via a paper slip placed into a secure box. Registration for the draw will begin 7 days ahead of the draw date, which would be 12 days ahead of the requested play date. As an example; a group wishing to play on the 29th, would be drawn on the 24th, this group would be able to sign up for the draw between the 17th and the 23rd. Groups will have the option of selecting the course or courses they wish to play as well as a range of tee times that are desired. The actual draw will occur prior to 6:00 a.m. and players will be notified via email of the times assigned. It will be important to cancel lottery requests if a player(s) knows they will not be available on the day of play, as the system will track player history and assign lower priority to players with frequent no shows. For this reason it will also be important to enter only players that will be playing on the day of play.

Below is a summary of the process:

- Select the date they wish to play
- Select priority (either course or time)
- Enter total number of groups (1 for 5 players or less up to 10 for 50)
- Select the earliest time you wish to play, the desired time you wish to play and the latest time you wish to play
- Select course, options are Executive, Regulation, Any or you can pick up to 5 choices (if you were only interested in playing South you would enter South for all five choices)
- Enter player information using Rec Card numbers or name if a guest
- The system will have you validate players – to double check Rec Card numbers entered
- Submit request and receive confirmation number
- The option to edit or cancel the request will be available up to the day of the draw

As part of this process they will be recommending changes to Board Policy for group play. Groups of 30 players or more will be allowed to pre-book times by paying a \$2.00 per person fee for each play date. Groups of 30 or more were chosen as they feel the system will

adequately handle groups of fewer than 30 players. The fee is non-refundable and does not include any money paid back in sweeps.

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

Polly reported that there is a master roster that is updated as we receive new members. She sends the handicaps to members from a list she has and let her know if you need to be added to the list.

CADG/Historian – Barb Davies

Remaining Blind Draw dates are March 24th and April 21st. The board thanked Barb for the great pictures on the boards and from the mixers.

Play of the Day – Sue Brooks

The sign up sheets were redone to reflect which tees an individual is playing from and all is going well.

Ringers and Birdies – Pat Garrett

Birdies are up this year. We have had 148 birdies since January 1st. There are 30 pins left. Previously we could buy birdie pins every other year but with the numbers up we need to purchase more.

Rhonda Dunckel moved that the current budget be changed to include the purchase of pins each year. The motion was seconded by Susan Petersen and passed unanimously.

Pairings – Lisa Braegelmann

All is going well. Sometimes the pro shop puts the pairing sheet out on Monday afternoon but we are not to sign up until Tuesday mornings.

Team Play – Jean Melaragno

Next match is 3/12. We need to play well. WC has dropped in standing over the past month and needs to win at least 105 points to stay out of last place.

Team Play Fun Day – Lisa Braegelmann, Carol Arend

140 signed up for Team Play Fun Day at Lakes Weston March 21st. It will be an 8:00 shotgun. Lunch is at Bell Social Hall and it is BYOB.

Sunday Mixers – Kryssy Brown

The mixers are going well.

Member/Guest- Kryssy Brown

We have 62 members playing so 124 players counting the guests. Bring coffee and snacks for you and your guest. Kryssy sent a text explaining the day to all members that had signed up. It will be a 4 person scramble using three drives from each person of the team. You can purchase 50/50 and miracle puts before competition. We will be playing from the red tees. Barb will be taking pictures of the teams, thanks Barb.

Social – Kim Bushaw

The Spring Brunch and Membership Meeting 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. The meeting will start at 10:30.

Beautification – Karen Sund

Memorial Tree Planting continues and hopefully there is a glimmer of light at the end of the tree tunnel. Remember this work goes back to before Reno #1. A lot of “leaves” have fallen since then. There are plans to use as many of the trees that are planted in the desert landscape area as possible to serve as replacement Memorial tree. Markers are being placed/replaced with the appropriate tree. The gardens around the clubhouse are being looked at with the thought of adding some color and removing some of the big cactus that are showing their age, along with removing some of the white rocks. Areas that are being looked at that could use some attention are, the spillway garden and the raised garden as you cross Union Hills going to Hole #2.

Auditing – Chris Barnes

Arlene reported that the Beautification audit was completed in February and the Willowcreek audit will be done in April.

Website – Janet Buchholz

Janet was unable to attend and Arlene reported that the site has been renewed for two years. If you send something to Janet she will respond. If you do not hear from her reconnect. There is an additional tab under news for what is going on in the club.

Welcoming – Barb Davies

We have two new members, Carolyn Adams and Brenda Frank.

Publicity – Cheryl Claggett

Most of the publicity is through the Independent. There was some discussion about going to the Sun City Orientations.

Rules – Carol Arend

The area adjacent to the bathrooms has been changed to desert landscape so no longer a free drop. You would still get relief from the building as Immovable Obstruction.

Bulletin Boards – Marjorie Waugh

The boards look great all is going well

Adjourn

Arlene asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Carol Arend and seconded by Susan Petersen. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Jean Emerson, Secretary