

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2021

Call to Order President Judy Lawrence, called the zoom meeting to order at 9:00.

Attending were:

Judy Lawrence	Polly Fischette
Lisa Braegelmann	Barb Davies
Barbara Halpin	Carla Johnson
Jean Emerson	Mary Engert
Arlene Balazic	Naomi McColley
Marcia Grenier	Laura Horvatich
Carol Arend	Kathy Cea
Pat Garrett	

Approval of Minutes: Judy Lawrence asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Board meeting on January 6, 2021. No changes or corrections to the minutes were offered. Barb Halpin moved the minutes be approved as presented and Polly Fischette seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as presented and posted.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report: Barb Halpin reported budget for 2021: Beginning balance as of 12/08/2020 is \$11444.63. Minus dues, \$3450.00, minus 2020 ringers and hole in one, \$737.00, minus forward liabilities for 2021 \$923.00, minus budget \$1880.00, minus unpaid 2020 budget of \$1098.73, which leaves an unbudgeted amount of \$3355.90.

Membership: 115 regular members and 6 social members.

Committee & Representative Reports

SCWGA/Umbrella- Arlene Balazic reported that the last meeting was November 19, 2020, the first held since February. Due to COVID there was only periodic communication between the members of the committee by email between Feb. – Nov. but for information sharing only. No business or decisions discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021. Other clubs reported their membership is down significantly due to COVID and travel restrictions. There was concern about getting enough players for Team Play considering the reduced member numbers and abbreviated schedule. The number of players in each team for Team Play was reduced from eight to six to help with this issue in 2021.

All clubs have done a survey of tee choice for league play and all clubs are now allowing their members to choose between the red and yellow tees. Tees for Team Play was brought up and Carolyn Jennings, Team Play Coordinator for 2021 announced all play would be from red tees. There was no further discussion or vote.

There was a question on who can vote at Umbrella meetings. Although club members are welcome to attend the meetings and may contribute during discussions, votes are only cast by the five club presidents. A motion passes by a majority (or one more than ½) the voting members at the meeting.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory- Marcia Grenier reported that the Director of Golf and the Course Superintendent's reports are available online. Marcia said straight sheet determination will be on a month-by-month basis depending on the covid numbers. When asked Brian Duthu said there are advantages to scheduling on straight sheets for purposes of course maintenance and for the pro shops. A question about the accessibility of the bunkers was raised. It was brought up that each bunker should have an area that is relatively flat so people could enter and exit without incident. Marcia will bring this up at the next Golf Advisory Meeting.

Tournaments-Marcia reported that she will not be assigning tee times for the Memorial Tournament, and the signup sheet will be in the pro shop on Tuesday January 12. The sign-up sheet will be available to allow participants to sign up as they do for non-tournament Tuesdays. Participants will be asked to highlight their name on the signup sheet if they intend to play in the tournament. The sweep will be \$5.00, payable when participants check in at the pro shop on January 9. The sign-up times will be from 8:30 – 11:22.

AGA/Handicap/Hole in One- Polly Fischette reported that there have been no meetings for AGA. All members were emailed information about a digital profile for handicaps. If you have any questions, contact Polly. Members can participate in the hole in one at any time by paying the \$2.00 to Polly.

CADG/Historian-Judy Lawrence reported that Rita Blackman decided to withdraw as chair, so Barb Davies offered to continue to serve as Chair for Central District for another year. The next blind draw is scheduled for January 26 and Deb Buffington will assist. Thanks ladies.

Play of the Day/Publicity- Cheryl Claggett was absent but sent a report read by Judy Lawrence. Cheryl submitted an article to the Sun City Independent on December 2 welcoming new members to the WWGA. This resulted in a possible new member who contacted Cheryl about playing with the league on January 12. Cheryl also sent articles and pictures that were printed January 6, 2021 announcing our new officers and the results of the Presidents Cup. Cheryl is doing Play of the Day and expressed concern about bringing scorecards into her home. During the discussion it was decided that, after ensuring that the POD and handicap scorecards agree, only one signature on each groups' score cards will be necessary so that cards and/or pencils do not have to be passed around.

Ringers/Birdies- Gloria Stump was unable to attend, Judy read her report. Gloria reported birdie pins are in the folder. She has ordered more, and they will be in this week. She will have them in the folder for the January 5th birdies.

Pairings- Carla Johnson reported tee time pairings are being scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will go through 11:22 a.m.

Team Play- Mary Engert reported we have had two matches and won both. The next Team Play event is January 16th. Play on January 7th and 9th went well and there were no issues. We are having trouble getting people to sign up, even if you see enough people on the list feel free to sign up so we will have substitutes in case of cancellations. If a ball hits the flagpole and does not stay in the hole, it is not considered holed out. Players may move their ball out of disturbed areas in the bunker but no closer to the hole.

Sunday Mixers- Naomi McColley reported that 64 people played in the mixer and only 12 were from Willowcreek. Problems included a mix-up in the number of carts that were available before the mixer, so walkers were sent out on the course earlier, resulting in slow play.

Social- Kim Bushaw was unable to attend. She sent a report Judy read saying she is not planning any luncheons or meetings. Palmbrook does have a social distancing seating plan for indoors.

Member/Guest- Kay Brittingham was unable to attend but sent a report that Judy read. Kay recommended that due to the Covid epidemic, the Member Guest Day for 2021 be canceled. The venues discussed for the luncheon are unavailable at this time and there is no reason to believe that by March or April the situation will normalize. Physical prizes that have been collected for the raffles will be kept until they can be used next year. Some of the prizes that are time limited, such as rounds of golf, will be held for a raffle during one of our Tuesday golf days, with winners being chosen and contacted by the committee. Kay hopes this can be resumed next spring.

Carol Arend moved we cancel the Member/Guest this year, it was seconded by Polly Fischette. The motion passed.

Beautification-Laura Horvatic reported that new markers will be etched stone instead of the current type used on the course. The stones will be placed in a common area. They should last longer and require less upkeep. There was a question of who is responsible for the markers for the men's groups and were told by Brian Duthu that the women have been in charge of the markers for all the courses. A suggestion was made to charge the men's groups \$15.00 for the process of etching and placing the stones. Laura is looking for a vendor for all materials and will produce a flyer for the new product. Laura will check with Chris Barnes for information regarding the \$8.00 per month being charged by US Bank.

Auditing- Chris Barnes and Terry Bogue were unable to attend. Chris submitted a report saying she and Mary Engert had completed the 2020 Audit of the Mixer books. Kryssy did a marvelous job at tracking all income and expenses. The books are ready for transfer to Naomi

McColley. The audit is through 12/31/2020. A recommendation is to not accept Canadian checks.

Rules- Carol Arend had nothing to report.

Website- Janet was unable to attend but said all is well.

Welcoming/New Members- Kathy Cea reported we have two new members, Julie Woods and Sarah Crashell. Kathy and committee co-chair, Tricia Affleck, are working on an update to the printed "General Information" which was last updated 1/9/2018.

Bulletin Boards- Thorine Peterson was unable to attend.

New Business:

Signup for Tuesday Pairings- The sheet for Tuesday pairings fills up quickly. There was some discussion of putting the sheet out on Monday afternoon. After discussion the board decided to leave the placement of the pairing sheet availability as it is. The pro shop has been asked to place the sheet out upon opening each Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Our available tee times have been extended to 11:30.

SCWAG Tee Selection/Placement for Team Play and Tournaments – Mary Engert and Carol Arend have sent out surveys to members for tee preferences. At question is if we should use a combination of tees, making the Sun City courses approximately 5200 yards, or straight yellow or red tees. A tee combination may be confusing on any given course with some holes designed to be played from the red tees and some from the yellow tees. A suggestion was made that alternate color markers or special SCWGA markers could be used to denote the proper tees during Team Play and Tournaments. In order to formulate a position for Willowcreek for all tournaments, a committee will be formed. The committee will include the Team Play Captains, Mary Engert, Nancy Masters and Carol Arend. The captains will evaluate and formulate the position for Willowcreek for SCWGA play.

Membership Meeting- the February membership meeting is canceled. The board will have a short meeting in February.

There being no further business Barb Halpin made a motion to adjourn and Polly Fischette seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49.

Jean Emerson, Secretary