

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2021

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

Attending were:

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| Judy Lawrence | Polly Fischette |
| Lisa Braegelmann | Kim Bushaw |
| Barbara Halpin | Mary Engert |
| Jean Emerson | Kathy Cea |
| Arlene Balazic | Marcia Grenier |
| Carol Arend | Sue Brooks |

Approval of Minutes: Judy Lawrence asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Board meeting on January 11, 2021. No changes or corrections to the minutes were offered. Polly Fischette moved the minutes be approved as presented and Carol Arend seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as presented and posted.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report: Barb Halpin reported the beginning balance for January was \$11444.63. Expenditures were \$4780.94 which leaves a ledger balance of \$6770.78. We have forward liabilities of \$930.00 and an unpaid budget for 2021 of \$1637.95. We have an unpaid 2020 budget of \$827.84, which leaves an unbudgeted balance of \$3374.99.

Membership: 117 regular members and 6 social members.

Announcements: Judy Lawrence announced that the April and March Mixers are cancelled due to Covid restrictions. Hopefully the mixers will be able to resume next November. The February mixer scheduled February 14th will occur as scheduled. Lisa Braegelmann will do pairings for Carla Johnson until Carla returns. Marjorie Waugh passed away last Saturday. Marjorie was a long-time member and served on the Board of WWGA. She will be missed.

Committee & Representative Reports

SCWGA/Umbrella- Judy Lawrence reported that much of the January meeting time was spent on administrative details. The main discussion concerned the tees to be used for Tournaments and Team Play. A motion was made to pursue the combo/alternate tee option for Umbrella tournaments. The motion was voted on and did not pass. The Umbrella

committee voted on and passed a motion stating that for SCWGA tournaments, the club in charge of a tournament, will determine which tees are used for that particular tournament. The Umbrella committee will discuss which tees should be used for the 2021 – 2022 Team Play season at the February 17th meeting. Members of the WWGA Board discussed their preference of tees to use for Team Play.

Clubs use different methods for relief when a ball lands in an un-raked spot within a bunker. One method is to smooth and replace the ball, while the other method is to place the ball in the closest non disturbed area within the bunker, no closer to the hole. SCWGA would like the clubs to have a consistent policy. Judy asked that members give her feedback on the issue of smooth or rake in bunkers before the next meeting February 17th.

All balls must hole out. The previous local rule which allowed golfers to count the ball holed if it hit the flag stick, was applied during early Covid restrictions, and only for the time the noodle material was used in the holes.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory- Marcia Grenier reported that more courses will continue to use straight sheets when Covid restrictions are lifted. The Women's clubs will need to make a decision on using straight sheets, or crossover. Most of the Women's clubs use straight sheets. WWGA used shotgun, and moved to crossover, probably to keep the social aspect of a gathering going. When we get closer to a time straight sheets are not required, we can decide on straight sheets or crossovers. The membership will be sent the question to determine the will of the group.

Availability of golf carts continues to be a problem. This is due to a lack of storage at all courses except South, as well as the restriction of one person per cart. Carts cannot be reserved, so it is best to let the pro shop know you need a cart when you sign up for play on a specific day.

We have two rangers, and afternoons are not covered. To cover the afternoons the course needs additional rangers.

Groups of five are a continual concern. As long as a few RCSC Board members are in favor of groups of five a discussion of changing to four will not move forward.

The reports of the Superintendent of Golf, and Course Superintendents are online. A suggestion was made to put the Greens Committee minutes on our website, so they will be sent to Janet to post.

Tournaments- Marcia reported that 80 members participated in the Memorial Tournament. Tee boxes were wide, and the flags were in the middle position, per Marcia's request. Twenty people had scores below 90 and twenty-five above 100. Marcia feels yellow tees seems to make play faster, and yellow tees can be used for the Club Championship. Three weeks of play will allow the most consistent players to move on to the Champion of Champions Tournament.

AGA/Handicap/Hole in One- Polly Fischette reported that Susie Mazur will receive the Most Improved

Golfer Award. For 2020. Congratulations Susie. The digital GHIN profile is now in use. Some members may need to update the email address they are using. If members have any questions, contact Polly.

CADG/Historian-Barb Davies was unable to attend. Judy Lawrence reported for her that Barb held the Central District Blind Draw last Tuesday.

Team Play-Mary Engert reported that Willowcreek is currently tied with South. We still need additional players for the B team.

Welcoming/New Members- Kathy Cea reported that she emailed an updated General Information memo to recent new members. It is also posted on our website on the More/New Member page. Regarding Closest to the Pin, the last group on Tuesday league play should return the stakes and tape measures to the Pro Shop. Kathy will work with Gloria Stump and the pro shop to arrive at a system for payment of Closest to the Pin winnings. Kathy will also plan to have weekly results posted on our website.

There being no further business, Carol Arend made a motion to adjourn and Barb Halpin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16.

Jean Emerson, Secretary