

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2021

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

Attending were:

Judy Lawrence	Marcia Grenier	Barb Davies
Lisa Braegelmann.	Mary Engert	
Barbara Halpin	Kathy Cea	
Carol Arend.	Sue Brooks	
Kryssy Brown.	Carla Johnson	
Nancy Krause	Susan Peterson	

Approval of Minutes: Judy Lawrence asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Board meeting on February 8, 2021. No changes or corrections to the minutes were offered. Polly Fischette moved the minutes be approved as presented and Susan Peterson 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 February was \$7,067.81. Minus the 2021 budget of \$1612.95, unpaid 2020 budget of \$927.84, forward liabilities of \$937.00. Our unbudgeted balance is \$3690.10

Membership: 117 regular members and 6 social members.

Announcements: Judy Lawrence announced that Kryssy Brown and Nancy Krause have taken over birdies and ringers. The results will be posted on our webpage under Tuesdays results and there will be a sheet posted monthly on the bulletin board.

Committee & Representative Reports

SCWGA/Umbrella- Judy Lawrence reported that there have been two meetings since our last board meeting in February. Two motions that passed on February 17 were 1) Yellow tees will be used for Team Play next year (2021-2022), and 2) Players are allowed to pick up their ball in the bunker, if in a hole, and move the ball within a club length from where it landed, no closer to the hole. On Saturday, March 24, the members of Umbrella had a special zoom meeting and discussed the bunker rule. The previous ability to move the ball within a club

length was rescinded. The new ruling is that we may move the ball to the closest undisturbed area in the bunker. The committee also discussed play of the day for members playing at other courses. The issue arises more during overseeding than in the summer. The discussion centered around the fact that if the visiting players listed their home course and their handicap on the visiting course it should not be an issue to include them in play-of-the-day. Judy will bring the question up at the next meeting but it is an individual course preference. Linda Blubaum, Tournament Play Chairperson, has made additional revisions to "How to determine Winners and Payouts for SWGA Tournaments," which is included in the tournament binders. Judy asked Marcia Grenier and Carol Arend to let her know if there are any issues with the changes. An Umbrella member suggested lowering the handicap index used for each of the teams for Team Play. The question received little traction when Judy Lawrence suggested it in January, but now there may be some interest.

Judy will also put the Umbrella minutes on our website as she receives them.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory/Tournaments- Marcia Grenier

Tournaments: Marcia reported there were 80 entries for the Memorial tournament. Low Gross was Judy Dalton and Low Net was Renee Hawking, scorecard playoff against Barb Halpin. There were 88 entries for the Club Championship. The overall winner is Nancy Grey. The Champion of Champions will be held April 5, 8, and 10th. Qualifiers are Nancy Grey, Marcia Grenier, Mary Engert and Cristi Dorsch. Plaques have been sent out for updating and should be back in the clubhouse now. For future tournaments Marcia plans to continue with entry fees to be paid on the first day of the tournament as a sweeps in the pro shop. Marcia also plans to continue online signup for the tournaments. For the Spring Better Ball next year, Marcia will recommend we continue to use straight sheet to allow for more players. Judy Lawrence added the following regarding the March 6 Better Ball that Willowcreek was responsible for running: There were 168 participants. 50/50 ticket sales totaled \$800, with payouts of \$50 to each of 8 players. Naomi McColley had a hole in one on hole #17. Many thanks to Pam Nichols, Marcia Grenier, Mary Engert and Carol Arend, who worked to make the tournament successful, and to Lisa and her team for running the 50/50.

Greens Committee: The over seeding schedule for the courses has been posted. For Willowcreek the course will be closed October 18 – November 6, cart path will be until November 26th. Marcia reported results of her survey of WWGA members regarding crossover versus straight sheets. For non- league play there was an overwhelming preference (83%) for straight sheets and members' preference leaned to crossover for league day.

Golf advisory committee members have been asked to discuss a local rule from SCMGA regarding green side sprinkler head relief.

- Relief will be granted with no penalty incurred based on the following conditions.
- Sprinkler head must be within 2 club lengths of the putting surface
- Ball must be within 2 club lengths behind the sprinkler head and the sprinkler head must be in the proposed line of play to the hole.
- Ball must be in closely mown area and not in the rough.

- Relief may be taken within 2 club lengths right, left or back of the original ball position. No closer to the hole marked with tees in the ground.
- Ball is dropped and played from the position it lands.

The committee asked if the USGA had reviewed this topic and the response was that the local rule comes from the USGA model. This rule would apply to both iron and putter.

Lisa Braegelmann made a motion that we bring the local rule on sprinkler heads to the Greens Committee. The motion was seconded by Mary Engert and passed.

The advisory Committee made a recommendation to RCC board to change Board Policy 17 to extend the trial period October 31st to allow 5 carts on regulation and 4 carts on executive courses. The board did pass this recommendation on March 25, 2021.

Brian Duthu was asked a question about the combo tees at LW. Since the combo tees are not on the scorecard, how would play be handled? Brian answered that when an event would be played, the tees would be set in the proper position for combos. It was also noted that yellow/red combo tees had been added to the GHIN system for all five regulation courses, with no apparent authorization by RCSC or SCWGA. Clarification as to how or why these changes were made to the GHIN system without proper authorization was to be made within the next few days.

Pairings- Carla Johnson reported the pro shop is now open at 6:15 for sign-up. People are starting to leave Sun City for the summer so the number of groups is going down.

CADG/Historian- Barb Davies reported that there were fewer groups that joined Central District this year. Barb said she is taking pictures and staying out of trouble. A big thanks for the great pictures.

Team Play- Mary Engert reported Team Play schedule is out and will be published as soon as it is finalized. Mary asked if there was interest in new team shirts. The team captains will make the decision on the selection of new shirts. There was some discussion about removing the lunch after Fun Day. Many people were happy with format this year. Judy will bring the question of discontinuing the lunch to Umbrella.

Publicity-Cheryl Claggett was unable to attend, Judy read her report. Hole in One and results of our Club Championship tournament were submitted to the paper and are on our website.

Website-Janet Buchholz was not able to attend so Judy reported the following. Tuesday results are on the website with a drop down menu. Janet has made changes to the website and it looks great.

Beautification-Laura Horvatich was unable to attend so Judy reported the following. Laura had originally decided to use etched stones and remembrances and memorials, but when she picked up the sample stone the price had increased. As alternative, Laura has chosen a flat composite "stone" that a label may be epoxied onto. A sample memorial will be placed near the flagpole at Willowcreek, and memorial request forms will be near the donation box in the pro shop.

New Business

Barb Halpin proposed that we have a \$5.00 reduction in fees for the 2021-2022 year since we have an excess of money in our account. The reduction will be revisited each year. Cathy Cea moved that we reduce the fees to \$40.00 for next year. The motion was seconded by Susan Peterson and the motion passed.

Judy received a request for \$100.00 donation for the Octogenarian Tournament. Carol will ask if the money is necessary at their next meeting. Polly moved that if Carol determines there is a need for the money for the Octogenarian Tournament she is allowed to donate \$100.00. Barb Halpin seconded the motion and it passed.

Following a discussion regarding our annual donation to AWGA, currently \$50. Susan Peterson moved to increase our donation to AWGA for the 2021 year to \$100. The motion was seconded by Carol Arend and the motion passed.

Since we have an excess of money at this time, it was suggested we increase our charitable donations. Deb Buffington and Cathy Cea will research charitable donations and make recommendations to WWGC.

There was discussion about how difficult it is to get members to take on positions within the club. The same people should not be doing all the work.

Carol Arend suggested the yellow tee box on hole #7 at Willowcreek be moved and will look into the feasibility of having that done, including how and when that might be accomplished.

There being no further business, Carla Johnson made a motion to adjourn, and Susan Peterson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33.

Jean Emerson, Secretary