

**WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
November 02, 2021**

Call to Order President, Judy Lawrence, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. at Marinette Recreation Center.

Approval of Minutes Judy Lawrence asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Membership Meeting held February 4, 2020. No corrections were offered. Susan Peterson moved the minutes be approved as presented and Lisa Braegelmann 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 as of October 29, 2021 was \$11,238.98. Minus the 2021 budget of \$1,193.59, unpaid 2020 budget of \$827.84, forward liabilities of \$5,596.00. Our unbudgeted balance is \$3,621.55. AGA raised 2022 dues by \$10.00 per member which the club is covering from the unbudgeted funds. An increase in 2023 WWGA dues to cover the cost of AGA will likely be necessary.

Membership – 117 regular members and 6 social members

Committee & Representative Reports

SCWGA/Umbrella- Judy Lawrence reported the Umbrella minutes covering January to April meetings are on the WWGA website. The Umbrella Committee met October 20, 2021. Red/yellow combo tees are on the GHIN system for Lakes West and Riverview at the request of the members. The respective pro shops have a list of which tees to use on each hole if you are playing the combo tees. Lakes West may also have the combo tees posted on their bulletin board.

The Fall Better Ball will be played at South on December 4; it will be a 12:30 shotgun. There was discussion regarding weather SCWGA tournaments should be played as shotgun starts of straight. It was decided that the 2023 SCWGA calendar will state that these tournaments will be played on a straight sheet, but the individual clubs running the tournaments may request shotgun starts.

Lakes West members will serve as Umbrella officers: President, Vice President (tournaments), Secretary, Treasurer, and Team Play Chair in 2022.

Team Play is requiring 8 players each for all A, B and C teams.

Beat the Pro Tournament will be played December 6, 2021 at South at 12:30. This is a charity event.

The next Umbrella meeting is November 17, 2021.

Welcoming/New Members- Kathy Cea reported there are several new members and a few not so new that were not previously introduced because we have not had a membership meeting since February 2020. The new members from February 2020 to date are Sarah Crashell, Julie Woods, Carol Vangel, Susan Anfinson, Susie Petersen, Renee Hawkins, Teala Willet, Chris Schwind, Joanne Hamilton, Lucy Brunner, Corinne Siddal, Barb Armstrong, Mary Riezebos, Ann Fields, Odette Rose, Jan Murphy, Michelle Hrynew, and Cindy Ruthaford.

Greens committee/Golf Advisory – Marcia reported the RCSC Board had the third reading of the five cart rule and the motion passed. Five carts will be allowed until the rule is changed by the RCSC Board.

Marcia reminded us that Willowcreek will be cart path only until November 26th. There will be two straight sheets per day on the RCSC golf courses Thursdays – Mondays. If you need a rental cart make sure you advise the pro shop. All course except South have a limited number available and the carts will only be released 30 minutes before your tee time. South and Lakes East did not have their fairways overseeded but the greens and tee boxes were overseeded. Chuck reminds everyone that coyotes do not eat apple cores or banana peels. Christi Dorsch will represent WWGA on the golf advisory and Greens Committee.

Tournaments – Marcia reported that the Spring Better Ball will be played at Willowcreek March 5, 2022. The tournament will be played from the yellow tees. The tournament will be a straight sheet starting at 8:00 and can accommodate 192 people. Participants will pay \$11.00 at check in. The tournament will need help for shift work for scorecard table, 50/50, data entry, verify scorecards, markers and scorekeepers and KP's. Members should let Mary Engert know if they can help.

The Presidents Cup will be November 30, December 7 and 14 with an 8:30 crossover. The deadline to sign up is November 22, 2021. The cost is \$10.00 per person which will be paid the first day of the tournament in the pro shop. Marcia will send out two emails, one to respond to with the name of your partner, and one through golf genius asking you to confirm that you are, or are not playing. Members needing a partner may contact Marcia.

Team Play – Carol Arend reported that Team Play will be from the yellow tees this year. This will be reevaluated after a year of play. The sign up sheets are in the restroom at Willowcreek for November 20 and December 2, 2021. If the sheets have eight players per team it is still a good idea to put your name down as an alternate if you can play. The first five members of each team are the lowest handicaps on that team, A, B or C. The next three are the captains picks and they will try to give all members that sign up an opportunity to play. If you have any questions contact Carol Arend.

Nancy has been researching the possibility of replacing our existing Team Shirts with new ones. With the supply chain problems it may not be feasible this year but she is still working on it. There was a questionnaire at the Membership Meeting on the shirts for members to fill out.

AGA/Handicap/Hole-In-One-Polly Fischette reported there was no AGA news. Polly asked members to let her know if they are having problems with GHIN. Hole-In-Ones during league play this year have been made by Marcia Grenier, Judy Dalton and Nancy Gray. All members who make a hole-in-one during league play by December 15, 2021 will split the \$198.00 in the fund.

Social-Judy Lawrence reported for Kim Bushaw that flyers are available for the Christmas Luncheon and Meeting. The luncheon will be held on December 3, 2021 at 11:00 at Palmbrook. The envelope provided with the flyer should be filled out and placed in the social box at the pro shop with a check or cash by Tuesday November 23, 2021.

Sunday Mixers – Naomi McColley reported the mixers are back. The next mixer is November 14, 2021 and as of November 2, 2021 only three people have signed up. The deadline to sign up is November 5, 2021. Meals are back again and the schedule of locations is on the WWGA website. The mixers are held on the second Sunday of each month.

Member/Guest- Deb Buffington reported the Member/Guest will be held April 5, 2022 and will be a shotgun start. The theme is Hawaiian and the main concern now is finding a place for the luncheon after the tournament. Deb would like to thank Sue Melcher, Renee Hawkins, Cindy Baumgartner, Jan Elfritz, Rhonda Dunckel, Polly Fischette, Marcia Grenier and Kathy Hutchinson for their help with the tournament.

CAGD—Deb Buffington reported there are 5 blind draws per year. In order to allow members to play on Tuesday the Blind Draw list of participants will be next to the Closest to the Pin list on Tuesdays. Members are asked to cross out their name on the list, get a scorecard and put \$1.00 in the envelope. It is \$8.00 per member per year to join Central district. Central District also needs people on their board.

Beautification-Sue Brooks reported for Laura Horvatich that existing memorials on the course have become a course maintenance issue and are expensive to replace when damaged. A plan is being formulated to remove existing memorials, replace them with engraved pavers, and install in a common area around Willowcreek clubhouse or on the course. Blank pavers would also be installed, to be replaced by engraved pavers as future memorials are requested. There is money in the beautification account to cover the design and installation of these memorials. If members have other ideas contact Laura Horvatich.

Ringers & Birdies – Kryssy Brown reported that the ringer sheet is updated every week. It is posted on the WWGA website and on the bulletin board. Please check to make sure the information is accurate. Gloria Stump puts in handicaps and sorts by flights, lowest to highest. Payouts are made to the five lowest scorers in each flight as well as overall low gross and low net of the field.

There is a signup sheet for those who do not wish to receive a birdie pin. Birdie pins are given to members for the first birdie they receive each year on league days. Hole-in-one and eagle pins are still available.

Bulletin Board- Thorine Peterson asked that members please remove dated material from the club boards.

Old Business

League Play – Earlier this year, Marcia polled members on their preference of straight sheet or cross over on league days but the poll showed no clear preference among the members who responded. Following a vote, it was determined that the Members preferred a straight sheet on league days

There are often gaps in times on the sign-up sheet when we sign up for league play. Our Pairings Chair may move the tee times requested by members to an earlier or later tee time so non-members are not playing between member's groups on league days. Members are reminded to check their tee times online.

A two-putt rule is in effect this year following overseeding and while cart path only restrictions are in place. Under the rule, players may attempt one putt or pick for two puts while on the green. The rule is optional, and each player may choose to follow the two-putt rule or putt out on any hole.

Election of 2023 WWGA Officers- Polly Fischette presented the nomination of the officers of WWGA for 2022 as follows:

President, Lisa Braegelmann; Vice-President, Sue Brooks; Secretary, Carmen Fish; Treasurer, Barb Halpin. A motion to accept the nominations was made by Susan Petersen and seconded by Pam Nichols. The motion was approved and the officers will be installed December 3, 2021 at the Christmas Luncheon and Meeting.

There being no further business, Lisa Braegelmann made a motion to adjourn, and Polly Fischette seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42.

Jean Emerson, Secretary