

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2023

Call to Order

President Sue Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., at Talisman Hall.

Attending

Nancy Krause	Tricia Affleck	Sue Brooks	Renee Hawkins
Kryssy Brown	Susan Petersen	Polly Fischette	Cristi Dorsch
Arlene Balazic	Marcia Grenier	Mary Engert	Thorine Peterson
Kathy Hutchinson	Nancy Masters	Barbara Halpin	

Approval of Minutes

Susan Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 Board Meeting. Polly Fischette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Treasurer and Membership Report

Barb Halpin presented the Treasurer's report. The ledger balance as of 1/11/2023, was \$6,714.80. The 2023 budget is \$1,735.00. The 2022 unpaid budget is \$8.07. The forward liabilities are \$1,860.28 and the unbudgeted balance is \$3,111.45. Barb also reported that we have 118 regular members and 4 social members.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

SCWGA/Umbrella

Sue Brooks reported that the last meeting was basically just a "meet and greet" event. The Champion of Champion dinner fund was increased and the payout was increased.

AGA/Handicap/Hole-in-One

Polly Fischette had nothing to report.

CAGD

Nancy Masters reported that 97 members are signed up for CAGD and the next draw will be on January 24, 2023.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory

Cristi Dorsch reported that requests have been made for lights in the parking lot, yellow tees installed at Willow Brook, more ruff around the pond at hole #14, trash cans for the yellow tees and ball washers for every tee box. The trash cans and ball washers have been budgeted for next year.

Auditing

Sue Brooks presented this report that all audits have been done with the exception of the Beautification Fund, which is being scheduled.

Beautification

Sue Brooks presented this report. Brian Duthu is working on a plan for all Sun City courses to do the same design & display regarding memorial markers, so we will not proceed at the present time with an individual plan for Willow Creek.

Bulletin Board

Thorine Peterson reported that she plans to remove the postings from prior years and put them in a drawer below the board. It was also noted that the glass doors for the boards needs to be removed so that the doors can be cleaned on both sides. Thorine will check with the maintenance department about the process and will also ask Gloria Stump about the process.

Historian

This position is currently vacant. Sue Brooks said that she will try to meet with Barb Davies, the prior Historian, to obtain the historical pictures and put them on a flash drive. It was noted that we probably won't have photos in time for the Memorial Tournament. Kathy Hutchinson suggested that perhaps a social member may like to be the Historian. Nancy Masters noted that she would see Barb Davies this afternoon and she will inquire about the photos.

Member Guest

The first planning meeting is scheduled for next week.

Pairings

Kathy Hutchinson had nothing to report.

Play-of-Day/Publicity

There was nothing to report.

Ringers and Birdies

Kryssy Brown reported that there were some requests to shorten the period of time to November to April (instead of a full year) to accommodate our snow bird (seasonal) players who cannot participate in as many games and thus feel that

they don't have an equal chance at the winnings. Kryssy looked at the numbers and percentage of players who are full time vs seasonal. Of our 118 regular members, 101 are signed up for ringers and birdies. There was no consensus on fairness and thus no action was taken. It was agreed that the issue could be addressed again.

Rules

Arlene Balazic reported that she will post the five new 2023 rule changes that are the most important. These are modification for disabilities, a ball that moves after relief is taken can be replaced without penalty, if a dropped ball rolls it can be taken back on the line of relief, and there is no longer a penalty to replace a damaged club unless you intentionally cause the damage. Arlene also reported that regarding handicap scoring in a tournament, when your handicap is wrong, it is the responsibility of the tournament organizer and you are not penalized.

There will no longer be new hard copy rule books. Rules will only be available online and also through an app that can be downloaded.

Social

Sue Brooks reported for Dar Hedin. The question was what, if any, changes are desired for the Christmas luncheon. The options were to stay at Palmbrook or go to Marinette Recreation Center and arrange for catering. There were only 61 members at the last Christmas luncheon and some wondered if low attendance was due to food quality and/or price. Kathy Hutchinson offered to check with the Elks Club about options at that facility which would probably be less expensive. Most agreed that we should have one nice event during the year and Palmbrook's facility is nicely decorated. If we went elsewhere, we would have to arrange for decorating. The consensus was to stay at Palmbrook.

Sunshine

There was no report.

Team Play

Mary Engert reported that the first half of the series has been completed. Willow Creek is in first place for both net and gross. The next teams back are Riverview for net and South for gross. The Umbrella committee made the decision that all team play would be from the yellow tees for all courses except Riverview and North will play from the combo tees. It is possible that different tees will be used at Riverview and it's anticipated this issue will come up at the Umbrella meeting. More clarification is needed.

There have been a lot of revisions on software and spreadsheets and it's a revolving situation.

Tournaments

Marcia Grenier reported that she and Judy Conrad played yesterday in the Medallion tournament but due to illness, they were unable to finish the round. Marcia also wondered if players had received their winnings from the President's Cup event. She did not receive any complaints so she assumed everyone got paid. Sue Brooks noted that she did receive her winnings.

Marcia noted that the Memorial tournament is scheduled for tomorrow. There were 91 entries but 2 have dropped out. Tomorrow will most likely be cart path only due to rain and Marcia asked if we want to delay the tournament for one week. After discussion, it was decided to cancel the tournament for tomorrow and hold it on the following Tuesday. Tomorrow's tee times will remain in place for those who choose to play. Marcia will send out a new email and sign-up option for next week for the tournament.

Welcoming Committee

Tricia Affleck reported that the Historian normally obtained photos of new members and there is now no Historian. It was decided that a cell phone photos could be obtained of any new member and Thorine Peterson agreed to print the photo for posting on our board.

Old Business

Sue Brooks noted that there were prior discussions to use the money in the Mixer Funds to purchase an ice machine for on the course. However, those machines cost approximately \$5,000 which exceeds the fund's balance. Marcia Grenier noted that Brian Duthu had previously said that they will not allow an on-course ice machine.

There is also money in the Bathroom fund and Arlene Balazic suggested we could purchase plexiglass holders for the bathroom stalls and put notices in the holders (for example, rule hints or event notices) which is currently done at other courses. Arlene will check into the plexiglass holders and the process for installation.

Money from the Mixer fund and the Bathroom fund could also be used to reduce the cost of the Christmas luncheon and also possibly money from the 50/50 fund.

The consensus was to apply this money to the Christmas lunch and maybe the plexiglass holders.

It was also suggested that money from the 50/50 fund could reduce the cost of Christmas lunch.

New Business

Sue Brooks asked for input regarding pace of play. Some thought the general rule was to keep up with the group in front while others thought that the pace was acceptable if a round was completed within a 4-hour window. It was generally agreed that if a round is completed within 4 hours, it is an acceptable pace.

Sue noted that there were some requests that the President's Cup should be the best 2 rounds out of 3 rounds. The consensus was to make no change and continue to have the tournament played over 3 weeks.

Sue brought up the lift, clean and place determination. Currently it is the play-of-day committee that determines when lift, clean and place should be invoked. Barb Halpin made a motion that lift, clean and place should be automatically invoked whenever the course requires cart path only play. The motion was seconded by Nancy Krause and the motion carried. The starters at the course need to be notified so that they can place a notice on the sign-up table.

The Arizona Golf Association now has a process for our membership to be paid online. Several other Sun City courses (Riverview and Lakes West) are using that process. The payment process could include our league dues, hole-in-one fund, CAGD, ringers and birdies and social memberships. Barb Halpin was concerned that the Treasurer would have difficulty knowing who has paid for what and when.

Marcia Grenier said she works with this program and it is easy to navigate and the Treasurer would get email notification as soon as someone paid their dues. The option for manual payment as is currently done would not be taken away, so members could have a choice. The consensus today was that we should do the online enrollment with a paper option available, beginning with the 2024 year. New members will still need to do a paper enrollment which includes our application form. This will be brought up at the membership meetings to prepare the members. Registration for 2024 will be available through AGA in October 2023.

Motion to Adjourn

Kryssy Brown made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. which was seconded by Susan Petersen. Motion carried.

Tricia Affleck
Secretary