

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2023

Call to Order

President Sue Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., at Bell Bowling Center in the Team room.

Attending

Deb Buffington	Nancy Krause	Kathy Hutchinson
Carol Arend	Susan Petersen	Polly Fischette
Kathy Cea	Lisa Braegelmann	Arlene Balazic
Cheryl Medeiros	Jean Emerson	Renee Hawkins
Barb Halpin	Sue Brooks	Tricia Affleck
Cristi Dorsch		

Approval of Minutes

Kathy Cea made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Board meeting. Deb Buffington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements

Sue Brooks noted that online membership renewal is now available and that Cristi Dorsch would report later in the meeting about many changes regarding golf in Sun City.

Treasurer and Membership Report

Barb Halpin presented the Treasurer's report. The ledger balance as of 10/16/2023, was \$5,695.93. The 2023 budget is \$799.40. The 2022 unpaid balance is \$8.07. Forward liabilities are \$1,896.78 and the unbudgeted balance is \$2,991.68.

Barb also reported that we have 123 regular members and 4 social members, and that so far 79 members have utilized the online renewal process.

Barb presented the 2024 budget. Cristi Dorsch made a motion to approve the budget, it was seconded by Kathy Cea and the motion carried.

Barb noted that the purchase price for birdie pins has again increased. There was discussion about either eliminating the pins or limiting distribution to one pin only per

member for each birdie per membership duration. In other words, not one pin per year but one pin, even if a birdie is achieved in multiple years. The consensus was to limit the pins to one time only for birdies. No limit will be applied for eagle or hole-in-one pins. There was a recommendation that Tricia Affleck review the bylaws* to see if there was any guidance on this issue. It was also noted that any change should be announced at the next membership meeting.

*Tricia reviewed the bylaws. The bylaws are silent about birdie pins. The minutes for the 11-1-2022 general membership meeting state "For the first birdie you get each year there is a birdie pin in the accordion folder on the table in the pro shop. There is also an Eagle and Hole in One pin." In the job description for the Ringers & Birdies committee, it states "award ONE birdie pin per year."

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SWGA/Umbrella

Sue Brooks noted that the first Umbrella meeting will be next Wednesday. It is anticipated that the Champion of Champions tournament will generate lots of discussion about including more flights in the tournament. Sue asked for input and all present today stated that the tournament should NOT be expanded but instead should stay as it is.

AGA/Handicap/Hole-in-One

Polly Fischette noted that no delegate meetings were yet scheduled and there were no issues to discuss regarding handicaps. To date there has been 1 hole-in-one. The shut-off date to qualify is usually December 15th.

Nominating

Polly Fischette has posted the 2024 nominees on the website and bulletin board. They are Renee Hawkins, Jean Emerson, Barb Halpin and Tricia Affleck.

CAGD

Deb Buffington reported that the first meeting is this week at Superstition Springs, where she will suggest that the blind draws be changed to dates that coordinate with the snow bird population, which would eliminate the monies remaining unpaid for extended periods of time.

GREENS Committee/Golf Advisory

Cristi Dorsch reported:

- RCSC is considering assessing penalties for “no-show” golfers, with emphasis on the small groups (30+ players) who overutilize the guest designation to fill out their block of tee times when they don’t have enough golfers to play;
- These penalties will most likely not affect the non (individual) groups;
- Small groups are considered groups of 30 and above;
- Small groups will NOT be required to play an executive course once a month;
- Small groups will no longer have prime tee times;
- Harry Emerson is overseeing the adopt-a-hole program for Willow Creek and would like volunteers. Volunteers can do the task on any day of the week but once a week is requested. Cristi handed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers;
- The cost for lights in the parking lot (Willow Creek) is now in the RCSC budget;
- A future Advisory meeting topic will be the appointment of someone to be in charge of all course superintendents;
- Golf Advisory approved the following fee increases which will next be voted on by the RCSC Board:

	CURRENT 2023	PROPOSED 2024	
No Fee Pass - All Courses	\$1,550	\$1,800	16%
Surcharge Pass - All Courses	\$800	\$925	16%
No Fee Pass - Executive	\$1,375	\$1,600	16%
Surcharge Pass - Executive	\$625	\$725	16%
Cardholder Daily (winter)	\$35	\$39	11%
Guest Daily (winter)	\$44	\$50	14%
Public Daily (winter)	\$50	\$59	18%

Beautification

Sue Brooks reported that 8 metal plants have been purchased and will soon be installed around the Pro and snack shop areas.

Historian

Thorine Peterson had to discontinue this position so it is currently vacant.

Member Guest

Cheryl Medeiros reported that the event will be on April 2, 2024 and the Sun City Country Club has been booked for the venue.

Pairings

Kathy Hutchinson had nothing to report.

Ringers and Birdies

See the discussion above under the Treasurer's Report.

Rules

Carol Arend reported that rule notices will continue to be posted in the bathroom stalls. Arlene Balazic asked for and received suggestions about what rules to focus on. Deb Buffington suggested that a particular rule be discussed at each membership meeting.

Team Play

Carol Arend noted that the first event will be November 16, 2023, against the South Course. Team captains have not yet been confirmed**.

**Team captains were confirmed since this meeting.

Tournaments

Marcia Grenier sent an email to all members with information (dates, registration procedure, etc.) on the President's Cup event. Mary Engert and Marcia are working on the December 2, 2023 Better Ball tournament.

Welcoming Committee

Kathy Cea noted that we have two new members. The committee members for 2024 will be Kay Brittingham and Paula Sjulstad.

Old Business

Sue Brooks will confirm with Dar Hedin that the December luncheon will be at Palmbrook.

New Business

Janet Buchholz has agreed to continue as the web master.

Motion to Adjourn

Cristi Dorsch made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m., which was seconded by Nancy Krause. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tricia Affleck
Secretary