

WILLOWCREEK WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2024

Call to Order

President Renee Hawkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Talisman Hall.

Attending

Tricia Affleck	Cheryl Medeiros	Nancy Masters
Nancy Krause	Marcia Grenier	Barbara Halpin
Arlene Balazic	Kathy Hutchinson	Polly Fischette
Jean Emerson	Dar Hedin	Sue Brooks
Carol Arend	Renee Hawkins	Paula Sjulstad
Kryssy Brown		

Approval of Minutes

Nancy Masters made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024 Board meeting. Barb Halpin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcement

Renee Hawkins said that the November 5, 2024 Membership meeting will be changed to November 12, 2024 and the meeting location will be at Mountain View Recreation Center. The change is necessary due to a schedule conflict with the Pink Ribbon tournament and a later time is necessary to allow time to get to the meeting location.

Treasurer and Membership Report

Barb Halpin presented the Treasurer's report. The ledger balance as of March 11, 2024, was \$5,608.05. The 2024 budget is \$1,488.18. The 2023 unpaid budget is \$98.22. Forward liabilities are \$1,555.78 and the unbudgeted balance is \$2,465.87.

Barb also reported that we have 110 regular members and 6 social members.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SWGA/Umbrella

Nothing to report.

AGA/HANDICAP/HOLE-IN-ONE

Polly Fischette reported that the Medallion winners were Cat Felker for low gross and Sylvia Csabon for low net.

CAGD

Nancy Masters reported that the next blind draw will be March 19, 2024 and the last one before summer will probably be April 9, 2024.

Greens Committee/Golf Advisory

There was no report.

Historian

Barb Davies reported via email that she was working on photos from the Club Championship tournament and will soon have them submitted to the newspaper.

Member Guest

Cheryl Medeiros reported:

- 48 players have signed up for April 2, 2024 event
- a new chairperson is needed for the 2025 event
- it has been difficult to get players for this year
- other leagues have tournaments on the same day which is possibly impacting our participant level
- (also see comments under New Business).

Pairings

Kathy Hutchinson reported:

- beginning in April, our tee time block will be 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- because April 2, 2024, is the Member/Guest event, the sign-up sheet for April 9th will be put out earlier to allow members to get a tee time
- April 9th is also the Spring membership meeting so there will be a shotgun start
- Kathy will talk to the pro shop about an option for a reverse shotgun approach and doubling up on some holes.

Ringers and Birdies

Nothing to report.

Rules

Arlene Balazic reported on a rule issue that arose during the Club Championship event where a player teed the ball (on the tee box), swung and made slight contact with the ball, the ball fell off, landed right next to the tee and remained in the legitimate teeing area. The player counted that stroke, reteeed the ball, hit and played out the hole. The issue was about reteeing. Arlene checked with USGA who verified that the player was allowed to retee as long as the ball remained within the legitimate tee area, the ball could even be cleaned and the player had the option to switch to a different ball. Arlene will post this rule in the bathroom.

Arlene has prepared a notice to post about pace of play. It will be posted in the bathroom and also given to new members.

Marcia Grenier commented that she thought pace of play had improved since most players now use the yellow tees.

Marcia also wondered why, when there is a rule issue on the course, players are reluctant to play a second ball. Some members present thought that players were worried it would slow down the pace of play. Marcia will bring this up at the next membership meeting.

Team Play

Carol reported that Fun Day was successful. She noted there were too many tied scores and they should have paid all ties instead of using score card playoffs. Willowcreek received the plaque for low net even though South won both low gross and low net.

Welcoming

There was nothing to report.

Tournaments

Marcia Grenier reported:

- there were 79 entries for the Club Championship/Eclectic tournament
- tournament results were emailed to every member (including those who did not participate)
- of the 110 members who received the email, only 89 actually opened and read it
- Cat Felker won the Club Championship event

- Cat will be out of town so cannot participate in the Champion of Champions event
- Willowcreek will be represented by Cristi Dorsch, Lisa Braegelmann, Mary Engert and Marcia Grenier in the Champion of Champions event, which will be held on April 1, April 4 and April 6, 2024 at North, Riverview and Lakes West respectively.

Old Business

Jean Emerson reported that plans for a one-day event to play with the Willowcreek women's 9-hole league have been discontinued due to lack of interest in our league – only 4 people wanted to participate. The event required a 7:00 a.m. shotgun start which may have impacted participation.

New Business

Renee Hawkins reported that a new bathroom cabinet was needed and the money for purchase was available in our budget. Carol Arend made a motion to purchase a new cabinet; it was seconded by Sue Brooks. The motion carried and Tricia Affleck and Renee Hawkins will find and purchase the cabinet.

Renee noted that participation in the Member/Guest event is declining. She wondered if switching it to an Invitational format might increase interest. There was discussion about finding members to chair and organize the event including volunteers for the event day. It was decided that a notice would be emailed to all members by Renee stating that if members don't step up to organize and help with the event, it may be discontinued.

The "For Sale" listings on our website that exceed the 14-day limit will be removed.

Jean Emerson, next year's President, will be responsible for finding members to step forward into Board and Committee positions (including back-up positions).

Motion to Adjourn

Carol Arend made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m., which was seconded by Dar Hedin. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tricia Affleck
Secretary