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GSWPGA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FAIRWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NOVEMBER 10, 2011

President Juanita Harwood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance: Cindy Andre, Lynn Chapman, Linda Chesney, Diane Clavin, Jennifer Eggers, Juanita Harwood, Cathy Kay, Kren Maguire, Roberta McLean, Myrt Rogneby, and June Secreto. Janice Courtney, Janna Phillips, and Mary Ryan were not present.

Minutes

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as written and will be posted on the GSWPGA website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roberta McLean presented the 2011 Annual Budget report along with the 2011 Annual Tournament Payout Report with a few bills still to be paid. Actual expenses are projected to exceed the budget by \$708.83, which is primarily due to the unexpected expenditure for a new computer for the Tournament Director. The current balance in the savings account is \$3,215.23.

Tournaments

Cindy Andre reported:

- Tournament participation was much lower this year (631 vs. 749 in 2010), which can be attributed to both the economy and the weather, and she had a much easier time scheduling the 2012 tournaments.
- The 2012 Event Schedule:
 - April 12th – Spring Sweeps, Better Nine – Foster
 - May 10th – President's Charity, Points – Riverbend
 - June 14th – Pro-Am – Riverbend
 - July 12th – Summer Sweeps (low net), Champion of Champions (low gross) - Mt. Si
 - August 6th, 7th, 8th – City Championship – Auburn
 - September 13th – Two Lady Best Ball – Lake Wilderness
 - October 11th – Fall Sweeps, Eccie Nine – Willows Run
- Note: The City Championship will be very low key this year since the Auburn Ladies Club only has seven members so the Executive Board will be helping them with the tournament.

Rules

Diane Clavin reported:

- She was not faced with any “out of the ordinary” rules questions; however, everyone needs to communicate to all players that they should never attest another player's scorecard if they do not believe that the Rules of Golf were followed.

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- She was able to obtain complimentary green fees to preview the courses prior to each event with the exception of Maplewood.
- The coming season of 2012 will require the purchase of a new decisions book and rules book for the Rules Chair and Assistant Chair.
- She will not be continuing as the Rules Chair, and it was agreed to ask for someone to volunteer to take over this role at the General Meeting to follow the Executive Board Meeting.

Team

Kren Maguire reported:

- The timing sheet she developed helped to speed up pace of play, and there was only one match at Maplewood that took 5.5 to 5.75 hours and that occurred on a very hot day. She said that she's hoping that the improved pace of play will help to get back to 8:00 tee times.
- She will need to purchase new team pins in two to three years.
- The retired trophies are currently at the West Seattle Golf Course but will be moved to the Home Course when the WSGA new office building is completed.
- The President's Cup raffle items need to be at the tournament at least two hours prior to the first tee time to ensure that the players with early tee times have an opportunity to see them.

PNGA/WSGA

Cathy Kay reported on the WSGA Annual meeting that she attended at Fairwood Golf & Country Club on October 22, 2010:

- WSGA financials reflect a drop in numbers from 94,000 in 1999 to the current 69,000, and the WSGA Board and Staff are beginning a 5-year strategic plan to grow the numbers.
- Troy Andrew is the new WSGA Executive Director.
- Beginning in 2012, clubs using dial-up connections for their GHIN transmissions will be charged \$5.00 per month. Currently, the GSWPGA member clubs that are using dial-up are: Bellevue, Lake Wilderness, Maplewood, Riverbend, Snoqualmie Falls, Twin Rivers, and Wayne.
- For clubs that are licensed to issue USGA handicaps, a person at the club must have completed the handicap qualifications with this past term which ends December 31, 2011. If there is no one qualified, the club will not be eligible for handicap revisions until someone becomes qualified. Currently, the GSWPGA member clubs that are NOT licensed are: Auburn, Bellevue, Foster, Maplewood, Snoqualmie Falls, Wayne, and Willows Run.
- Volunteers are needed for WSGA and PNGA events, and the Championship Committee is creating a more formalized volunteer program.
- Rules Committee persons are also needed. Check the USGA website for information on how to become certified and/or contact the WSGA office.
- Plans are in place to promote and grow the Evans Scholarship Program in the northwest. A Scholarship House is to be established in Oregon by 2014 at which time all PNW scholars will live in the house and attend that Oregon university.

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- Ron Read, Sr. Director of Western Regional Affairs, reported that 2012 is a USGA Rules Change year; the USGA WAPL Championship will be hosted at the Home Course in 2014 and the US Open will be at Chambers Bay in 2015.
- The First Green program has been established as a Unique Environmental Opportunity to promote and provide environmental education by connecting schools to golf courses for use as environmental labs.

Historian Report

None.

Trophy & Awards

Jennifer Eggers expressed concern about acquiring additional funding if the price continues to rise for the crystal trophies although no action was proposed.

Nominating

June Secreto reported that she has confirmations for all of the Officer and Committee Chair positions with the exception of a new Rules Chair. Cathy Kay agreed to present the nominations at the General Meeting to follow and ask for a vote on the slate of candidates.

New Business

- A discussion on specific tournament awards (e.g., Eccies 9) needs to be held at the January Executive Board Meeting to clarify how they should be made.
- The January Executive Board Meeting will be held on January 17, 2012, at Riverbend—more details on time and place will be provided prior to the meeting.
- The February General Meeting will be held on February 16, 2012, at the West Seattle Golf Course.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Chesney, Secretary
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