

FINAL

GSWPGA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FAIRWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, RENTON, WA.
NOVEMBER 14, 2013

In attendance: Cindy Andre, Sheryl Baisinger, Lynn Chapman, Linda Chesney, Janet Dobrowolski, Juanita Harwood, Kren Maguire, June Secreto, and Cathy Woodburne. Janice Courtney, Carrie Jacobson, Cathy Kay, and Mary Ryan were not present. Diane Quinn (2014 Vice President) was also in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes from the July General Meeting will be voted on at the General Meeting following the Executive Board Meeting and lunch.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Chapman, Treasurer, presented the year-end actuals vs. the 2013 budget. Actual total income was \$31,549.01 against the budget of \$31,595. Actual total expenses were \$30,945.79 against the budget of \$31,595, which leaves a balance of \$603.22. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Tournaments

Cathy Woodburne, Tournament Chair, presented the question of what is the length of time necessary to retain paper copies of monthly tournaments since the TPP program, which started in 2004, keeps the results electronically. She showed several binders with historical data that may or may not be relevant so Sheryl Baisinger, the incoming President, volunteered to review all of the documents and present a recommendation at the January Executive Board Meeting as to which documents should be retained and for what period of time. This would also include the legal requirements imposed on the organization through its not-for-profit tax status.

Cathy next raised the issue of not being able to have a playoff for the Low Net of the Field since for the second year in a row, there was a tie and the losing participant of the card-off in this year's City Championship was unhappy that a playoff did not occur. The Board agreed that the Standing Rules are very clear that a playoff can only occur if the participating course can accommodate it and spells out how the card-off will be conducted.

Cathy distributed a a ten-year comparison of GSWPGA participation in each of the monthly tournaments by club. The chart reflects a high of 732 participants in 2010 with a decline to 592 participants in 2013. Some of the 2013 decline is attributed to the low turn-out for the Pro-Am and also the increasing number of invitationals and other non-GSWPGA tournaments that compete for participants..

Following is the tentative GSWPGA Tournament Schedule for 2014:

April 10 - Foster Spring Sweeps – Better 9

FINAL

May 8	Riverbend	President's Charity Cup – POINTS
June 12	West Seattle	Pro-Am
July 10	Mt. Si	Summer Sweeps = Low Net Champion of Champions – Low Gross
August 11, 12, 13	Riverbend	GSWPGA Championship
September 11	Willows Run	Two Lady Best Ball
October 9	Lake Wilderness	Fall Sweeps – Eccy 9

Rules

No report.

Team

Kren Maguire, Association Team Captain, reported that all seven matches were completed with no significant problems other than the last group taking five hours. She said that she will address this issue again at the February Team Meeting.

Kren also reported that there are only 12 pins allocated to be awarded to the to the clubs winning handicap and scratch. If the clubs have more than 12 participants, they are given the opportunity to purchase the additional pins. She is pointing this out since this money is going back into the budget and more pins will need to be purchased in the near future.

PNGA/WSGA

Cathy Kay, PNGA/WSGA Representative, was not present, but following is the report she submitted:

**Cathy Kay, PNGA/WSGA Representative
Greater Seattle Women's Public Links Association
October 24, 2013**

Annual Meeting Report

PNGA

The PNGA underwent Strategic planning sessions at the beginning of 2012. Coming out of that were 6 Objectives. One of the biggest areas of concern identified in this process was the Club Representative program. A committee was formed to rejuvenate it. They have made great strides in cleaning it up, establishing new guidelines, and are full force ahead with establishing appropriate club reps at every member club.

You are strongly encouraged to identify your current Club Representative and evaluate if they are performing their duties adequately. If you do not have a club rep at this time or feel you need a new one, please contact Shari Jacobsen, Manager of Club Relations, at the PNGA office.

Another area identified through the PNGA's Strategic planning was the Women's Division. It called for them to begin their own evaluation and analyze how they could improve. This has been completed and the Women continue to be represented on the PNGA Board by the renamed "Women's Committee". There was updating done in the committees structure but the emphasis remains on addressing the needs of Women in Golf.

PNGA conducted 4 different Championships for women at 3 different venues. Two Championships, Sr. Women's Am and Super Sr. Women's Am, were cancelled due to inclement weather. This is the first time ever that an event was completely cancelled vs. being modified to 1 day vs. 2 days or the like. This is also the first year where the Public Links Championship was no longer offered. That means the number continued to be lower than desired.

WSGA

The WSGA conducted 5 different Championships for women this year. Women participated in the Parent/Child and the Champion of Champions events too. WSGA also conducted at least 10 USGA Qualifiers.

Volunteers: As always the PNGA and WSGA encourage people to participate in the Volunteer program. Information can be found at the website or calling the Championship Dept of the organizations.

Historian/Website

Mary Ryan was not present; however, Lynn Chapman reported that the website has been renewed for three years at an approximate cost of \$100. It was also reported that Mary has requested that the logo be added to the website. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to add the logo.

Trophy & Awards

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Neutral Site for Championship – Cindy Andre raised the issue of conducting the **City** Championship at a neutral site as opposed to one of the member club site. The benefits would eliminate the home course advantage to individuals belonging to the hosting club and would make it easier for the Tournament and Trophy Chairs. She asked the Board members to think about the pros and cons of doing this and then bring it up for additional discussion at the January Board meeting.

FINAL

Requirement for Clubs to donate two \$50 Raffle Items – Cathy Woodburne raised the issue of requiring clubs to make two \$50 raffle donations and whether this created a hardship for the smaller clubs. It was agreed that the question would be raised at the following General Meeting to get input from the member clubs. (Note: The issue was, subsequently, not raised at the General Meeting since there was such overwhelming support for the raffle and none of the clubs has mentioned that the donations were a hardship for their club.)

2014 Executive Board Candidates/Nominations

Sheryl Baisinger, incoming President, reported that candidates have been identified for all of the Board positions with the exception of Secretary and Trophy Chair, and she plans to ask for volunteers at the General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Chesney, Secretary
12/03/13