

GSWPGA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
RAINIER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
NOVEMBER 12, 2015

In attendance: Diane Quinn, Pat Hinneburg, Sherrie Liebsack, Lynn Chapman, Cathy Woodburne, Cindy Andre, Kren Maguire, Sheryl Baisinger, Janet Dobrowolski, Janice Courtney. We welcomed 2016 members Carrie Bullinger, candidate for Vice President; Laura Mulholland, assistant rules; and Carol Zuvela, PNGA/WSGA representative.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the February General Meeting minutes will be voted on at the General Meeting, following this Executive Board meeting today. The July 29 Special General Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. At the July 29 meeting, the February 19 General Meeting minutes were approved and re-approved today.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lynn Chapman, Treasurer, passed out printed reports of the banking and separate budget summary to date. As of today, the balance is \$4,593.83. She announced and passed out the sweeps Club winnings with the Maplewood Club winning the most money with \$1,134.25. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the budget summary with changes. Janet Dobrowolski, the new Treasurer must change the 990s for IRS reporting. In addition, we must arrange for the audit of the books.

The charity raffle at the general meeting will benefit Junior Golf and the Evans Scholarship. The Evans fund is flush and the suggestion was made that we consider a new charity, which would first require a change to the Standing Rules, page 12. The Wounded Warrior is a special raffle being offered at the meeting today. The President's Cup Charity Raffle was also the Wounded Warrior Foundation and we collected and donated \$665 to the Foundation.

TOURNAMENTS:

Cathy Woodburne, Tournament Director, handed out graphs with numbers showing the clubs' participation in our tournaments. We are up this year after a four year decline. Consensus was that course selections do make a difference. The three most popular were Maplewood with 144; Mt Si with 144; and Snoqualmie Falls with 118. Last year we had a total participation of 558 and this year it totaled 672.

Cathy recommended that a new computer be considered for the tournament director based on the current age of the tournament computer. A discussion followed but no motion or decision was made at this time.

Liane Greaney, Cascade, will be Cathy's replacement for 2016. Cathy presented the schedule for 2016:

Lake Wilderness	14 April	Spring Sweeps, Best 9
Mt Si	12 May	President's Cup, Points
Riverbend	9 June	4-Lady ,Best ball
Mt Si	14 July	Summer Sweeps
Willows Run	8/9 Aug	Championship
Bellevue	8 Sept	2 Lady Best Ball
Foster	13 Oct	Fall Sweeps, ECCI 9

Pat stated that the LPGA Sahalee tournament is being held June 7-12 and since they have asked for volunteers to serve at that event, she thought it might interfere with attendance at the 9 June Riverbend Tournament. Discussion followed with the input that the first part of this tournament will be Pro-Am. Cathy will call Riverbend and see if she can arrange to change the 9 June date to either 2 or 7 June in order to accommodate any volunteers who may also wish to play in the Riverbend tournament.

It was suggested that at the City Rep meeting in February, the City Reps should encourage their clubs to learn the rules and be familiar with the Standing Rules.

RULES:

No report.

TEAM:

Kren Maguire, Association Team Captain, reported a good year with 8 teams playing 7 matches. Foster notified in writing that they would not participate in Team for the 2016 season. A request by Mt Si to change the scoring for Team Matches was discussed at a meeting with all the Team Captains. They voted to keep the scoring as it is stated in the Standing Rules.

The issue of having spectators at Team matches was researched by Kren and Pat by going to each of our Team Match Clubs. The result is that spectators will be allowed according to individual club rules.

PNGA/WSGA:

No report

HISTORIAN/WEBSITE:

No report

TROPHY & AWARDS:

Cindy Andre, Chair, reported that we will not replace perpetual trophies and that was changed in the Standing Rules in the July Special meeting. Team plaques continue for the next 8 years and will be addressed separately at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Issue of attitudes during tournament and team play: Margaret Smith's statement was read and everyone agreed with her (an attachment to the minutes). However, the board felt there is a general need to not only reiterate Section 1, Etiquette Behavior on the Course and Rule 33-7 but go a step further to provide general guidelines for tournament and team participants at the beginning of play. Kren volunteered to provide a paragraph addressing team and tournament spectators for possible inclusion in the Standing Rules. Pat will get rules from Junior Golf, if possible.
2. Auditor: Pat will ask Barb Baker, Cascade and Carol Johnson, Bellevue.
3. Carmen Johnson Perpetual Trophy: Kathy MacAfee, who donated the trophy in Carmen's name, will be asked if she wants to keep it or otherwise, her suggestion for it.
4. Rules: The Board suggested that general rules sheets be provided to each city rep that they could then reproduce for their club as needed for their tournament participants. Laura Mulholland volunteered to put a prototype together for the January meeting with help from Janet Dobrowolski, Carrie Bullinger and Cindy Andre.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrie Liebsack, Secretary

I have a few thoughts about tournament play. Many golfers think they know the Rules but they really don't and are surprised and become offended when they are called on it. I see this happen all of the time. We can address this through Rules education and education on tournament play.

A tournament is not just a golf outing. It is competition with everyone playing the same course under the same set of Rules. A player is supposed to make sure the other players in her group are playing by the Rules. This is called "protecting the field" and it is a key part of tournament golf. All players should expect to be called out if another player in her group thinks there is a Rules violation. That comes with the territory. If someone does not want to be called out they should not be playing tournament golf.

Perhaps we can educate our players on the need to make sure the Rules are followed, suggest a polite way of calling another player on a Rules violation, and suggest the player called out takes it in the spirit of the competition and does not become offended. Everyone makes mistakes by accident, even when playing golf. The point is not to find fault and assign blame, the point is to keep the competition fair for everyone.

We can educate the players to follow Rule 3-3 if there is disagreement among the group about a Rules issue. Under 3-3 the player with the questionable situation can finish play of the hole with two balls one played her way and one played the way the fellow competitor sees it and at the end the player informs the Committee and the Committee sorts it out.

Bottom line - we should educate our players to be polite in calling out a Rules violation and educate our players to not take offense if called out. Just talk it out politely, consult the Rules book and play two balls if necessary.

Margaret