

GSWPGA General Board Meeting

2/18/2016

Moose Lodge, North Bend

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Hinneburg.

Roll Call:

Member Club	No. Present
Bellevue	2
Cascade	3
Foster	2
Jackson Jills	4
Jefferson Park	1
Lake Wilderness	0
Maplewood	3
Mt Si	4
Riverbend	3
Snoqualmie Falls	2
Twin Rivers	3
Wayne	1
West Seattle	2
Willows	3
Total	33

2017 Vice President Nomination Intentions

Jane Meadows shared that Bellevue will have a nominee for Vice President for 2017.

2017 Championship Intentions

Cindy Andre reported that Cascade is planning to hold the 2017 Championship at Snoqualmie Falls Golf Course. The course has agreed to hold the event there. If the Wayne Ladies Club is still in existence that year they will share in hosting the event.

Minutes Review/Approval

Pat shared that we are now reviewing and approving meeting minutes via email. She cautioned everyone to review meeting minutes sent via email within the time allowed or your approval will be assumed. Any changes received by the secretary will be shared with everyone, using a rolling revision method, until consensus is reached and a final version is released.

2016 Budget

Janet Dobrowolski, Treasurer, presented the 2016 budget.

Janet explained the format of the budget handout. Appropriated funds are those that come in and out such as green fees and are not included in the expected income/expense totals.

- 2016 expected income is approximately \$2000.
- 2016 expected expenses are approximately \$2700.
This includes \$500 budgeted to purchase a new Tournament laptop.
- This would result in \$682 being taken from the general fund if those budget numbers become actuals.
- Note: Liane Greaney, Tournament Chair, shared that the new Tournament laptop actually cost \$400 and included free software.

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- Beginning Balances:
Checking \$2,858.77
Savings \$2,903.88

Rules

Laura Mulholland, Assistant Rules Chair, has gotten the new 2016 Rules books. She noted that the smaller book is available for free on-line or at your pro shop.

Laura shared that each tournament rules sheet will have a short blurb about etiquette relating to possible rules violations that will tell how to proceed. When a rules violation happens the player should be informed courteously. Players who may have violated a rule should receive the notification from their playing partners courteously and not in an intimidating way.

If the violation requires playing a second ball:

- The player should announce that they are playing a second ball, identify it, and declare which ball she will score with if the rules allow before she hits either ball.
- The score of both balls should be noted,
- Hole out both balls,
- Report the situation to the tournament rules committee (the committee will be noted on the rules sheets), before entering the appropriate score.

Never submit scorecard without having a ruling by the tournament rules committee - don't leave the course. Leaving the course without resolution or submitting a signed a card with an incorrect hole score will result in disqualification.

Carrie Bullinger suggested that we may want to have a volunteer group to review all cards and any rules issues prior to any card being signed. Janet Dobrowolski noted that this had been done in the past but that frequently the group thought that they had resolved the issue amongst themselves and didn't approach the committee - although the resolution may have been incorrect.

Bev Harke shared that sometimes the problem is not a rules violation but rude behavior on the part of a player. It was agreed that the other members in the foursome should advise the player that their behavior is not acceptable.

Pat shared that a new Common Rules card, created by Janet Dobrowolski and reviewed by Laura Mulholland, has been printed and one has been provided to each City Representative for them to make available to their members. These cards describe the common rules situations where action should be taken and describes the appropriate action.

One club noted that they have a member who has gotten videos from USGA showing what to do in cases of specific rules violations. Another club puts examples on the bathroom doors. USGA also has them available for viewing online for free.

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Team

Kren Maguire, Team Chair, shared that 2015 had been a successful year for Team with 8 member clubs participating.

For 2016:

- 7 Member Clubs will participate in Team events (Foster withdrew).
- Teams will have a Bye (their Team will not participate) when the event is hosted at their home course.
- Speed of play is still being emphasized.
- Team member clubs voted that they wished to continue having the perpetual plaque and pin awards.

Trophy

Cindy Andre, Trophy Chair, shared again that we are no longer replacing perpetual plaques for Tournament events where individual crystal trophies are awarded. Those plaques will be retired as they are completed and offered to the last winners home club. Cindy will update the Trophy Chair notebook with the information about Team perpetual plaques continuing.

Cindy also shared that since we now award the GSWPGA Championship trophies at the November Awards Luncheon she will use the actual funds raised at the championship for trophy purchase. She cautioned that if we have a very low turnout for a championship using only the actual funds raised may not be feasible and that additional funds could be required.

PNGA/WSGA

Pat introduced Carol Zuvela as our new PNGA/WSGA representative. Carol will be attending the PNGA/WSGA business meeting/luncheons that are held in April and November. A benefit for these representatives is that they also get a free round of golf that day at very nice private courses. Sadly she said it frequently rains on those days.

Social

Sherrie Liebsack, Social Chair, welcomed everyone. Sherrie, working with the Cutter & Buck store at the North Bend Outlet Mall, received 15 door prizes (golf hats & club covers) from them plus golf outfits to display for examples of their merchandise. Sherrie drew names and 15 happy people picked a door prize. Everyone attending also received a 20% discount coupon to Cutter & Buck good through March 2016.

Sherrie also shared that the 2016 Awards Luncheon will be held at Sahalee Golf & Country Club on November 10th.

New Business

Pat shared that the Executive Board had discussed the recipient charities of our November luncheon raffle. The question had been raised about whether we might want to make a change. As a result Pat had asked for presentations about the current recipients for the Evans Scholarship and Washington State Junior Golf (WSJG) and, additionally, First Tee. Pat spoke about WSJG, Kren Maguire about the Evans Scholarship, and Liane Greaney about First Tee.

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Following the presentations it was asked what our next steps on this would be and Pat said that the topic would be discussed by the Executive Board.

President's Charity

Pat has chosen Best Friends Animal Society as her charity. Best Friends is located in Kanab, Utah. Their mission is to bring about a time when there are No More Homeless Pets. Their vision is a better world through kindness to animals. Best Friends supports no kill shelters nationwide in addition to the work done at the Sanctuary in Utah. More information about Pat's charity can be found on the web at bestfriends.org

Our President's Charity event will be held May 12, 2016 at Mt Si Golf Course. Each club is asked to provide a raffle item worth approximately \$50. Green Fees, baskets, other business donations make great raffle items.

Caddies

One of our members shared that Washington State Junior Golfers must act as caddies at tournaments to fulfill WSJG requirements and that GSWPGA has recently changed our Standing Rules to state that there will be no Caddies at any GSWPGA event. Cathy Woodburne shared what had occurred at a tournament that resulted in the recent Standing Rules change. A long discussion followed about Caddies, what their role should be at GSWPGA events if they were allowed, how we would handle their inclusion at a tournament(s), if we want to grow the game of golf don't we want to encourage junior golfers, etc. No action was taken other than to suggest further discussion should happen at the Executive Board meeting in November.

With no further business to discuss a motion for adjournment was made, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Andre,
Secretary