

GSWPGA General Board Meeting Minutes
2/15/2018
Bellevue Golf Course

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Van Houten.

Roll call:

Member Club	No: Present
Bellevue	3
Cascade	2
Jackson Jills	4
Jefferson Park	0
Lake Wilderness	1
Maplewood	4
Mount Si	3
Nile	2
River Bend	3
Snoqualmie Falls	3
Twin Rivers	1
Wayne @ Nile	1
West Seattle	0
Willows	5
Total	32

The November 2017 General Board meeting minutes were previously approved via email.

Reports

Treasurer:

Treasurer Janet Dobrowolski reviewed the approved 2018 budget. She noted that there were a few budgeted expenses that were increased from previous years.

- Tournament payouts have been increased \$10/flight/tournament which will be approximately \$480 for 2018. These monies will come from the general fund – not from an increase in entries fees. The Executive Committee approved this expenditure at the November 2017 meeting based on bank account balances and will review this expenditure each year to determine if it can be continued.
- Team pins were purchased. \$750 was budgeted for this expense but Kren, GSWPGA Team Captain, was able to purchase them for \$564.00.
- The budget for comp'd green fees (those paid by GSWPGA for Tournament Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chairs, Team Captain for team events) was increased to allow for more reimbursement to the rules chairs when they play prior to tournaments at courses that do not comp those rounds.

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Tournaments:

Judy Adrian (Co-Tournament Chair) shared with the group some of the time constraints they face preparing for each tournament which is why they need to have member club entries for tournaments two weeks prior to tournaments. Judy encouraged everyone to participate in our tournaments noting that payouts, other than low gross of the field, are based on net scores allowing everyone to be competitive.

Melissa Matkin (Co-Tournament Chair) reviewed the tournament schedule with the group (available on the gswpga.com website). A luncheon following the April event at Lake Wilderness was discussed but it was determined that planning for a luncheon would be difficult because of possible adverse weather in April and the Better 9 format.

Team:

Team Captain Kren Maguire announced there are two additional club teams that will participate this year – Jefferson who will have members from Riverbend who will also join Jefferson and declare Jefferson as their home course for team. Snoqualmie Falls and Twin Rivers will have a blended team SnoRivers. Carrie Bullinger will captain that team.

There will be seven team matches. Snoqualmie Falls will not be played for team this year unless required due to construction at Jefferson. Team match dates are confirmed and available on the gswpga.com website.

Team has implemented some measures to assure acceptable pace of play. Two host club members who are not participating in the team event, will be out on the course to monitor pace of play and to keep things moving. If a club falls behind more than one hole they will be first warned to catch up. If they do not catch up they will be required to pickup and move ahead to catch up with the team ahead.

Kren also shared that the pins have arrived.

Rules:

Rules Chair Karen Jaskolka told everyone that we play to USGA Rules unless there is an exception noted on the tournament rules sheet. Last year someone got play direction from a course professional that was in violation of USGA rules. Any questions on rules during a tournament should be addressed by our rules committee. Directions on how to proceed if there is a question about a rule during tournament play will be on the event rules sheet.

Karen and/or Assistant Rules Chair Laura Mulholland will play courses prior to tournaments and will provide rules and course information to Judy and Melissa.

In 2018 current USGA rules are in affect. Although there will be changes in 2019 that we have heard about those changes are not in affect yet. We must putt out, use the existing legal drop requirements, pull flags for putts, etc.

In 2019 we will need a replacement for Laura Mulholland. Karen would like anyone who might be interested in becoming the assistant rules chair to contact her.

Preferred Lies – although GSWPGA Team matches use preferred lies throughout the year we do not for tournaments. Tournament rule sheets will state whether or not preferred lies (also referred to as winter lies) are to be used for the event.

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Trophy:

Trophy Chair Cindy Andre shared for new members that all trophies won throughout the year at tournaments are distributed at the November Awards Luncheon/Meeting. Cindy is exploring the possibility of having the names of winners engraved on crystal trophies awarded.

PNGA/WSGA:

Kren reported that WSGA has launched WA Golf Pass, a savings tool offering discounts on golf, travel, sports events and more to members of the WSGA. The new WagolfPass app can be downloaded to members phones and their home page.

Vice President Tam Kammin stated that last year problems arose with handicaps due to posting during our horrendous month of March. Posting may be delayed if weather is awful again this year – but this will be done course by course.

Web:

Webmaster Mary Ryan distributed some LPGA Legends Tour flyers for an event happening this summer. More flyers are available on the legendstour.com website. Volunteers are needed for this event.

The gswpga.com website has an event calendar that can be downloaded onto our personal calendars. The calendar is on the left side of the homepage. Right clicking on the calendar will result in a pop-up question asking if you want to transfer the information to your personal calendar. Mary says this works with Google and Microsoft product calendars. She encouraged members to contact her for help if they have problems.

Mary also encouraged everyone to make sure that the gswpga.com website location information is posted at member clubs to encourage the use of the website.

Social:

Social Chairs Hisayo Nakahara and Kay Fauser are currently working with several locations for the November Awards luncheon. Attendance was down last year as some said that Sahalee was a difficult location for them. Snoqualmie TPC and Glenacres are being looked at. It was also suggested the Nile and Jefferson be considered.

Old Business:

- 2018 Championship – Robin Schmitt shared that the theme for this year's event is SnoFalls Has It All. Flyers were provided to club's representatives during the tournament meeting. Snoqualmie is just getting going as their responsibility for this event moved up suddenly at the end of last year.
- Mary announced that we are happy to have the Wayne Ladies Club continuing with GSWPGA in 2018 playing out of Nile Golf & Country Club.
- Mary's choice of charity will be for the President's Charity Cup will be Meals On Wheels. Mary recently lost her mother and said this organization was a big help during that time.

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New Business:

- **Vice President Rotation**

Lynne Crandall, Riverbend Captain, requested that GSWPGA give credit to their club (and adjust the VP Rotation in the Standing Rules) for the year Sheryl Baisinger served as President – 2014.

Late in 2012 Auburn Women's Club left GSWPGA. They were responsible to provide a Vice President nominee who would serve as VP in 2013 and continuing to the President and Trustee positions per the Standing Rules. Jackson Jills was next in the rotation but notified GSWPGA that they felt they could not provide a nominee on such short notice.

At the November Awards Luncheon a plea was put forth to the attending members for a volunteer to take the position. Sheryl Baisinger of Riverbend volunteered becoming President in 2014. Riverbend is now responsible for providing a VP nominee to serve in 2019. Sheryl served in 2014 (two years after June Secreto also from Riverbend served as President).

A long discussion ensued on this with varying points of view presented. It is understood by everyone that the responsibility rotations are a challenge for all the member clubs. Because Sheryl stepped forward at the request of GSWPGA rather than a specific club it was felt by quite a few in attendance that we would like to help with this situation if we can.

Maplewood is next in the rotation. Kren Maguire and Janet Dobrowolski will bring the possibility of Maplewood moving up a year in providing a VP nomination to their membership. They will notify GSWPGA of their decision by May 15th. If Maplewood agrees to provide a nominee for 2019 then the VP rotation in the Standing Rules will be adjusted. Further action will be put off until we have Maplewood's response.

- **2019 Championship**

West Seattle is due to hold the 2019 Championship. No one from West Seattle attended today's meeting. Mary Van Houten took the action to contact them about their intentions. Note: Following the meeting West Seattle confirmed their intentions to host the 2019 GSWPGA Championship.

- Janet Dobrowolski said tournament payout checks can go directly to a club's treasurer rather than their city representative - the traditional method. Clubs are encouraged to contact Janet if they would like payouts to go to their treasurers.
- Mary welcomed the Nile Women's Club who have joined GSWPGA this year. We will have two member clubs playing out of Nile Golf Course.

Mary Van Houten closed by saying that although we are facing some challenges we also have great things happening and she is looking forward to this year.

Meeting was adjourned by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Andre, Secretary