

SBWGA-18 Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

Present: Cathe Kropp, President, Maire Ryan, Vice President, Janice Hoover, Secretary, Sandi Chester, Treasurer, Judy Briney, Special Tournaments Chair, Suzanne Stone-Griffith, Handicap Chair, Kay Cruise, Membership Chair. Nancy Sartor, Advisor. Absent: Reenie Romey, Tuesday Play Day Chair.

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathe Kropp at 8:30 am.

2. Guests: Bonnie Westra and Carol Bidwell – Website Committee Presentation
The current website costs \$150 per year to operate. The goal of the committee is to reduce operating expenses to align with the membership budget. Bonnie and Carol are now working with AZ Golf to host our website for free. AZgolf.org is a very reliable web host and committed to offering this service for free.
The transition will be done before the May payment is due for the former website host. There will be a transitional period for members to go to the new site. Cathe will mention the new website address in her monthly President Newsletter, at the monthly member meetings and a sign will be posted on the bulletin board. If a member goes to the old website there will be nothing except the home page with the tab to the new website which will be SBWGA18.azgolf.org. The password will be the same.
Carol and Bonnie will continue to work out the bugs and the board members will begin testing it now to assist in the process. Cathe and Suzanne will work on the Posting Corrections/Exceptions Form to be included on the website. After discussion, it was decided to keep three (3) years of the Treasurer's Reports and all others documents will be kept on the website for twelve (12) months. Past years' meeting minutes will be maintained in paper copy as well as stored digitally. Instructions, such as how to look up a member's name and phone number, will be included. A link will be available for luncheon registrations.

3. President's Report:
 - a. Cathe Kropp reported that there was an issue at yesterday's Club Championship Tournament. Some of the roses marking the correct tee box were moved. Jane Chanik, Head Golf Professional was asked to attend the meeting to address this issue. Jane stated that she and Mike Roddy will address this with the offending parties. She will send out an email to everyone stating that it is being addressed.
 - b. Cathe thanked Suzanne for hosting the President's Cup party and Kay for the new member party.

4. Vice President's Report:
 - a. Maire Ryan announced we had 82 members, 18 sponsors and 3 staff who attended the Sponsor Fair luncheon last Tuesday. She addressed the problems with delay in the meal being served, stating that she had met with Kelly, the new Director of Food & Beverage,

Manager, Rafael and Banquets Coordinator, Trisha Rogers. Kelly and Rafael attributed this to the number of special requests and members requesting “to-go” boxes while the meal was being served. There was discussion of the pros and cons of having plated rather than buffet meals and it was decided that for the foreseeable future, we will only have buffets except for the December luncheon which is one of our biggest events of the year. The April luncheon was to be a plated meal, but was changed to a buffet with the same food choices and making the vegetarian choice gluten and dairy free. A debriefing will be conducted after the next luncheon with the F&B staff. It was suggested that perhaps in the future this issue should be escalated to the HOA 1 General Manager.

- b. The registration for our April 2nd luncheon is now open and it should be in high attendance as this is a Pick Your Partner golf day.
 - c. Maire will be meeting with Judy and her committee to plan the Member/Member luncheon in May. She will help devise the table plan once it is known how many members will be playing and attending the luncheon. The Quail Classic Committee has also asked for assistance from Maire with the table schematic for their two luncheons during the Member/Guest event.
 - d. Maire and Judy Fick were invited to join Jane Chanik, Mike Roddy and Molly Fullerton for a presentation from our Facilities Manager regarding the new design for the Pro Shop. Potentially this will be a 2025 project.
 - e. Laura Ingold reported she has sent letters to the families of Ruth Baker, Maggie Brown and Doris Smith with condolences on their recent losses. Laura will write to Sandy Collins and Margie Parolisi after their recent surgeries.
5. Secretary’s Report:
- a. Janice Hoover reported that the February board meeting minutes were approved and posted on the bulletin board and sent to Bonnie Westra for posting on the website.
6. Treasurer’s Report:
- a. Sandi Chester submitted the P & L and Treasurer’s Report for approval. Janice Hoover made the motion to approve and Suzanne Stone-Griffith seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously
 - b. Sandi reported that joining the Optional Games need to be streamlined and recommended that existing members be required to sign up and pay for these games at the time of registration on AGA before the end of the year and have another opportunity to sign up in July. The AGA site has the boxes to be checked for the four options before completing the registration. Sandi also requested that during the July sign up all members will be encouraged to pay by check. Communications will be made to existing members, including a sign on the bulletin board. Kay Cruise will ensure that the Big Sisters inform new members of these optional games and how to sign up for them, they will then have a month after their registration to sign up.

7. Handicap Chair's Report:

- a. Suzanne Stone-Griffith distributed copies of her February Handicap Posting Audit Results. Suzanne reported there were six players who failed the audit, six were resolved and 21 players submitted Posting Correction Forms. We are meeting the goals of 85-100%.
- b. Suzanne and Cathe will review the membership report which shows 126 current members. 10 members show a different home course. A golf club is affiliated to its Authorized Association and is responsible for ensuring the Handicap Index of those members who have designated it to be their home club is administered in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Handicapping.
- c. Suzanne secured some dates for HOA1 to hold the mandatory WHS training. She has 11 people signed up for this training but hasn't received a response from HOA 2 so will call their Pro Shop and request the names and phone numbers of the league presidents so she can contact them directly.

8. Membership Chair's Report:

- a. Kay Cruise announced we have one new member in March and she was able to play in the Club Championship with an exception made by the President.
- b. Kay reported she only spent approximately \$191 out of the \$300 budgeted for the new member welcome party. Savings was because wine was bought at 25% off at Fry's and five people brought some appetizers to fill in.

9. Special Tournaments Chair's Report:

- a. Judy Briney announced the President's Cup a success with 36 players. Only 33 players attended the party on Saturday. This day was chosen as we couldn't guarantee when the final day of play would be in case of rain. It was recommended that we reserve the Activity Center for a Saturday next year in case of rain. The calendar will be set for 2025 in April and the Activity Center starts reservations 6 months in advance.
- b. Judy also mentioned that there was one player in the Club Championship Legends division that was not happy with the two-day change. The initial survey was positive for this change. The member will be informed that she has the option to play in the Seniors or regular Club Championship.
- c. Judy will work with Sandi on the list of registered players with their house accounts for the Quail Classic.
- d. Judy is working on the Member/Member Tournament and Maire offered to assist her with this May tournament.

10. Tuesday Play Day Chair's Report:

Reenie Romey was absent.

11. Standing Rules: Final Minor Changes

- a. Section I. Communication – The website link will be deleted.

- b. Section VII. SBWGA-18 Local Rule – changed to address the penalty areas, SaddleBrooke hole #2 nine (9) gross score maximum, and local rule for decorative rock.
- c. Section X. Major Tournaments, it was confirmed that we will have three (3) TPD's played in order to participate in a major tournament.
- d. Section XII. Ongoing Games and Awards – 2. Eclectic – added the verbiage that the Major and Special Tournaments “played from the red tees”.
- e. Section XII – Ongoing Games and Awards – 3. Chip-Ins – Existing members can only join this optional game at time of registration or during July.
- f. Section XII – Ongoing Games and Awards – 4. Birdies or Better (Gross) – Existing members can only join this optional game at time of registration or during July.
- g. Section XII – Ongoing Games and Awards – 6. Hole-In-One Game – Existing members can only join this optional game at time of registration or during July.
- h. Cathe requested a motion to approve the Standing Rules with these minor changes. Sandi Chester moved to accept the revised Standing Rules Effective March 20, 2024, Suzanne Stone-Griffith seconded the motion, the Standing Rules were approved.

12. New Business:

- a. Board-Appointed Nominating Committee Member - Cathe will email the suggested list of members for consideration to the Board. Each board member will reply to Cathe with her top five choices. This appointment will be made in April. It was recommended that the choice should have a substantial knowledge of the membership and the board responsibilities.
- b. Options for summer TPD in extreme heat – deferred to April meeting.
- c. Pace of Play Rules/Education – deferred to April meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Cathe Kropp at 11:00 am.

Submitted Respectfully by Janice Hoover