SBWGA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

President, Venetia Lewis, called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. She reminded everyone of the correct pronunciation of her name.

Venetia read an excerpt from Bob Rotella’s book, Golf is Not a Game of Perfect. Some of the things he mentions are that the game of golf is 80-90% mental, “attitude over ability”, “trust your swing” and other pieces of advice. She will read more of his book at the January-May general meetings. Bernie Eaton will be a guest at our February meeting and will offer his words of wisdom on the game of golf.

Having no corrections, the November financials were approved.

Having no corrections, the December minutes were approved.

A synopsis of the December Board meeting is posted on the bulletin board along with other minutes and financials. All members were reminded that they are welcome at any board meeting but must arrange ahead to be put on the agenda.

Gary Hammond of SaddleBrooke Village was presented a check for $934 by Venetia L, which was 20% of all sponsorship funds for 2017 and lunch donations from the “heart box”. Gary thanked everyone for the check. He stated that there are 450 members served by SaddleBrooke Village and 500 volunteers. The three areas of service are going my way, helping hands and friendly contact.

Nancy Huffman introduced John Eppley from Brakemax. He was thanked for his support in 2017 as a gold member.

Nancy stated that there are three levels of sponsorship – gold, silver, and bronze. Dede Crowder named four gold sponsors she has secured – Northridge Dental, Chuys, Park Avenue Jewelers and Oro Valley Eye Care. Please visit these fine sponsors if the need arises.

Venetia L read thank you notes from Mike Roddy and Bernie Eaton for the gifts they received from SBWGA-18.

Maire Ryan and Eila Sallaberry – Rules Committee. They informed us that there are no new rule changes at this time. They addressed the proper way for dropping and redropping a ball (sprinkler heads, electric boxes, decorative rock, etc.). The most important thing to do is find out where you’re going before taking a drop. There will be more rules at future meetings.

Sandra Murray talked about improving pace of play (particularly on SB 2). If you cannot see the group ahead, you are out of position; try speeding up play by “waving up” on Par 3’s and “flowing from the green” on Par 4’s & 5’s which has been suggested by AWGA Rule Rep. Do try them out and see if we can reduce waiting time on the golf course.

Associate Members will sign up for golf using the regular SBWGA-18 line in Chelsea (the SBWGA Associate line in Chelsea has been discontinued). Looking forward to seeing more Associates signing up for golf.

Judy Melo talked about the 3 Jills and a Jack tournament. It will be February 27, 8:00 shotgun. This year’s theme will be 3 Queens and a King. The cost is $105 for a foursome which includes payment for the King (please send one check only for the team). The signup sheet will be on the bulletin board next week; deadline to sign up is February 16. There will be a buffet lunch and raffles prizes.

Venetia thanked Sherry Fitzpatrick for coordinating our breakfast today.

Carol Bidwell explained that the President’s Cup is a match play format. Everyone must qualify by playing on Ace Day next Tuesday, January 9. She is hoping for 56 participants; there will be no more than two byes per flight. You may play your match on Tuesday Play Days, except for January 23 which is SaddleBrooke Cup. She suggested that golfers try to play two matches/week if possible.

SaddleBrooke Cup is January 23. She has reviewed previously made teams, adding new members and taking away members who are no longer on SBWGA-18 to make them as even as possible. The event will be played using individual matches between two players from one team against two players from the other team with similar handicaps. The format will be 1st six holes better ball, 2nd six holes alternate shot, and 3rd six holes a scramble. Please keep individual scores for better ball and alternate shot and keep a running score for scramble. Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

Molly Fullerton reported on Golf Genius. She encouraged everyone to be patient as this new system is implemented. You will notice that your last name will appear first and that the starting hole will be highlighted at the top of the box on the scorecards. Please check with the handbook to see how to add or delete yourself. If you receive an email from Golf Genius, that means you are signed up.

Deanna McCann reported that the next Southern District tournament will be January 12 at Forty Niner Country Club; next week is the deadline to sign up. You must be a member of Southern District to participate. Anyone can join Southern District anytime throughout the year. Our two tournaments (Del Sud and Telegraph) can be played by writing a check for $10.00 and giving it to the treasurer, Karen Vander Jagt, or putting it in the drawer in the Pro Shop. Anyone can join as early as the day before for Del Sud and Telegraph.

Sally Drennen introduced four new members and their big sisters:

Sharon Kreutzen, big sister Brenda Brown

Tina Gruner, big sister Geri Sandilands

Carol “CJ” Johnson, big sister Audrey Costello

Vickie Butler, big sister Chris Crum

They were each presented with a cactus.

Sally also reminded everyone who didn’t get a handbook today that she will have them with her when she is at the course (usually T, Th, F and Sunday) or you can get one by emailing her or stopping by her house.

Venetia L explained that there is a proposed change in Bylaws regarding membership forms due dates. It will be posted online and on the bulletin board and will be voted on at the February 6 general meeting.

Pam Brunelle announced the Hole in One winners for 2017 – Gail Plimpton, Sally Drennen, Karen Vander Jagt, Ret Convey and Carol Bidwell. Each will receive $111.

She reminded everyone to circle the chip ins on the cards today and she will let the winners know some time this week.

Pam thanked Sandy Collins for the organization of the chip ins.

Jean Molitor put sheets on the tables to let people know the winners of the Electic for 2017. The cost of Eclectic is $5 and members can join anytime during the year.

Charley Johnson will announce the Most Improved Player at the February meeting.

Venetia L read a budget address regarding our process of simplifying our accounting methods. After many long hours and many meetings, we will be returning to the Excel spreadsheet program from Quicken. Excel affords greater specificity and clarity. SBWGA-18 has been running a negative balance we have learned. Had we known this, a refund to returning members would not have been granted. The 2019 membership dues will be $110 or perhaps a little more. The board will monitor all expenditures with a critical eye. Questions on this issue may be directed to Venetia L or Karen Vander Jagt. Please read more about this on your email and it is posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Earnest, Secretary