

## **SBWGA-18 Board Meeting Minutes**

### **January 10, 2024**

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

Guests: Chris Crum and Mary Ribacchi, Quail Classic Committee, and Carol Bidwell and Judy Fink, President's Cup Committee

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathe Kropp at 8:29 am.
2. Guests:
  - a. **Quail Committee**
  - b. Chris Crum and Mary Ribacchi announced the Olympiad theme for 2024. Their recommendation was to eliminate the Monday luncheon. They also requested an additional \$1,200 budget for the tournament. Kay Cruise recommended raising the entry fee to \$220 to add the first luncheon back into the budget. Sandi Chester also recommended keeping this luncheon.
  - c. Mary Ribacchi and Chris Crum will be meeting with Food & Beverage to plan the menus. Also, the Pro Shop will be open so entrants can spend their tee prizes during the Sunday Welcome Party.
  - d. Kathy Minx will be handling the registrations and finances
  - e. Before the end of the meeting, Sandi Chester received the revised budget from Chris Crum. It included the recommended \$220 Registration Fee, and adding the first luncheon back in. However, this left a surplus of \$1,300. Sandi Chester made the motion to approve the budget with the revision of the entry fee to \$210 instead of \$220 to eliminate the surplus. Cathe Kropp seconded the motion; Cathe called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
  - f. **President's Cup**
  - g. Carol and Judy shared the methodology used in setting up this match play event. In order to eliminate "byes", the field needs to be 32 players or 64 players. There was discussion regarding how to manage more than 32 players but less than 64 players. It was agreed that the field should be limited to 32 players unless there were at least 56 players.
  - h. The issues to be determined are the number of players and the date of the final round.
  - i. The deadline for registration is January 31, 2024. If the field stays at 32 the dates will remain the same. Can add Saturday, 2/24/2024 if necessary.
  - j. It was reiterated that the Board will decide the budget for this tournament and that we will not set a precedent for future events by giving out tee prizes. Judy Briney shared that the tournament committee has already purchased tee prizes. The committee will be asked to return these purchases. If this is not an option, the Board will reimburse the tournament committee and use these prizes for other future events. Budget adjustments may be necessary to cover these unexpected expenses.
  - k. Sandi Chester stated the Special Tournaments Chair needs to clarify that it is the committee Chair's responsibility to submit a budget to be approved by the Board prior to spending any money.

3. President's Report:

- a. Cathe shared the new 2024 Member Handbook and noted that she made stickers for the front page with the TPD Email address which was inadvertently deleted. 150 handbooks were printed, and Sandi Chester has sent a check to the printer. Sandi also recommended that we recognize the web designer for the excellent job with our new logo. Janice Hoover was thanked for her work on the handbook.
- b. Approximately \$300 was saved by eliminating the Standing Rules and Bylaws from the handbook.
- c. Cathe has set the agenda for January's General Meeting. Kay Cruise with two assistants will distribute the handbooks. A table has been requested.
- d. Maire Ryan recommended a meet & greet for the Board with Andrew Timothy, the HOA Golf Committee Chair. Maire will follow up with Andrew to set a date.

4. Vice President's Report:

- a. Maire Ryan continues to be introduced to Golf Genius with Cathe Kropp.
- b. Maire reported 75 ladies have signed up for the January luncheon and she is working with Trish Rogers (Chris Prior has left) to discuss the menu. CJ Johnson will also be informed of the number of tables she will decorate.
- c. Maire met with Donna Sehn and Janet Robinson regarding their needs for the Sponsor Fair in March. 27 sponsors will be attending.
- d. Maire is meeting with Judy Briney and Ruth Irving regarding the Member/Member event.
- e. Maire reminded the Board to inform her of anybody who needs a "sunshine" card, and this information will be passed to Laura Ingold.

5. Secretary's Report:

- a. Janice Hoover reported that the December board meeting minutes were approved and posted on the bulletin board.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Sandi Chester shared the draft 2024 budget. A change would be to have static payouts to 1/3 of the field for the Club Championship and Cactus Classic.
- b. Sandi said we are currently in a deficit of approximately \$1400. We have added two major tournaments, Legends and Seniors, and overall costs are going up. Sandi recommended reducing flight payouts for the Major tournaments for a savings of \$400.
- c. Cathe Kropp and Nancy Sartor agreed and recommended that we make this consistent for all tournaments.
- d. Suzanne Stone-Griffith made the motion to approve; Kay Cruise seconded the motion; Cathe called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Cathe provided an analysis of the 2023 carry over. This carry over has occurred over several years. It is currently \$3246. Cathe is recommending that these surplus funds be returned to the membership. Discussion included subsidizing luncheons for five general meetings by \$5 at \$1875; increasing the TPD budget by \$500; and adding a collaborative membership drive with the SaddleBrooke Niners and other women golfers who are not members of either group at \$500 with a suggested gathering on the putting green in either

- April or October. Cathe has had initial discussions with the Niners and Jane Chanik, who has a list of all players, and will continue to explore the possibility of this event.
- f. Cathe will announce subsidizing the luncheons for February, March and April at the January General Meeting.
  - g. Sandi requested that the revised “final” budget be on the agenda for the February Board Meeting.

7. Handicap Chair’s Report:

- a. Suzanne Stone-Griffith distributed copies of her Handicap Posting Audit Results to the Board members. AGA goals for posting on date of play is 100%. She proposed the SBWGA goals be set for 85% - 100%. Our goal for incorrect or non-posting of scores resolution is 100%.
- b. Suzanne’s recommendations for Handicap Auditing are as follows:
  - i. Recognize and reward members for 100% posting;
    - 1. Include names in President’s monthly newsletter,
    - 2. Post names on SBWGA bulletin board,
    - 3. Consider a monthly or quarterly drawing for a nominal gift.
  - ii. Members get a “report card” annually;
  - iii. Random monthly audits;
  - iv. Meet with members not meeting 85% goals;
  - v. Develop a “Big Sister” Orientation Checklist;
  - vi. Encourage players to report in advance injury/surgery/health/family issues affecting their ability to play. LOA’s proactively reviewed and monitored by Handicap Committee for appropriate adjustments to HI.
- c. Discussions were held regarding the consequences after meeting with those who don’t post – possibly taking away sweeps, changing indexes, etc.
- d. Suzanne will give a copy of the Handicap Integrity Page to Kay Cruise for her Big Sister Program.
- e. The new WHS changes for posting hole-by-hole will go into effect mid-January.
- f. Sandi Chester made the motion to approve the change to the new Post Correction/Exceptions Form; Cathe Kropp seconded the motion; after further discussion, Cathe called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- g. Suzanne recommended a separate Handicap Meeting about the new WGA rules with all members, and possibly having four meetings so everyone can attend. Cathe will mention this at the General Meeting in January. There was discussion regarding adding the topic of Pace of Play at these meetings. It was decided that this would be too much information and Reenie Romey will ensure the pace times are on the score cards.

8. Membership Chair’s Report:

- a. Kay Cruise shared that we added six new members, so currently for the 2024 season we have 121 Annual Members, 2 Associate Members and 15 Honorary Members. Four of the new members will be introduced at the January 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. All new members have been assigned a big sister.
- b. It was recommended that as of now we have 15 Honorary Members, they be charged next year for the handbooks if they want one. Another option would be to make a printed contact list just for these members.

9. Special Tournaments Chair's Report:

- a. Judy Briney will be meeting with all the committee chairs.
- b. Judy recommended that pictures be included for all members with their information on the website.
- c. Nancy Sartor suggested an AGA member meet with our Board regarding Golf Genius.

10. Tuesday Play Day Chair's Report:

- a. Reenie Romey reported that TPD on 1/9/24 had 78 players signed up and had 64 players so teams were mixed and matched. She recommended that the results can be expected no later than the Saturday following to allow the posting of sweeps winnings no later than the Tuesday following. This information will be added to the President's next newsletter.
- b. Reenie recommended the website be updated with descriptions of the TPD games and explanations of other player options, rather than in the standing rules.
- c. Eclectic: Reenie proposes simplifying the process of recording the eclectic scores by leveraging Golf Genius. This was tested but doesn't pay out until the end of the year.
- d. Chip-In's – The definition of a Chip-In, was received okay.
- e. Ace Days: Reenie talked to Jane about the index of players and pairings by Friday. Late adds may not change pairings but will be on Chelsea to come out on Saturday.
- f. Reenie will review her proposed budget sheet and calendar changes with Nancy Sartor.

11. Old Business:

- a. Clarification of Honorary Membership definition was not addressed due to time constraints. Will be carried over to February meeting.

12. Standing Rules and By-Laws:

- a. After discussion, these topics was deferred to the February meeting. It was decided to have members send their comments, changes, and questions to Janice Hoover who will incorporate into one (1) Redlined document before the next meeting.
- b. Reenie Romey noted that the current By Laws have conflicting mention of the definition of a Quorum needed in differing circumstances. Article V. VII.A. and VIII all address Quorum. After discussion Nancy Sartor recommended, no changes be made to ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION which also references a Quorum.

Meeting was adjourned by Cathe Kropp at 11:45am.

Submitted Respectfully by Janice Hoover