

## **SBWGA-18 General Meeting**

### **January 16, 2024**

- 1) Cathe Kropp called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm
  - a) Cathe asked for a motion to approve the December 2023 General Meeting Minutes. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was passed by membership.
  - b) Cathe asked for a motion to approve the 12/31/2023 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was passed by membership.
  - c) Announcements:
    - i) The 2024 Handbook was distributed to the membership. Janice Hoover was thanked for her work on the handbook.
    - ii) The 2023 Membership Options Payouts included 317 Birdies at \$1.45 each and 197 Chip-ins at \$2.55 each for a total of \$962.00.
    - iii) The budget shows a surplus that has accumulated over the past several years and the Board is working to disburse these dollars by increasing the TPD budget, covering more of the operating costs and subsidizing the monthly luncheons starting with February, March and April. Members can contact Cathe or Sandi Chester, Treasurer with any questions.
  - d) Club Championships:
    - i) The Arizona State Medallion was held this past weekend. Helen Graham and Carol Sturman, the representatives for the 18ers in The State Medallion placed in the money. Wendy Odell, a new 18ers, represented the Niners with Susan Lucci and their team also placed in the money.
    - ii) The next Kachina is at the 49ers on February 26<sup>th</sup>, signup is on the bulletin board.
    - iii) The survey of members in 2023 recommended a change to the Legends Championship from a three-day event to a two-day event (Tuesday / Tuesday). It was also recommended the format for the Senior and Club Championships maintain their current three-day format (Tuesday / Thursday / Tuesday), and age groups and tee boxes remain the same. Both recommendations were adopted.
  - e) A note from the Director of the USGA-LPGA Girls Golf of Tucson was read, thanking the league for their contributions last year. Our introduction of the 2024 charity will be made at our next meeting.,
  - f) Cathe thanked Trish, the Food & Beverage staff, CJ and Maire for a wonderful luncheon. Thank you also goes to CJ Johnson for the beautiful table decorations.
  - g) Cathe recognized three outstanding volunteers - Carol Bidwell, Judy Fick, and Bonnie Westra for their work on the website.
  
- 2) Handicap Committee – Suzanne Stone-Griffith presented the World Handicap System (WHS) changes for 2024 which were emailed to membership by Bonnie Westra. The changes were effective January 1, 2024 however the software was updated by USGA/GHIN effective 1/15/2024. Any score posted after January 1, 2024 will be automatically incorporated by this software update. If a 9 hole score was entered anytime in 2023 it will be dropped from the postings on GHIN. It is

strongly recommended by USGA/GHIN that all scores be posted hole-by-hole as the differential applied can be affected. Suzanne also reported the Posting Correction Form has been updated to include both posting corrections and reasons for NOT posting. It is located on the SBWGA website under the tab "MORE". The Robot Captch is no longer associated with this form. The WHS's goal for posting is 100%, the SBWGA's goal will be 85% compliance for Played/Posted. Suzanne provided each member with a summary of their compliance for the year 2023. She asked everyone to focus on hitting the 85% compliance in 2024 and if a player is having difficulty to please contact Suzanne for any help or ideas. To incentivize members the committee will post the names of members with 100% compliance on the bulletin board. Suzanne will continue to audit and email members with compliance issues. Discussion included clarification on which scores should be posted such as non-league tee times or Couples sponsored events. TPD scores do not need to be posted by the individuals along with tee times when less than 9 holes were played. These should be addressed on a Posting Correction Form on the website. If a member cancels a tee time late, the Pro Shop is usually good about updating the tee sheets, but it would be prudent of the member to send the form stating why they aren't posting a score. Suzanne also reported the creation of a new automated form "Leave From Golf" found on the website under the tab "MORE" for any time a player will not be able to play golf for an extended period of time. The form also includes limitations when the player returns to golf. Completion of this form will help the Handicap Committee monitor and apply an appropriate handicap adjustment.

- 3) 2024 New Members: Kay Cruise reported there were six new members in January. As Big Sisters, Kay introduced Lynn Wenzel, Maggie Falconer introduced Sue Dischner and Nancy Sartor introduced Karen Thibodeau. The other three will be introduced in February.
- 4) Special Tournaments Committee
  - a) Marsha Camp and Judy Briney announced the Presidents Cup which will start on February 6 and end on February 22. See the handbook calendar for the dates.
  - b) Geri Sandilands and Lee Anne McClelland announced the Club Championship in March with a Run for Roses theme. See the handbook calendar for the dates.
  - c) Chris Crumm and Mary Ribacchi announced the Quail Classic with an Olympiad theme in April. The Opening Event on the 7<sup>th</sup> will include a party, shopping in the Pro Shop and door prizes. Anyone interested can donate prizes such as gift cards or other small items. The entrance fee will be \$210 for members and \$210 plus \$90 green fee for quests.
- 5) Membership Options and Awards
  - a) Connie Culley reported there were eight hole-in-ones in 2023 but only five paid into it, \$480 total, each received \$96
- 6) 2023 Most Improved Golfer Award was presented by Suzanne Stone-Griffith to Cathe Kropp who started with a Handicap Index of 33 and improved to 25.5.

Meeting Adjourned by Cathe Kropp at 2:20 pm.