SBWGA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

President, Sheila Clarkin, called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

She welcomed all members and thanked Venetia Lewis for her singing carols accompanied by Christine Smith on the flute, welcoming us all to the lunch.

She also welcomed 16 past presidents who were attending the luncheon as well as many associates and past members.

Sheila C welcomed Amelia and Kevin Shafer, Gold Sponsors from Spirit West, as well.

The President of the Arizona chapter of MS, Karen Cummins, was also welcomed.

Bernie, Director of Golf, and Troy, assistant golf pro, as well as Mike Roddy, Superintendent of golf course maintenance, attended the luncheon.

The October minutes and financials were approved.

Sheila C presented thank you cards (handmade by Brenda Brown) with a monetary gift to Bernie E, Mike R, Troy and Molly Fullerton.

Judy Fick, Bernie E, Sheila C and Karen Wendlandt reported on progress of establishing aqua/red tees. They are hoping to find yardages on holes where aqua/red combo would be beneficial. There is concern about the number of strokes lost but Bernie is hoping to get the number to 3-4 strokes. Improvement of aqua tee boxes is also in the works.

Sheila C reported that all monies collected from the “pass the heart box” and 20% of sponsorship donations in 2017 will go to SaddleBrooke Senior Village this year.

Two exciting items to report:

Brenda Brown broke 80 last Tuesday.

Carol Bidwell had a hole-in-one today on SaddleBrooke 2.

Molly Fullerton won the gross for Ace of Aces and Brenda Brown won the net.

Nancy Huffman offered a special welcome to Amelia and Kevin Shafer from Spirit West. They were a Gold Member in 2017; they donated dessert and champagne for one of our luncheons, were sponsors for Folds of Honor, and also were sponsors for Sadie Hawkins. Through our piggy bank collection, Spirit West matched the $1,000 collected from our membership, donating $2000 to AZ Multiple Sclerosis Society in Tucson this year. Nancy H presented them with a “Family First” art.

Deanna McCann introduced Karen Cummins, president of the AZ Multiple Sclerosis Society. Deanna said that the MS Society has been a source of hope and support for those with MS. Karen shared that the monies would be used for research, financial assistance, etc. in the Tucson area. Two checks from SBWGA and Spirit West were presented to Karen. She thanked everyone for the donation.

Kevin, Spirit West, was presented a Christmas tie. He shared that he was taught that “pennies make dollars” when he was younger and was happy to have sponsored this worthwhile cause. He shared that he would like to make the piggy bank collection an annual event. He presented gift baskets to five lucky ladies with matching tickets: Sheila Clarkin, Lynn Stewart, Martha Rush, Carol Bidwell, and Kathy Minx.

Molly Fullerton presented the par points recipient for 2017 – Brenda Brown. This is an individual member-sponsored award presented at the end of the year for the member who has the highest accumulation of low-net points from January through November. Maire Ryan will be responsible for keeping track of points for 2018. Sherry Fitzpatrick was recognized as the person who brought this idea of the reward from her old club.

Ann Chatham and Judy Fick thanked everyone who participated in the Cactus Classic this year. The flight winners are posted on the bulletin board. After a sudden death playoff, Geri Sandilands was victorious. Lee Belt was runner-up. Geri S was awarded a glass cactus trophy. In the past, a head cover was presented.

Ann and Judy thanked everyone who was instrumental in making this event a success. The Cat and the Hat hats are missing; please get them to Ann or Judy if located!

Barb Turriff thanked everyone who helped with Kachina in November at SaddleBrooke. The next Kachina will be at Starr Pass on December 15; there are 11 members going. The signup for the Green Valley Country Club (January 8) is on the bulletin board; deadline to sign up is December 8. Barb would love to see more participation.

Carol Bidwell presented closest to the pin awards: Nancy Huffman, second place, received a gift certificate to Vans. Marsha Camp, first place, received a gift certificate to Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Carol also talked about Presidents’ Cup. The conditions for competition and signup will be on the Bulletin Board. She is hoping for 64 to sign up – the closer to 64 members, the fewer the byes. If there are fewer than 56 qualifiers, the field will be 32. Those that don’t qualify will play in a consolation tournament for the Crier’s Cup. Everyone who signs up for Presidents’ Cup must play the qualifying round on January 9 ACE Day.

Sherry Fitzpatrick presented the winners for Southern District Telegraph Tournament:

First flight – Brenda Brown, first place; Sandra Murray,

second place; Reenie Romey, third place.

Second flight – Phyllis Sarrels, first place; Lynn Stewart,

second place (card off); Eila Sallaberry, third place.

Third flight – Cacilia Hauth, first place; Bonnie Westra,

second place; Vernie Tupa, third place.

Overall winner - Venetia Lewis.

Sandy Collins collected $77 for chip-ins today. There were 11 chip-ins: Penny Stigers, Ginny Ford, Debbie Green, Jackie Christiansen, Christine Smith, Mary Ribacchi, Darlene Warner, Carol Bidwell, Judy Fick, Deanna McCann and Sandy Collins.

Each received $7.

Sheila C thanked the Board for all the support she received from them this year. She also thanked the membership for allowing her to be their president; she said it was an empowering experience.

Sheila C and Venetia Lewis recognized the past presidents: Brenda Brown, Ann Chatham, Sandy Collins, Carolyn DiSanto, Deb Finn, Karen Haddock, Bobbie Manges, Marilyn Mitchell, Gail Plimpton, Diane Ray, Reenie Romey, Geri Sandilands, Faye Steele, Karen Vander Jagt, Bevin Wagner, Kerry Wolfe and Nancy Wyllie. They were each presented with a succulent plant.

Two outgoing Board members were recognized: Phyllis Sarrels (Handicap Chair) and Sandi Chester (Tuesday Play Day Chair).

Venetia L presented the president’s medallion to Sheila C. Sheila will remain on the Board as Advisor.

The new Board was announced: Venetia Lewis - President, Sherry Fitzpatrick - Vice President, Sarah Earnest - Secretary, Karen Vander Jagt - Treasurer, Tuesday Play Day Chair - Sandra Murray, Carol Bidwell – Special Tournament Chair, Charley Johnson – Handicap Chair, Sally Drennen – Membership Chair, Sheila Clarkin – Advisor. Each Board member was presented with a succulent plant. The new Board was sworn in by Sheila C and they accepted the responsibility of the offices they were elected to.

Venetia L announced that the January and February general meetings will be breakfast meetings. Time will be 7:30 with a 9:00 shotgun. Please sign up for the breakfast by December 20; cost will be $15.75. This will be a trial to see if the later tee time works better for mornings with possible frost delays.

The SaddleBrooke Cup will be played on January 23, a match between two teams, the SaddleBrooke Stingers and the Birdie Bandits. Teams will be adjusted after January 1 to add new members and remove those who did not renew their membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Earnest, Secretary