

Town Hall Meeting held on the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club Patio Oct 21, 2020

Carol Bidwell thanked members for coming and introduced the 2020-2021 Board.

New By-Laws

Carol explained the reason why the Board proposed a new Article XIII of By-Law on dissolution of the league. It's envisioned for a time when the league is no longer viable, for example, if there are few members left or the golf course is in extreme disrepair. Carol informed attendees that the present version would be removed from current consideration but another version would be posted shortly with additional wording. The dissolution provision states that money remaining in the Treasury is to be donated to the league's designated charity.

Reenie Romey indicated that based on today's figures, \$12,000 would be donated and she felt that the money should be given back to the members. The size of the Treasury at the point of dissolution would likely be significantly less.

Dede Crowder mentioned that the league should return any remaining sponsorship money to the sponsor and then allocate the remainder.

Molly Fullerton noted if this should ever happen, we need to be flexible and make the determination at that time.

Voting on the proposed changes to the By-Laws will be done electronically using a form similar to the election ballot. The number of responses to the voting form would be used to determine if the 20 member quorum was met. If at least 20 responses are received, the number of votes for and against each proposed amendment will be tallied to see if the required two-thirds vote of the quorum was met in order for the amendment to pass. The Board will publish the numeric results.

Brenda Brown asked for clarification of the proposed amendment to Article V Meetings where members can ask questions. Specifically she wanted to know how the membership will know what's being discussed? Carol responded that the agenda will be sent to the membership in advance of the monthly Board meetings. Because of current COVID restrictions on social distancing for the meeting room used, the number of members able to attend may be limited. Those interested in attending should inform the Board accordingly. There were 3 members who attended the Oct 19th Board meeting.

Mandatory SBWGA Drop Zone on SaddleBrooke Hole #2

Carol explained the new local league rule. If a player's original tee shot ends up in the pond, she can a) re-tee a ball from the same tee box; b) drop a ball in the drop zone near the Aqua tee; or c) drop a ball keeping the straight line between point where her original ball first cross the margin of the penalty area and the pin. If her second attempt ends up in the pond, the player must go to the mandatory SBWGA drop zone (located near where the golf carts park by the green) to hit her 5th shot. This new local rule has been in effect this summer and it's helped both pace of play and the number of strokes taken.

Tuesday Play Day

Nancy Sartor thanked members for the opportunity to serve. She advised members that max score has been discontinued and talked about TPD changes for 2021. Optional games: for those who opt for Eclectic, the TPD Committee will keep track of everyone's hole-by-hole scores plus Eclectic will be tracked not just on ACE Days but for all Tuesday games throughout the year where players play their own balls. This will allow participants see their individual improvement. Rolling Eclectic results will be posted on the website and the payout will be at the end of the year. Other optional games include Chip-ins, Birdies or Better (Gross), Hole-in-One as well as Southern District. Those opting to play Chip-ins and Birdies or Better (Gross) will be paid quarterly. In 2021 members will pick one tee box that they'll play from on regular Tuesday Play Day and ACE Day (Red/Yellow, Red or Red/Aqua). Before the start of each quarter, players can change their selection. In response to member's comments, from now on Closest to the Pin and Greenies (game for players whose original tee shots finish on the green) will only be played when everyone plays from the same tee.

2021 Club Championship, Senior Club Championship and Cactus Classic to be played simultaneously

In 2021 all three tournaments will be played simultaneously in March from a single tee box but the course will be set up as a 'championship' course. Those eligible for the Senior CC will be flighted together and the rest of the field will be vying for the Club Championship. This should allow for tighter handicap ranges within the flights. Everyone will also be competing in the Cactus Classic which will be run as a separate net score tournament flighted by course handicap. Here are some reasons for running the events at the same time in 2021. Traditionally we have more members play in the Club Championship/SCC. The snowbirds haven't headed to off to cooler climates, the courses are in great condition, carts are allowed on the fairways and the weather usually is good. When the Cactus Classic is played in November, like it will be this year, we haven't had as many participants as we do for the CC/SCC. The courses are just coming off of over-seeding so we aren't all guaranteed to be able to drive on the fairways and some of our snowbirds haven't returned. Judy Fick mentioned that other clubs in Southern Arizona are also running their Gross and Net Championships simultaneously.

Troy's remarks

Troy thanked the Advisory Committee-Interim Executive Board and new Elected Board for their efforts in getting the league reestablished. He emphasized that the Pro Shop is not trying to take over the SBWGA. He and Jane only want to assist in making the league run smoothly. He mentioned that the Men's league is going to test a shotgun start this coming week.

Financial Reports for Special and Major Tournaments

Carol announced that Cathe Kropp will be posting financial reports after these events that show an accounting of event that's understandable. Cathe's reports show income including any sponsor money (if applicable) and expenses so that the members can see the details. She has posted financial reports for the Mixed Summer Classic (aka Mulligan's Island) and LAGOS.

Holiday Luncheon

An announcement came while the meeting was being held that a member of the Food & Beverage staff had tested positive for COVID. While the Board would have loved to hold the Holiday luncheon

as well as a luncheon following Cactus Classic, both have been canceled in an abundance of caution for our members health and well-being.

Comments from participants

Sandi Chester mentioned that if a player withdraws from one of our Major Tournaments without a good reason, that player cannot play in the next Major. She suggested that the same sort of rule should apply to members resigning from the Board, that is, they should not be able to run for office for a specified period of time. Jan Kreis mentioned that these are volunteer positions and we shouldn't lose sight of that and Cathe Kropp commented that the membership voted on the candidates running for office and if they didn't feel that a candidate could do the job, that member wouldn't be elected. Brenda Brown indicate that she filed a complaint to the ex-Board but it was not addressed prior to their resignation. Sherry Fitzpatrick elaborated on the reason for the en masse resignation.

Nancy ended the meeting on a positive note reminding attendees that ... [please fill in the blank]. Carol thanked those who attended for their interest.