Attending: Mary Van Houten (President), Tam Kammin (Vice President), Janet Dobrowolski (Treasurer), Karen Jaskolka (Rules), Laura Mulholland (Assistant Rules), Kren Maguire (Team), Judy Adrian (Tournament), Hisayo Nakara (Social), Kay Fauser (Social), Mary Ryan (Web Master/Historian), Carrie Bullinger (Trustee), Pat Hinneberg (Trustee), Cindy Andre (Secretary/Trophy)

Mary Van Houten called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves sharing which club they played out of and what their role with the organization was.

We started with committee reports as Janet was stuck in traffic.

Tournament

Judy Adrian reported that she and co-tournament director Melissa Matkin have been working with Sharon Caldwell and Laura Rodriguez (WSWPLA) learning Golf Genius the new tournament pairing system that GSWPGA will be using this year. We discussed how we would be paying our share of the Genius fee as we are splitting the cost with WSWPLA at a minimum. Carrie Bullinger took the action to contact Sharon Caldwell about this.

Judy also shared that she and Melissa found a disconnect between the Standing Rules and the tournament director's instructions about which handicap is used for each tournament. As a result a motion was made/seconded/approved to change the Standing Rules to say that the current GHIN handicap in affect when the tournament play cards are printed will be the handicap used.

Our first tournament will be at Lake Wilderness and will be a shotgun start. Judy and Melissa are working with the course to possibly have a breakfast beforehand to add a social element to our kickoff event. It was suggested that possibly trying for a lunch afterwards might work better for participants. Judy and Melissa will be working out details on this.

Judy had several other questions that the group answered.

2018 Tournament Schedule:

- April 12 Spring Sweeps Lake Wilderness
- May 7th (Monday) President's Cup Bellevue
- June 14th Four Lady Best Ball Riverbend
- July 12th Summer Sweeps & Champion of Champions Mt Si
- August 13th 14th Championship Snoqualmie Falls
- Sept 20 Two Lady Best Ball Willows Run (Coyote Creek)
- Oct 11th Fall Sweeps Maplewood

Team

Kren Maguire reported that in addition to the Wayne@Nile club another Nile women's club wants to join GSWPGA. This was enthusiastically received by the Executive Committee.

Kren reported that Jefferson has rejoined Team and will have a blended team with Jefferson members and members of Riverbend who will also join Jefferson and declare Jefferson as their

'home' Team club. Carrie Bullinger shared that Snoqualmie Falls is also trying to field a blended Team and is looking for members. Kren believes she may be able to work the schedule to include a Snoqualmie Falls team if she gets the information soon enough.

Pace of play remains an issue and Jefferson Golf Course is especially concerned about this.

Trophy

Cindy Andre shared that the engraving on the Carmen Johnson trophy will be changed to reflect that it is the Carmen Johnson Memorial Trophy and that it is for winning a low gross of the field event. Cindy is also going to explore with Kusak's Crystal the possibility of having the winner's names engraved on some of the championship trophies – Low Gross, Runner Up Low Gross, Low Net (of the field) trophies as we have the information now that they are presented in November. This may also be a possibility for the crystal keepsake trophies presented to winners of the President's Cup, Carmen Johnson Memorial Trophy, and the Champion of Champions.

Rules

Karen Jaskolka reported that she and Laura plan to do rules reviews of all courses on the schedule this year making sure they conform with USGA rules. A course professional gave some information to a participant at one of our events last year that was not per USGA rules.

Rules sheet this year will include an etiquette statement, will notify participants that the old rules are still in affect for 2018, and remind them that if there is a question about a rule to play a second ball and then confer with the rules committee following the round to determine a resolution.

Karen will be looking for seminars that address the rule changes that will go into effect in 2019. She reminded us that this is Laura's last year as assistant rules chair. Karen will work with Mary Ryan to get information out on our webpage about needing a new rules assistant beginning in 2019. While Laura is still with us she will work with Karen to update the rules information cards that were created by GSWPGA several years ago and distributed to members.

Web Master/Historian

Mary Ryan reminded everyone that we created an archive rules sheet last year and distributed copies to everyone. Part of that process includes getting archival information to Mary so that we maintain historical information per the process.

Mary and Carrie Bullinger shared that Carrie was able to easily download the GSWPGA event information from our website. On the GSWPGA.com website homepage lower left side is a button for calendars. If you click on that button the system asks you if you want to download the calendar – Carrie answered yes and was able to download the information to her personal Google calendar.

Social

Hisayo Nakahara and Kay Fauser reported that they are looking at Snoqualmie TPC as a venue to hold our November Awards Luncheon and meetings. Other locations will also be explored. The group suggested that they stay within the \$25-\$30 price range.

Karen Jaskolka will help Hisayo and Kay come up with an audio/video display for the luncheon with pictures from the 2018 events.

PNGA/WSGA

Nancy Daly is taking over as our PNGA/WSGA representative but was unable to attend today's meeting. Kren reported that the PNGA meeting will be happening in February.

Treasurer's Report

Janet Dobrowolski presented the proposed 2018 budget. During the group's review several items were discussed.

- Rules Committee Comp'd Green Fees the current statement in the Standing Rules is somewhat ambiguous about when we reimburse rules committee green fees if they need to play a course prior to a tournament to develop the rules sheets and the course doesn't comp the round(s). A motion was made/seconded/approved to reimburse rules committee green fees (two rounds maximum) when a course does not comp the round(s) prior to an event. Tam suggested that Janet should budget for one round per event as some courses will comp the rounds and other courses won't require play prior to an event.
- Kren presented the information she found about the purchase of Team pins. Buying in bulk is the best way to purchase the pins and it has been twenty years since GSWPGA purchased Team pins. The cost for 500 pins will be approximately \$750. It was moved/seconded/approved to purchase the pins.
- Carrie reminded Janet that we approved the additional expenditure of \$10/flight/tournament from the general fund to increase our prize funds without raising participant entry fees.
- There were a few other revisions made during the budget review.

It was moved/seconded/approved to accept the 2018 budget as revised.

Tournament Directory Responsibility Rotation

Mary Van Houten shared that we are in our first year of the tournament director rotation and we'll be learning from the experience. Bellevue will need to share with the organization at the November meeting their intention to provide a tournament director. At this point Mary is that person and she'll begin working with Judy and Melissa in 2019 to familiarize herself with the job.

Responsibility Rotations

Cindy asked if Wayne@Nile will continue to share championship hosting responsibilities with Cascade. It was the consensus of the group that they should continue co-hosting. Kren suggested, and everyone agreed that the new Nile group (not Wayne@Nile), be allowed seven years before they are responsible to host the championship. Cindy will add both groups into the responsibility rotation matrix in the Standing Rules.

February Meeting

Mary Van Houten and Tam will work on the February general board meeting agenda with Cindy which will include 2019 Championship (West Seattle) and Vice President (Riverbend) intentions.

Meeting was adjourned by Mary Van Houten.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Andre, Secretary