

GSWPGA General Board Meeting 2/17/2023 Minutes Final

The General Meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM by President Wendy Gapp.

Roll Call:

Member Club	No. Present
Bellevue	2
Evergreen	1
Jackson Jills	3
Maplewood	1
Mount Si	1
Nile	1
Riverbend	2
Snoqualmie Falls	1
West Seattle	6
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The November 2022 General Board meeting minutes were previously approved via email and should be posted online soon.

Treasurer: Shari Lewis reviewed the approved 2023 budget, and a few specific items were discussed:

- Beginning balance of \$1,180.63 checking, \$2,922.10 savings
- 9 clubs with 7 clubs have paid dues
- 7 clubs confirmed to be playing team with 1 potential addition (this would be Nile/Foster combined) if Foster decides to join GSWPGA this season
- Projected Net loss of \$235 but tournament participation can change

Committee Reports:

Tournament: Stephanie T. shared that this morning's meeting with the city reps went well. She will copy all of the executive committee members on emails to the city reps moving forward. She mentioned the 2-lady best ball and turning away groups in past years. New this year is that Bellevue Golf Course requires pre-payment and there is an indemnification clause in their contract that GSWPGA is liable for damage caused by golf carts. Will look at striking this from the contract and replacing it with "participant" rather than GSWPGA. She mentioned that the handicap limit is 52 and that this has been incorporated into the draft of the standing rules which is pending completion. There has been a change to the 2-lady best ball tournament scoring. There will no longer be a 10 stroke differential between partners. It will now be that 85% of each person's handicap is used instead. Nile is hosting the club championship this year and the GSWPGA has \$360 budgeted to be paid to Nile to help defer the costs (60 players @ \$6/player).

West Seattle is on the schedule to provide tournament directors for 2023/2024 and Stephanie has offered to help teach Golf Genius this year to any West Seattle ladies that need to learn.

Team: Debbie Y reported that they had a great group meeting. At the beginning of the year, each member will declare what club they will represent during Team competition if they are members of 2 or more GSWPA member clubs. It was decided that if a player wants to change mid-year, then this would be agreed between the 2 team captains impacted and GSWPGA Team Captain. Debbie will have this added to the standing rules before they are to be finalized. Debbie confirmed that team eligibility requirements will be removed from the standing rules because all team captains agreed that they will each set their own parameters for bringing in participants to team competitions. Existing handicap requirements are still in place and may be updated based on the overall update of the GSWPGA Standing Rules. Pre-payment for Bellevue is now in place (as mentioned by Stephanie). Each team representative will work with their club's Treasurer to make sure payment is made timely. The group re-visited the team captain responsibilities. Preferred lies were discussed as well. The guideline of NOT playing preferred lies is still in place. If a course has designated preferred lies in place for the day, then team will play the same. This will likely only be an issue/consideration during April and May when conditions may be wet. The scoring process will change such that there will be only one form to be completed and not two as we had in the past. The group discussed the match play format and will take some time this year to discuss overall changes to the setup of team whether there should be any changes to the current format used. And one final point is that the wording of Scratch/Handicap will be changed to Gross/Net.

Rules: Sonja G (w/Kathy E) reported that a few changes were made to the USGA rules for 2023 and there are flyers available at USGA site. The first is around "back on the line" relief process, also around players w/disabilities and the ball being moved due to natural forces after having already been placed. Each club is encouraged to get their participants up to speed on the changes so that all tournament participants are playing with the rule changes in mind. It was mentioned that rules enforcement is as difficult as the pace of play enforcement. Discussed the timing and resolution of rules issues during play. Stephanie offered having Sonja or Kathy in the first group out during tournaments so that they can be there as the groups come in and help to answer questions. Stephanie mentioned that Riverbend is now requiring that each foursome come to the scoring table when turning in cards at the end of each tournament and that this then gives each and every player to bring up issues encountered during play. Sonja discussed that Maplewood is requiring that members write down their finish time after each event. These are all items to consider as well as writing down start time as well, especially if the course is running early or late. Stephanie discussed additionally that maybe we think about having the groups going out in reverse of how they would normally start as another way to play with pace of play. Both Sonja and Kathy are attending the upcoming 3-day rules conferences. Sonja will miss the May and July tournaments, but Kathy will be available for both of those. Sonja mentioned we should get 1 additional rules person added to their "committee of two" just in case neither of them is available for any particular event.

Website/Historian: Caryn F was not present, so no update.

Social: Diane QS had no update. Jennifer A brought up the shortfall for the year-end luncheon and she provided an envelope to be passed around so that we could recover some of that shortfall and Diane wouldn't have to pay it entirely out of her own pocket. The shortfall was approximately \$500. After additional discussions and receiving confirmation from Shari (Treasurer) that we had the funds in our account, Tam Kammin made a motion asking that the funds be taken from our GSWPGA bank account and paid to Diane, Kathy Elmendorf seconded, the board unanimously approved it and it was agreed that we will take it out of our funds. The envelope made by Jennifer will be made available at each of our monthly tournaments in the hopes that we can recover the monies via member donations.

Old Business

Nile is hosting the City Championship this year. They are a small club and suggestions were made about asking for donations and help from other clubs.

Snoqualmie Falls needs to provide a VP for 2024.

West Seattle needs tournament directors for 2024 (already mentioned previously).

New Business

Foster is thinking about joining and we will know more after their club meeting in March. The rotation will be updated such that they will be placed in the rotation to host the city championship in 2025. Bellevue is set to host 2024.

Our Standing Rules will be finalized and distributed as soon as we know that Foster has made a decision about joining us in 2023.

The President's Cup is being held May 11th and Wendy announced her charity is the Greater NW Multiple Sclerosis Society. She tried to get a shotgun start, but we have to settle for tee times starting at 9am.

A Team Assistant is needed for this year to help Debbie and possibly take over for her next year.

Raffle baskets will be needed for the May President's Cup and the year-end luncheon.

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The meeting was adjourned by Wendy at 11:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Adach, Trustee

(Secretary Lisa Stix unable to attend, but minutes written by Lisa)