



GSWPGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
11/9/2023 West Seattle Golf Course

The meeting was called to order by Wendy at 10:04 am.

Roll Call:

Attending

Wendy Gapp, President

Diane Smith, Social

Stephanie Ticknor, Tournament

Sonja Gunderson, Rules

Kathy Elmendorf, Rules Assistant

Margot Winter, Trophies

Caryn Frey, Website

Not Attending

Adrienne Baily, Vice President

Lisa Stix, Secretary

Shari Lewis, Treasurer

Debbie Yee, Team Captain

Jennifer Adach, Trustee

Minutes from January and February 2023 meetings were previously approved and uploaded to the website. No action needed.

Treasurer's Report:

Wendy reported on behalf of Shari Lewis. The expected 2023 actual expenses will have a shortfall for the year. Currently the 2023 actual expense balance is \$104.97 with some expenses yet to be submitted (see highlighted area on P&L). However, bank balance remains positive at \$1,273.27 despite the anticipated shortfall.

Chair Reports

Tournaments:

Stephanie reported that 2020 saw the highest number of players at 747. 2021 had 679 players, 2022 had 673 players and 2023 had 654 players. Jackson is the most involved club with 144 players throughout the year. Bellevue came in next with 115 players, Mt. Si had 90 players, Maplewood had 76 players, West Seattle had 56 players and Nile had 48 players.

Stephanie mentioned there is a huge storage container with years and years' worth of tournament history, in the form of paper. Stephanie was not sure what should be done with all the paperwork.



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Stephanie also indicated there is a laptop that GSWPGA previously purchased to use for tournaments. However, Golf Genius, the tournament software GSWPGA is using, is a web based software that does not require software to be downloaded onto a specific laptop. Stephanie indicated she did not use the GSWPGA laptop as it was old and slow, Stephanie used her own personal laptop. Stephanie indicated she put all the files she created over the last two years on a flash drive rather than printing them out. Margot offered to wipe the laptop's drive clean to prepare it for recycling, if that is what the board wants to do with it. Discussion ensued but no decision was made with what will be done with the history of paperwork and laptop. Wendy, as incoming Tournament Director, will store the paperwork and bring up the discussion at the next full Board meeting in 2024.

Additional discussion also ensued regarding the Treasurer's laptop. Shari had mentioned to Wendy that the Treasurer's laptop is also old and slow. However, the Quickbooks software *is* physically loaded onto the Treasurer's laptop. It was suggested we (Treasurer) look into pricing of purchasing the Web based version of Quickbooks so that the Treasurer also will not need the use of an old and slow laptop. Wendy will mention this to Shari to give her the heads up to start looking at pricing. This discussion was tabled to review at the full Board meeting in January 2024.

Social:

Diane reported that this is her last year as the Social Chair. Diane will try to recruit a volunteer for the position for 2024.

Team:

Wendy reported on behalf of Debbie Yee.

Debbie indicated we held 7 matches this year from April-October. Every team was able to field a team of 6, although it wasn't always easy. We had a total of 130 different players participate in the matches this year.

Debbie indicated in 2024 we will continue with the same format i.e., 4 balls in play, Gross/Net, 6 points for each bracket match (18 points in total). Debbie noted she has had discussions with the Club Team Captains about potentially changing the format, however, it isn't clear what problem this would solve i.e., pace of play? fielding teams? Additionally, Debbie indicated we have had members playing in other associations where they changed from the current (GSWPGA) format



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to another, and it did not resolve pace of play or complexity of format (i.e., confusion to players). In 2024 Debbie noted we can continue to explore potential changes that would benefit the club.

Debbie indicated that next year she will try and schedule the matches at shorter intervals between May-July, to avoid an October match (which was a miserable down pour this year) as well as August which is usually heavy with Club/Association championships while in September, courses start aerating, so it makes it difficult in these months to have more than 1 match.

Debbie noted she asked all the Team Captains to let her know by 11/30/2023 if their club will participate in Team for 2024. As of this report, Debbie has received confirmation from Bellevue, Jackson, Jefferson, Riverbend and West Seattle.

Trophies:

Margot provided a Trophy report.

Plaque replacement options

The current President's and Team plaques are now full. We have a couple of options going forward.

- 1) We could retire each of the plaques as they are, figuring out which club would like to keep them. My suggestion for that would be the club that won the most years, or produced the most Presidents. We would then replace with current size which is a 12 year for TEAM and 18 for President?
- 2) We can replace the current plaques with bigger ones and transfer the history of the last plaques on to them. Either with 24-year or 36-year plaques. Prices for a 24-year plaque are \$134 and the 36-year plaque is \$176. Headers are \$20 and the cost of engraving the historical information is \$10 a plate, which is a deal. The cost divided out over the years makes the larger ones much cheaper.

Discussion ensued on how to cover the cost of new plaques. The discussion was tabled to review at the full Board meeting in January 2024.

PNGA/WA Golf:

Lisa was not in attendance and did not provide a report.

Website:



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Caryn indicated the cost of the website will be the same for next year at \$55. Janet maintains the domain name. Wherein she secured a 3 year deal. Caryn had nothing further to report on. Sonja asked how much space is available on the website. If Sonja provided rules information for each tournament, could that information be housed on the website? Stephanie asked if there is space to store GSWPGA documents that not necessarily need to be viewed by the public, i.e., a folder for each Board position. Caryn responded, yes.

Rules:

Sonja noted she did some reorganization on how she presents information to tournament players. She noted she created a “hard card” for tournaments, which is the information that doesn’t change from tournament to tournament. Sonja noted she would like to have that information uploaded to the website so that we can refer players to the website which will save on printing costs.

Discussion ensued on how to make the tournaments fun but fair. The bottom line is that we play by the rules to make it fair for all players. It wouldn’t be fun for one player to lose by 1 stroke because another player did not play by the rules...

Trustee:

Jennifer was not in attendance and did not provide a report.

President’s Comments:

Wendy noted the President’s Cup was a hit this year. We raised more than \$2,800 through Club Gift Basket donations, Raffle Items and more. The donation was presented to the Greater NW Multiple Society, the charity of her choice.

Old Business

Wendy noted a committee consisting of Lisa and Diane formed to finalize the Standing Rules which had not been amended since 2019. Wendy noted a final version of the Draft of the Standing Rules will be sent to all board members and asked each board member to vote to approve.

New Business

Bellevue will host City Championship in 2024.



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Adjourn the meeting 10:51

Submitted by Wendy Gapp on behalf of Lisa Stix, Secretary