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GSWPGA – General Board Meeting Agenda

February 12, 2026 - 10:30 AM (rescheduled from February 11th)

Call to Order: Margot Winter, President at 10.45am

Roll Call: Beth Corey, Secretary

Bellevue	2
Evergreen	3
Jackson Jills	4
Women’s Club @ BW	1
Maplewood	4
Mount Si	1
Nile	3
Riverbend	1
Snoqualmie Falls	1
West Seattle	1
Total	21

A motion to approve the November 2025 General Board Meeting minutes was made by Kathy Elmendorf; seconded by Pat Archer. Minutes were approved and will be uploaded to the GSWPGA website.

Treasurer’s Report: Colleen Donovan and Deborah Le Cuyer

For 2026, Colleen Donovan will serve as the Treasurer for the GSWPGA; Deborah Le Cuyer will be providing support and back-up. As Treasurer of GSWPGA, Colleen Donovan is authorized to be added as a signatory to all bank accounts with full access and signing authority. This includes GSWPGA accounts held at BECU and other financial institutions.

The team has worked hard to move the financials onto a new software (Zoho) platform which is web-based. The Quickbooks version was quite old and it would have been expensive to upgrade to a newer version. The books are balanced and Colleen performed an audit. Everything is in good shape. Additionally, the roles and responsibilities of the Treasurer have been updated. Taxes for the GSWPGA have been filed. The current balances are \$1874.02 in the checking account; \$2959.75 in the Savings for a total of \$4833.77. There was a question in regard to the reimbursement to the host club for the Champion of Champions tournament – it is \$6 per entrant.

Colleen presented the budget for 2026. Most of the funds in and out are “pass through”. Incoming tournament funds are subsequently paid out. There are additional expenses for crystal, Champion Tournament hosting, trophy luncheon, website hosting which total roughly \$1500 +/- . There was an



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additional allocation to the year-end trophy lunch to allow for expenses, tips, prizes, etc. A few clubs have not paid dues and the representatives will follow-up with their clubs.

Each City Rep will collect tournament fees from their members and remit this to Sarah and Kathleen (Tournament Chairs) by the due date. The collected funds will then be sent to the Treasurer. Deborah clarified that the payment processing for Club dues versus tournament fees is paid separately.

Committee Reports:

Tournaments: Kathleen Jones and Sarah Hoberg (absent due to the schedule change). Tonya Gisselberg met with the City Reps to go over the procedures and tournaments for the 2026 season.

Team: Debbie Yee - The Team schedule is mostly finalized. There are nine teams this year. Debbie has been in contact with each of the clubs' Team Reps to review procedures. Snoqualmie Falls will not have a team this year. Debbie has been the chairperson for Team for a number of year and the search continues for a volunteer to replace her.

Rules: Kathy Elmendorf - Sonja Gunderson is stepping down as the Chair for Rules and Kathy Elmendorf will continue to support the Rules Committee. Sonja has agreed to help and will assist in the NTPs. GSWPGA is looking for a chairperson to lead the Rules Committee. Margot asked all clubs to reach out to their members to find someone interested in leading the Rules Committee. If there isn't a volunteer, individual clubs may need to provide a Rules person when hosting a tournament (e.g. Club Pro; Club Rules person). Sonja has set-up documents for each tournament which are updated each year for the respective tournaments.

WA Golf: Roberta Robbins - There will be rules of golf seminars held by WA Golf at the Glendale Country Club. The dates are Feb. 21st, Feb. 28th and March 7th. Each session covers different topics. The cost is \$30 per session or \$75 for all three. The sessions are quite helpful. Additionally, there is a 6-week online course.

Website/Historian: Sariya Rashid (not present due to change of meeting date) - Sariya has been working on a revamped website and it looks great. The goal is to make it more interactive and a resource for members. There are links to other clubs' websites, as well. Clubs are encouraged to look at their own information to ensure it is updated.

Social: Rebecca Early (not present due to change of meeting date) - Rebecca did a great job last year for the end of year luncheon and looking to build on the success of 2025. Attendees enjoyed the luncheon and it was well attended. The Club reps should encourage all of our club members to join the luncheon. Some clubs had only a few attendees. A suggestion was made to carpool to ease the driving. Rebecca will have more information later in the season.

Trophies: Sholpan Belbayeva - One minor correction is needed on the plaque and everything went quite well in 2025. Things are on track for 2026.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:



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Margot reviewed the results of the online survey that was sent to all clubs. The goal was to get feedback members in regard to participation in the GSWPGA Tournaments. In 2025, the participation rate fell, so the Board solicited feedback from members to determine the reason and what can be done to increase participation. 190 people completed the survey. Most of the respondents have played in GSWPGA tournaments. Common reasons cited for not playing in tournaments include: scheduling conflicts, start times, and weekdays (prefer weekends). Golf courses typically do not allow tournament play on weekends and it would be more costly. Times are a challenge but difficult to change due to the size of the field; if the start times get too late, it may be dark before the last group is in. Respondents also mentioned not feeling “tournament ready” or feeling like other players are a bit harsh when questioning scores. Margot encouraged everyone to be supportive of players and for City Reps to be a cheerleader for their clubs. Everyone should be kind, make it a fun experience and build camaraderie. Discussion ensued in regard to the pairings – should it be by handicap or mixed. Last year, competitors were asked for feedback about mixed handicaps for pairings. No negative feedback was provided. However, for this year, pairings may revert to handicaps, but tee times could be randomized. Some attendees stated they liked the mixing of handicaps for the tournaments.

A question was raised in regard to handicap differentials for 4 Lady Best Ball tournament. Is there a maximum differential or spread of handicaps for the highest/lowest in a team or partnership? Sarah/Kathleen can advise on this point.

Pace of play is always important and is the responsibility of all players. Penalties cannot be assessed unless there is a monitor on the course. Players also need to ensure they start on time – not early nor late. If a player starts early, it is the same penalty as starting late. Wendy prepared a script for the starters at the course to use.

Discussion ensued about payouts for the tournaments. The process is managed through Golf Genius which makes it much easier to calculate the payouts. The Tournament Directors and the Treasury team are working on the process to ensure it is streamlined and easier. It isn't possible to refund entry fees with this process. Due to the rates charged by the golf course, often amounts are odd due to taxes. This is beyond the control of GSWPGA.

All information comes through the City Reps – be a cheerleader for your team. Remind groups to be supportive.

2026 Officers – The slate of officers were presented to the membership for confirmation: Margot Winter, President; Tonya Gisselberg; Colleen Donovan, Treasurer, Beth Corey, Secretary, Wendy Gapp, Trustee. Pat Archer moved to accept the slate as proposed; seconded by Susie Dukes. The officers were approved unanimously.

2026 Budget – Beth Corey moved to accept the 2026 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Pat Archer. The budget was accepted unanimously.



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Other:

There are new tools/resources for clubs:

1. Golf Club Games – Beth Corey mentioned Jackson Park will be adopting this web-based app for weekly competitions. It will streamline the process for the club and supports a wide range of competitions supported. If your club is interested in leveraging this, please contact Cathy Relyea <cathy@golfclubgames.com>
2. Member Planet – Sonja Gunderson said that Maplewood uses Member Planet for their club communication. It is a great tool and available to every WA Golf club. All tournaments are on their communications. The membership roster is added to the platform which facilitates the communication. Sonja will be happy to provide a demonstration via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.55am.