

**LGA BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

In attendance: Jill Fendt, Tracy Hallen, Jodi Fordham, Cheryl Stanek, Ruth Woodell, Carol Morton, Sue O'Connell, Melanie Brock, Marion Hansen, Alice Ceamer, Debbie Koon, Donna Horvath, Carol Morenc, Margaret Ellis, Eileen Maroney, Eileen Marczewski, Susie Mehan, Randy Patterson, Dotty Hartnett, Colleen Dorrycott, Ernie Biancarelli and Rob.

Jill called the meeting to order 4pm.

Approval/corrections of last month's minutes: A correction to Tee 4 Two by Debbie Koon. There are 2 divisions, Azalea and Burden. An Azalea team must consist of 2 Azalea players and play from the Azalea tees. A Burden team could either be 2 Burden players or 1 Azalea and 1 Burden, both players must play from the Burden Tee using their Burden handicap. Equal cash prizes will be awarded to the best 1/3 in each division, including ties. In 2018 there were 23 teams, 20 Burden and 3 Azalea.

Director of Golf: Rob reported there will be a new procedure for the use of handicap flags. You will need to get a Dr's prescription stating why a handicap flag is requested, with a timetable from your Doctor. The Proshop will be strictly enforcing the rules and violator's will be stopped. They will need to renew their prescription every quarter. Or, permanent flag users, every 2 years.

Masters week reservations are starting to come in. Match Play sign up is now on Fore Tees. So find a partner and sign up. He was asked about the white sand in the bottles, no green sand for now.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy reported the checkbook balance is \$5,835.83 and we have 104 members of which there are 38 Azalea and 66 Burden players.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

SOCIAL: Colleen reported she and Barbara were not aware they were to plan for 5 shotguns. Since the President and Pros Shotgun (which was planned by the Vice President) was voted down at our April 2018 meeting as not well attended for a few years and therefore the March shotgun would become the responsibility of the Scoring Committee and Social Committee. Also, they will need to know when we will be inviting the past presidents to a shotgun so they can plan for it.

HANDICAP: There was a vote taken, and passed, that to be eligible for Most Improved, you must have played a minimum of 10 rounds in the LGA game days.

CSRA: Marion reported that West Lake is February 21, sign up in card room. Since CSRA will no longer make available a handbook, she has placed a list of members on the board. Handicap decisions are still under review for 2020. No changes for this year.

STATE: No Report.

TEAM PLAY: West Lake is dropping out of the team play. Now down to 7 teams. The year runs from January to December. Dotty wanted to encourage behind the field play. If you are not competing in team play, you can still play some really nice courses for a nominal fee.

SATURDAY LADIES: No report.

HANDBOOK: No report.

BIRDIES AND CHIP INS: Susie reported we have been having 9 or 10 a week, 39 total year to date.

NINERS REP: Eileen was attending for Jeannie, gave Jill a copy of their handbook. They have 53 members. The 9er 18 hole tournament is scheduled for June 27 this year.

RINGERS: Carol and Cheryl reported they have the list of participants, however, they have not finalized the flights as of yet, waiting to see if anyone else is interested, they are recording all scores and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report will be posted at the end of March.

TEE 4 TWO: Debbie reported there are 20 Burden teams and 3 Azalea teams. No play as of yet. When you play Tee 4 Two, you need to post your scores. We need to promote Tee 4 Two for the Azalea flight.

MEMBERSHIP: Dotty and Jodi are looking for ways to encourage new golf members to come out and play with us, maybe a Saturday or Sunday playday.

GOLF COMMITTEE REP: Debbie stated they will meet for the first time next week. Bob Stanek had input on the new handicap flag agreement. Bob rewrote rules for use of the flag, he received approval from Rob.

GREENS AND GROUNDS: Ruth stated the Fitness center is scheduled to open March 20 with a Grand Opening. Ian went over 2019 projects, hole by hole. You will find the minutes of the G & G Committee on the computer. James Gregory is the Secretary of the BOG and will be sending the minutes of all committees at the same time to Mindy for posting.

EXCHANGE DAY: Donna stated the date is June 5. 9am Shotgun. Price is \$42. Cart \$22 Lunch \$15. Prizes \$5. Flights are Burden and Azalea. No rain date, but instead have games, give out prizes and have lunch. Cut off for sign up will be 5/29. Tournament format TBA.

NINERS SHOTGUN & LUNCHEON: No Report

SCORING COMMITTEE: Kim reported, If you WD on a Thursday/Saturday game and play 13 holes, and do not post, scoring committee will post for you. They have 5 shotguns they are responsible for the format. Selling Mulligans, the current Board will decide who will come up with working the table to sell Mulligans.

MATCH PLAY: Sign up is now on Fore Tees. Price is \$13.00. Need Azalea players to sign up.

LGA REPORTER: No report.

RULES: Carol Morton made changes in the WPLGA Rules of Play that are included in the LGA Handbook. The updated rules will be on the website.

VICE PRESIDENT: Melanie stated the Member/Member tournament is 4/26 and 4/27, more information to follow.

NEW BUSINESS: Jill stated Tracy has put our calendar of game day play link on the Website. Go to the LGA Website and click on the calendar.

OTHER ITEMS OR QUESTIONS: Jill read a letter that was sent to a Tuesday group explaining the dues increase from last year. See attached, Page 4.

Tracy and Jill went through the entire handbook and made notes of changes to be made. Rita will make the changes in the handbook, highlighted in red, some changes will need approval. We will have to vote to Approve or Not Approve. Rita will make changes, send to Ernie, Ernie will send to LGA Reporter (Alice) and the results of the vote will be sent to **Ernie**.

Next meeting: March 7, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernie Biancarelli

Ladies,

Thank you for sharing your group's concern regarding the LGA's dues structure. We are sorry we did not clearly communicate the numerous board and executive board discussions pertaining to the dues increase that lead to our decision to have the dues remain at \$45. We will rectify this oversight in the February 2019 board minutes.

Though the increase in 2018 dues was inadvertent, it was always our position to analyze the books prior to making a final decision about maintaining the increase or reverting dues to the previous level. It was decided that the dues will remain at the current level of \$45 for the following reasons:

- Our membership is decreasing yet the league's fixed costs and recurring expenses remain. This results in a higher percentage of dues going to cover these costs and therefore a lower percent of dues money is available for prizes.
- The dollar per point award decreased dramatically in 2017 (down 1/3 from the average of the previous 5 years). The dues increase enabled us to return it to the 2016 level, but this is still 15% lower than was experienced in 2012-2015. Increased play and greater participation by Azalea players (thus creating a new flight) are contributing factors to the increase in points awarded.
- Tipping for LGA events varied greatly depending on who was organizing the event. Out of courtesy to the staff, we decided to make the tip amount standard for all LGA events. Money from the miscellaneous line is needed to supplement tips as occasionally weather eliminates the league's ability to generate tip money through pre-tournament fundraising.

Again, our apologies for not clearly communicating this information earlier. Thank you for your feedback and for supporting our league.

Your 2019 LGA Executive Board