

WPLGA BOARD MINUTES
August 6, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Hallen, Alice Creamer, Carol Morenc, Darlene Blosser, Debbie Koon, Dotty Hartnett, Jill Fendt, Jody Fordham, Ruth Woodell, Randy Patterson, Marion Hansen, Lawrette McCann, Nylda Eckhoff, Kim Crouse

CALL TO ORDER: Tracy Hallen, President, called the meeting to order. June minutes were approved and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Woodell: 111 members, 53 Azalea players, 58 Burden players. \$6,245 in the bank, which includes T42 and Ringers entry fees.

MEMBER MEMBER: Darlene Blosser for Carolyn Davis:

The Member/Member Committee has decided that the situation with covid-19 is such that it is not possible to plan and conduct the Tournament as it has been done in the past – with a Friday evening cocktail party and a luncheon following the event on Saturday. Instead, we will have a Member/Member Tournament in a format similar to the Ham & Egg Tournament: specific tee times (rather than a shotgun), with players turning in their scorecard to the Committee after completing their rounds and results being provided by email.

The Tournament will be on Saturday, October 31 and the format will be the same as in previous years: 2-person teams playing 9 holes in a scramble format and 9 holes in a shamble format. A box lunch will be provided to players.

More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

LADIES INVITATIONAL: Darlene Blosser: on the calendar for April 23-24, 2021

AZALEA TEE LOCATION UPDATE: Debbie Koon gave some background on why this process began. She stated that there have been issues on the tee boxes, especially the Jones course, being moved up and back at random. A committee was put together of Sherri Vogel (closest handicap to scratch), Debbie Koon, Alice Creamer, and Pat Humburg as dedicated Azalea players. They went out and played the course and will give Tom written feedback. Tracy Hallen and Tom Carter, GM, have ridden both courses, measuring distances and evaluating tee boxes. Also a data analysis from the scoring committee, going back two years was given to Tom, evaluating hole by hole difficulty etc. This data Included both Burden and Azalea statistics. Tom then explained the direction he is going for our ladies tees.. He stated that each tee box will have an Azalea and Burden tee marker, ie. no dual color sharing of a tee marker, even if they share a tee box. Also, Burden tee markers will not be bi colored to share with men's blended tee markers. Each tee marker for the entire course will be dedicated to the corresponding course (Azalea, Burden Spalding etc.) The Burden tee markers will likely

have a new color, as each separate course will have its own dedicated color. This will help end confusion to guests who don't know which tee is where.

Tom stated that the slope for the Azalea tees is not fairly rated. This means that the handicap is not truly legit due to the erroneous slope and rating. The reason for the erroneous slope rating is the distance is nowhere near what is measured on the card. For example the Jones course measures 4740 yards, but is playing an average of 250 plus yards shorter. There are at least 6 holes playing 50 or more yards shorter than on the scorecard. The Cupp course is set up much truer to what is listed on the scorecard.

Tom hopes to have new tee boxes and markers in place by the end of September. At that time, he also hopes the SC Golf Association will be able to come out, re rate, re slope the Azalea and Burden tees. It will be looked into as to holes being rated by difficulty as well, but guidance from the World Handicap System may not allow allocated strokes to be separate for each hole. (ie each hole for Ladies must have the same handicap difficulty). By being consistent with tee locations, this should take care of that and level the playing field.

It was asked if there could be separate Azalea tee locations on every hole thus enabling women to choose from Burden, Azalea or a blended tee to give the ladies a 3rd option. Tom stated that he did not want to add another course to our club at this time.

Tom also addressed a rumor Club Corp Alliance had purchased The Reserve Club. This is NOT true.

SCORING: Kim Crouse: Kim explained that data used for Azalea and Burden tees are separate and that any hole where someone picked up or didn't play is not used in analysis.

Kim explained the process on how the weekly winners report is generated so we could understand why it is not immediate. Because we now play our games on Thursday/Saturday, the score cards are not picked up until Sunday. Most volunteers don't want to score on a Sunday. There are 3 lead scorers. A lead scorer (which rotates) enters the information of the game into the computer, then sends it out to the other 2 lead scorers to verify. Once approved, Kim sends it out to all, including the LGA reporter.

Kim stated that sometimes the score cards are "sloppy", which leads to errors in the card, ie not handicap, incorrect handicap, no posting number. As the number of DQ's increases, she sends out a reminder to please take care and check the card.

There have been some questions about the GHIN handicap being wrong. There have been only 2 instances of that happening. No one has been DQ'ed due to a wrong handicap from GHIN. Also, due to GHIN, sometimes there are 2 lines of handicaps on the sheet outside. This is a problem with GHIN and Jamie is working on correcting that. Once again, no one has been DQ'ed due to a wrong handicap on the sheet.

The events page will continue to be the LGA sign up. It was suggested that an email be sent out to inform us when it is available to sign up. Also, Ian will block the sign up and not open it until closer to playdates (ie not months ahead of time). This will give all an equal notification and chance to sign up at the times they want.

When a course is aerated, Ian prints the events page and our names are put into a lottery and assigned a tee time. It is not possible to ensure the ladies get the first tee times on Ladies day when we only have 1 course.

CSRA EVENTS: Marion Hansen; Woodside is hosting a CSRA event, Monday, August 24th. This may be the last CSRA event of the year. There will be tee times and the ½ way house will be open. There are 11 participants from Woodside so far. Marion has 3 volunteers to help and is searching for more. She would like 4 or 5 volunteers to marshall, so it would only be a 2 hour shift. Please consider helping her and give her a call.

Midland Valley has cancelled their September CSRA event and it is unknown if Cedar Creek will hold theirs scheduled in October.

SOCIAL: Nylda Eckhoff. The next event is Sept 3. It will be a scramble as no shotguns are allowed. There will be no lunch. Sign up as an individual on Foretees. (Please check and recheck on Foretees. The original sign up for Sept 3 will be deleted and a single line sign up will be made.) There will be a fun separate game like the last scramble. Nylda would love to have your ideas about a theme.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Lawrette McCann will head a nominating committee for next year's Executive Board slate of officers. This is usually voted on by a show of hands at the September shotgun. Since there will be no shotgun, the names will be sent out by Sept 3 and if there are any other nominations at that time. (this will be by email and confirmed by Lawrette.). Some form of email or electronic voting will then be implemented.

WORLD SERIES OF GOLF: Lawrette McCann; this will take place Oct 1 (drawing party). Oct 2 will be 18 holes, 9 holes a scramble, and 9 holes a 2 person best ball, and Saturday Oct 3 will be 9 holes shamble. (This has been called Solheim in the past) There will be a lunch after play. If you don't feel comfortable at the lunch, please consider playing anyway, as you will be provided a box lunch to take home. A tent is also being looked into to have lunch outside. Scores will be put on Unknown Golf so you can follow in real time. Please check out the app. It really is easy and makes it fun for all to follow as you play.

SCWGA: Lawrette McCann: Jane Covington benefit, 4 person scramble, Blythwood CC , Columbia, Aug 31. Every team will win something!

Women's Senior State Championship: Mt Vintage, Aug 25 and 26, flighted. Sign up open

Thornblade, Greenville Nov 11, 2person BB. Sign up opens 9-29

POLICY OF NUMBER OF HOLES TO PLAY TO BE IN GAME: Kim confirmed that you must complete 14 holes to participate in the game, no matter how many may count . Kim stated that the scoring committee tends to make only 9 holes count when it is really hot or cold.

TEAM PLAY: Randy Patterson: Team play for the year has been cancelled.

HANDICAP: Kim Crouse for Karen Burke: it was stated that there is a lot of feedback regarding the notification and posting of wrong scores. It was asked if a score is 2 shots off, can it be forgiven and not corrected. There are approximately 8 wrong scores weekly. The data suggests that if one is 1 shot off 4 times, it can affect the index by 0.5. Karen will continue to notify if the score is posted incorrectly. Please help each other verify what needs to be posted when you compare scorecards.

PAYOUTS: Some members have asked questions about how payments are done at the end of the year and have made suggestions for possible changes moving forward. These questions were noted and we are looking at data that can be presented to the board for future decisions.

Respectively Submitted

Dotty Hartnett