

WPLGA BOARD MEETING December 9, 2020

In Attendance: Tracy Hallen, Dotty Hartnett, Karen Wirth, Deborah Ferguson, Jody Fordham, Margot Peters, Randy Patterson, Nylda Eckhoff, Kim Crouse, Debbie Koon, Ruth Woodell, Darlene Blosser, Karen Burke, Carol Morton, Carol Keigley, Carol Morenc, Lawrette McCann, Margaret Ellis, Alice Cramer

October Minutes: Motioned to approve by Karen Burke, seconded by Margot Peters, approved by board vote.

A brief synopsis for 2020 major changes was given by Tracy Hallen. It included redoing the handbook, implementing a new World Handicap system, azalea tees re-rated, root rule implemented and now currently working on evaluating payouts for birdies and chip ins.

Treasurer report: Ruth Woodell: Currently \$5,845, \$688 will go to Ringers and T42, \$657 will be carried over for to next year. This leaves \$4,500 left for payout of points and birdies and chip-ins, \$307 more than last year. There was a record participation in shotguns and more games played. For the first time since 2016, birdies and chip-ins will be worth more than points, \$2.51 for points and \$2.83 for birdies and chip ins. This is a reflection of more games being played and more points being given out than previous year. Ruth also thanked the tournament chairs for their excellent job in turning in the money and balancing the worksheets from shotguns and special events in a timely manner

Pay it Forward: Lawrette McCann and Ruth Woodell stated that many S.C. LGA organizations support the S.C. Ladies Junior Golf Association. This organization awards scholarships to junior women golfers and well as promotes women's golf. Lawrette stated that for \$100 (2020 price), we could purchase a hole at the Jane Covington state golf tournament. WPLGA would get recognition at the hole with a sign. There was a motion by Lawrette and seconded by Ruth to support this by adding a \$100.00 donation to this cause in the budget. A vote was taken with the following options: 1) support the S.C. junior golf by setting aside in the budget \$100.00, 2) evaluate other options to donate to a charity, or 3) do not support doing anything. Supporting the S.C. women's junior golf passed and will be placed in the 2021 budget.

Scoring Analysis for Burden/Azalea play in Best Ball format.: Kim Crouse: Kim did a year long scoring analysis using LG/LN games on both courses. Most of this data is from the Cupp as there were only 2 LGLN games on the Jones. This data was mostly collected before the holes were set and re-rated. She then randomly put together 4 person BB teams.

In this format, all Burden teams fared the worst, with placement improving with each addition of an Azalea player replacing a Burden player. She concluded that is not equitable to have teams playing a Better Ball from different tee boxes competing in the same flight. The same held for 2 person teams. This data was collected based on play prior to the rerating of the Azalea tees and adjustment in hole handicaps. It will be re-evaluated in the 2021 to determine flights moving forward.

Contact Kim Crouse for a more detailed account of this data.

T42: Debbie Koon, Carol Keigley: Debbie stated that they would like to make it easier for teams to play T42. They will continue to have flexibility of scheduling, and teams can play as often as they like in a month.

They are evaluating teams being able to play from their regular tee boxes (ie possibility of mixed teams) Out of 20 teams, 4 teams had to compete from a different tee box than they ordinarily play. She stated that the range of total scores (low and high) was almost the same from Burden teams or Azalea teams. There were 14 Burden teams, with 5 winners, and 6 Azalea teams with 2 winners. The Azalea payout is larger than the Burden payout. She stated that flights don't influence winning, play good on the 6 days you play T42, you will win money. She would like to have just one flight, whether it be Burden teams, Azalea teams or Mixed teams. She will take a survey from the board members to help her evaluate what they decide to do moving forward.

Rules: Carol Morton: Tracy stated that there has been some question about placing drop zones on greenside of 8 and 17 of the Jones, since some ladies cannot carry the hazard. Though this is possible per the administrative section in the Rules of Golf, it is a Woodside decision not an LGA decision. Woodside Manager, Tom Carter, was asked about the possibility of having a drop zone greenside, and he said no. He felt that it changed the integrity of the golf course too much. Kim stated that due to this, the scoring committee makes as few as possible games on the Jones where you must count 8 or 17. (ie games on the Jones may have thrown 2 holes out, etc).

The club is working on better drop zones.

Carol stated that it is against the rules of golf to add an extra penalty stroke, i.e. carry you ball across the hazard and add an extra stroke to your score, so even though this was done in the past, this is not an option at this time.

Ringers: Carol Morenc: Carol is evaluating whether to set the Ringer flights at the end of the year rather than at the beginning. She evaluated all handicap indexes Nov 30, and stated if indeed they had been formed at the end of the year, there would be 4 Azalea flights (same as currently) and 7 Burden flights (1 more than currently). 10 participants would have been in a different flight. She stated that ideally there is a maximum of 8 per flight with a low differential index. A decision will be made and communicated before the first games in January.

Birdie/ Chip-in Analysis: Tracy: Points, birdies and chip-ins are paid with the remaining dues after the club's fixed costs are paid. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the money is paid to points and $\frac{1}{3}$ to birdies and chip-ins. In the last 3-5 years, there has been a large discrepancy between first and second player birdie/chip in payout (over \$100). The average LGA player receives about \$35 per year in payout. Some have stated concern for paying in, but feeling they never have a chance to win. Several ideas were suggested, including taking B/C out of dues and having a voluntary pay in like Ringers. Dues would have to be adjusted to reflect this (about \$12). Another suggestion would be to cap the number of birdies one could have. The top birdie maker (or anyone over the cap) would get acknowledgement in some form. Tracy made an analysis birdie chip-in information sheet with 11 suggestions, work required and results. If you would like a copy of it, please contact Tracy or me and we will see that it is sent to you for you to evaluate. It was questioned what is the purpose of birdies and chip-ins, to reward good play or give everyone money? It was also stated that if one gives money into something, one would like an equal opportunity to get money back.

It was decided to take of vote of all board members (by email or survey monkey) to

1. Not move forward on this at all
2. Form a committee to further evaluate the data, present a viable solution for change. Depending on the change, it may not go into effect until 2022.

Once the board votes the direction of this matter, it will be relayed to the membership.

New Course Rating: Tracy stated the new rating is complete. There was no change in Burden rating or slope.

The Azalea rating will be as follows: Jones 67.6/ slope 117, Cupp 67.1/ slope 113, both lower.

New score cards will be available 5-6 weeks, but will be changed on GHIN by next week.

If interested, there will be a sticker you may place over the current scorecard to reflect the new holes and rating until the new score cards come in. You may pick it up in the locker room each time you play. You may also post hole by hole on GHIN and the new holes ratings will be reflected.

(This is important to make sure you record the correct max score on a given hole)

Kickoff: Results of the format for the kickoff

11 inside plated dinner with meeting

18 tent outside with hors d'oeuvres and meeting

25 tent outside, open house

18 not at all

The Kickoff will be Jan 6, as an open house, from 4-6.

Respectively submitted

Dotty Hartnett