

## WPLGA BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2020

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tracy Hallen, Darlene Blosser, Ruth Woodell, Dotty Hartnett, Kim Crouse, Carolyn Davis, Randy Patterson, Carol Morenc, Carol Morton, Debbie Koon Nylda Eckhoff, Lawrette McCann

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tracy Hallen called the meeting to order. March minutes were approved and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ruth Woodell: \$5824 in bank. 110 members, 57 Burden players and 53 Azalea players. A new member, a niner, has joined, Eileen Marczewski. There is a list of Azalea players and hole-in-one members in the LGA notebook in the ladies locker room.

In regards to the pausing of the membership from March to June, due to Covid virus concerns there were 5 members who paused their memberships and 4 of them who requested a refund, for a total of \$60.

A statement was read by Tracy to further clarify why this refund was implemented and to state that is the recommendation of the Executive Board that any refunds or suspension of play not be offered again. This statement is included as an addendum to the minutes in the President's binder and will be available to individual members upon request.

**SCORING:** Kim Crouse: Sign up for Thursday games will continue on Foretees Events for the foreseeable future due to the uncertainty of the Covid virus and the potential for an uptick in cases. One must sign up for the event 1 week prior by end of day Thursday, to be assigned a tee time. Same if you want to cancel. After that, you must call the Pro Shop. You may also sign up or remove your name once the tee times have been posted on Foretees. This is the same procedure as when you were hand signing up on the sheet in the locker room.

Data will be evaluated at the end of the year to see what difference the index makes playing from Burden or Azalea tees. This will be done to evaluate if Azalea and Burden players can fairly compete together with the changes in the World Handicap system. A retrospective look at data from events such as T42, match play, Ham and Egg etc. will be used.

Currently, it appears that handicap indexes have dropped 3-5 strokes for those who have changed from Burden to Azalea tees. There are no plans at this time for the Azalea tees to be rehandicaped.

**RULES:** Carol Morton: Clarification on the root rule was made. The root rule is in effect. It was noted that it is often difficult to determine fairway edge. Fairway is defined as grass cut to fairway height or less. Carol will be sending out a clarification of the rule and will encourage ladies to print it to have in their golf bag.

Temporary bunker relief: Following USGA guidelines, WPLGA adopted the rule of moving the ball out of the bunker, keeping the bunker between the pin and ball. This was chosen to keep it equitable for those players that play later in the day (early players have raked bunkers while later players will not). One does not have the option of moving it in the bunker, out of a footprint. One must play it as it lies in the bunker or move it behind the bunker. This rule is temporary and will no longer be in effect once rakes return.

**SOCIAL:** Nylda Eckhoff: July shotgun is still on for now. It is likely to be tee times. Lunch is questionable at this time. It will be a team event if held.

**PRESIDENTS APPRECIATION TOURNAMENT:** With the uncertainty of the Covid virus, it was voted and approved to cancel this year's Presidents' Appreciation Luncheon and send out letters of appreciation to past presidents instead. Darlene will write the letter. It was suggested that the \$250 earmarked for the presidents' lunches and gifts be repurposed towards the Member/Member tournament. This was tabled until after the member member report.

**HAM AND EGG:** Darlene Blosser: Theme is Charlotte's Web. The tournament is full, with a cut off of 60 participants. This was necessary due to tee times and tee gifts. Flights will be Burden, Blended and Azalea. Results will be sent out by email by the end of Sunday.

**Live Scoring:** Tracy Hallen: The club has implemented a new "Live Scoring" system that is tied to GHIN. Woodside will post tee times for tournaments, results, individual scores etc on it. One can post live (real time) scores as you play in a tournament and follow your competition during play as well. This will be used during the Ham and Egg in addition to traditional paper scorecards. Visit [UNKNOWNGOLF.COM](http://UNKNOWNGOLF.COM) and sign up and try it out. It should be a fun way to track, see how your opponents are etc.

**STATE:** Lawrette McCann: July events: July 13 Oak Hills Golf Club, Columbia 3 person team  
July 13 Links OTryon, Campobello stroke play  
July 13 Wachesaw, Murrells Inlet 2 person  
Sign up open for all events on [WSCGA.org](http://WSCGA.org)

**WORLD SERIES OF GOLF:** No update

**MEMBER MEMBER:** Carolyn Davis: The event has been rescheduled for October 30 (Friday night cocktail party) and October 31 tournament due to the Masters being played this November. Carolyn expressed great concern regarding the quality of the tournament in part to the inability to fund raise due to the virus. In the past, a majority of the money raised was during Masters week (usually about \$400) and during the Sept shotgun 50-50. At this time, she projects to be about \$400 short. Options Carolyn suggested were to raise the price, scale back on food, eliminate tee gifts and decorations. A raffle would be difficult due to social distancing. Sponsoring a hole was also suggested. Cancelling was also an option but all felt like events such as this are "good for the soul". Also, all felt that this is a premier event for the members and wanted to continue to make it special. It was then voted to repurpose money (\$250) that was set aside for the Presidents' appreciation luncheon and apply it to the Member/Member. Tracy also stated that there is an anonymous donor who will help out with any shortcomings.

**NINER/LGA EVENT:** June 25 and is full

**RINGERS:** Carol Morenc: If one changes a tee (from Burden to Azalea or visa versa), Ringers is frozen for the year. At this time, you cannot participate from both tees. Carol suggested that next year perhaps flighting could be done at the end of the year, as some of the flights are skewed due to players changing tee boxes. She also suggested that individuals be in charge of changing their scores week by week and then flight at year end by index. Data will be evaluated at year end and revisited.

**T42: Debbie Koon:** By end of May, 1/3 rounds have been completed. Six (6) of 20 teams have not played. If one has not played any rounds, may change partners. No refunds will be given. Due to the circumstances, the previous limit of playing only 2 rounds per month has been lifted, and one can play unlimited times a month.

**LADIES INVITATIONAL:** Darlene Blosser: This event has been postponed until next year. Jamie would like some potential dates. April 23-24 would be a first choice, with April 16-17 a second choice. The same committee will serve for the 2021 tournament. Dean Wittwer won the raffle and Jamie is to send a picture and announcement out.

**RESERVE EXCHANGE DAY:** Postponed indefinitely

**HANDICAP:** Tracy Hallen: Weekly, about 15 people don't adjust their score correctly when posting, usually too high. Once again, the committee strongly suggests you post hole by hole on GHIN, either as you play or when finished. GHIN will automatically correct your score.

**CSRA:** The Lady pro tournament cancelled.

4 -Ball tournament at Bartram Train 6-19 with single carts, optional box lunch, prizes to be awarded later.

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**MISC:** Not everyone is getting LGA email. If you hear of someone not receiving them, let Alice know. Alice is not the person writing the emails, rather she is just forwarding emails from other LGA members/committees. This makes it difficult for her to answer questions if you just respond to the email from the LGA Reporter. All questions should be addressed to whoever sent it out. Those sending emails to be forwarded should include their name and email address on at the bottom.

Drop zone on Jones 8 and 17 will be in place before the next event that will be held on the Jones course. It is not sure where the drop zone will be located. The marking of course hazards, ground under repair will be more regular. Azalea and Royal tee will be marked on the cart path to enable more consistent placement, and in addition, there will be some other white marking within the area of play.

The greens on Jones are being expanded to previous size. As this happens, be aware of where you are putting from. If the area isn't as short as the green yet, but shorter than the first cut, it is considered green and would not qualify as a chip in.

Respectively submitted

Dotty Hartnett