

WPLGA BOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2020

In attendance: Tracy Hallen, Dotty Hartnett, Carol Morenc, Jody Fordham, Karen Burke, Susie Meehan, Randy Patterson, Deobrah Ferguson, Ursula Bethmann, Mary Ellen O'Rourke, Joan Potter, Nylda Eckhoff, Lawrette McCann, Alice Creamer, Debbie Koon, Carolyn Davis, Marion Hansen

CALL TO ORDER: Tracy Hallen, President, called the meeting to order. She welcomed Deborah Ferguson as the new niners representative. February minutes were approved and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy Hallen--106 members with \$6043 in the bank.

ROOT RULE VOTE RESULTS: Dotty Hartnett---87 members voted (82% of the membership) 69 voted yes (80%) and 18 voted no (20%). The root rule will be under local rules in the WPLPGA handbook, effective 3-6-2020. The root rule is as follows:

"If tree roots in the fairway, or within 4 club lengths of the fairway, interfere with the lie of the ball or players area of intended swing, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. Without penalty, a player may drop her ball within 1 club length of the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the players stance."

By-LAW CHANGES: Tracy Hallen---The intent to change the by-laws is to maintain structure in the by-laws while making them flexible enough to change with technology and board member skills. With additions through the years, the handbook became confusing, and these changes will make it easier to reference information and reduce the need to vote on the by-laws every time there is a simple change in a job description or location where LGA information is posted.

Tracy went through each suggested change with a slide show, clarifying what the potential changes would be. Most of the changes in the by-laws was clearing up wording. The major change in the by-laws was regarding Standing Committees, consolidating many into the Scoring Committee. Kim Crouse was on speaker phone to answer any concerns and questions. Tracy showed the new Scoring Committee layout and Debbie Koon suggested that it would be helpful to show this to the membership (attached). It was stated that the Scoring Committee members were in favor of consolidating the new Scoring Committee. The job descriptions for all standing committees that were previously in the by-laws will contain greater detail and be available to the general membership in a binder in the locker room as well as posted on the WPLGA website. Standing committee chairs are working on updating these Standard Operating Procedures to reflect their current practices.

Tracy reiterated that taking these standing committees out of the by-laws in no way prohibits any future president from revisiting the need to have a certain committee. It just eliminates the need for a league-wide vote. She also stated that each standing committee will have 1 vote on matters decided on by the board. There will be 13 voters, 14 if the past president votes.

Tracy requested that standard operating procedures be submitted by Solheim, Ham and Egg, Match Play, Rules, Handbook, and Website as these are not currently available.

The By-Laws, if approved, will go from 3 pages to 1 ½ pages. It was discussed how the membership will vote on these new changes. The document will be sent out to all LGA members by 3-8-20. It will be a straight up yes or no vote on all changes as presented, and the Board members in attendance were in agreement that it should pass. If there are any questions regarding a specific segment, there will be 2 weeks prior to the vote to contact a board member to hopefully answer any questions and concerns. Also, at the shotgun on 3-26, before the vote, there will be time to ask questions.

There is a new WPLGA 2020 binder in the locker room that will have the minutes, budget, handbook, job descriptions, etc in it. With the exception of the budget, this information is also available on the WPLGA website.

**SATURDAY GIRLS:** Margaret Ellis, through Tracy Hallen, strongly feels that the Saturday representative should be listed as a Standing Committee member. Her concern was that ladies who work cannot serve on the board and don't have a means to state their opinions. It was discussed that the Saturday group is a subgroup of the WPLGA, such as Burden players or Azalea players. The representative for those who play in the "Saturday Girls" group should be appointed from within that subgroup rather than being appointed by the president. It was voted not to have the Saturday representative listed as a Standing Committee member. Further, it was noted that any representative can come to any meeting. This includes the Niners representative as well.

**HANDICAP INFORMATION:** Karen Burke--Mistakes are still being made regarding the new handicap system. She suggested that ladies stroke the card to help eliminate mistakes. Also she suggested that one post hole by hole on the GHIN app. One can do this dynamically as one plays, hole by hole, every 3 holes etc, or after the round is complete. GHIN will then adjust any hole to the appropriate max score before it is posted by GHIN. She is sending out letters if a score is posted incorrectly, and players need to make any adjustments to an incorrect score through the pro shop.

**MATCH PLAY:** Marion Hansen--There are currently 34 players registered for this event which starts on March 14th. Some pairs may play against par if there are not enough players to fill a flight. One person still in need of a partner. More money will be directed to tee gifts due to the smaller field.

**CSRA:** Marion Hansen--With all the rain, CSRA has a busy month. Fort Gordon was rescheduled for 3-24. The increase in cost was due to the increase of cart fees at Fort Gordon, beginning in March. The Bartram Trail event on 3-19 is still accepting sign ups on the bulletin board in the Ladies Locker Room.

**MARCH SHOTGUN--** The March shotgun will be 3-26, with no lunch. There will be games within the game, to encourage fun, with a special surprise treat at the short meeting following play. A vote on the By-Law changes will take place at this meeting. Sign up on foretees.

LADIES INVITATIONAL: Randy Patterson--There are currently 76 people signed up, with 19 teams. The deadline to sign up is March 15th. Raffle tickets to raise money will be sold until the drawing on 3-15. You will pay for the tournament when you register and pick up your tee gifts. The club will do a survey after the tournament to evaluate how it went and what members want for the future.

TEAM PLAY; Randy Patterson-- Team play on 3-16 will be at Mt Vintage. Division 1 will play Fort Gordon and Division 2 will play Houndslake.

RESERVE EXCHANGE DAY: Save the date of June 24th for the exchange date at the Reserve. The goal is to have the cost remain at approximately \$45. There will be a plated lunch, and if it is rained out, games will be played and a raincheck for golf will be given.

GREENS AND GROUNDS; Lawrette McCann explained that the gates are entrance and exit points to the fairway. If the gates are crossed, that means cart path only for that hole. Carts must keep ALL FOUR tires on the path.

Tee markers--Azalea will be green, Burden will be yellow. IF they share a tee box, the markers will be yellow and green.

SC STATE TOURNAMENTS; Lawrette McCann--upcoming tournament--Riverfalls, Duncan S.S 4-14, Cedar Creek 4-30 (opens 3-19 and stated we should try to support our local tournament)

Jane Covington Blythwood, 4-20, opens 4-9. This is a four person team, and is not limited to ladies only ( Can be mixed, men or ladies teams)

Mt Vintage will host the SC Senior Championship 5-5, and sign up opens 3-24. Sign up on the SCLGA website. It was suggested that a sign up sheet also be placed on the bulletin board.

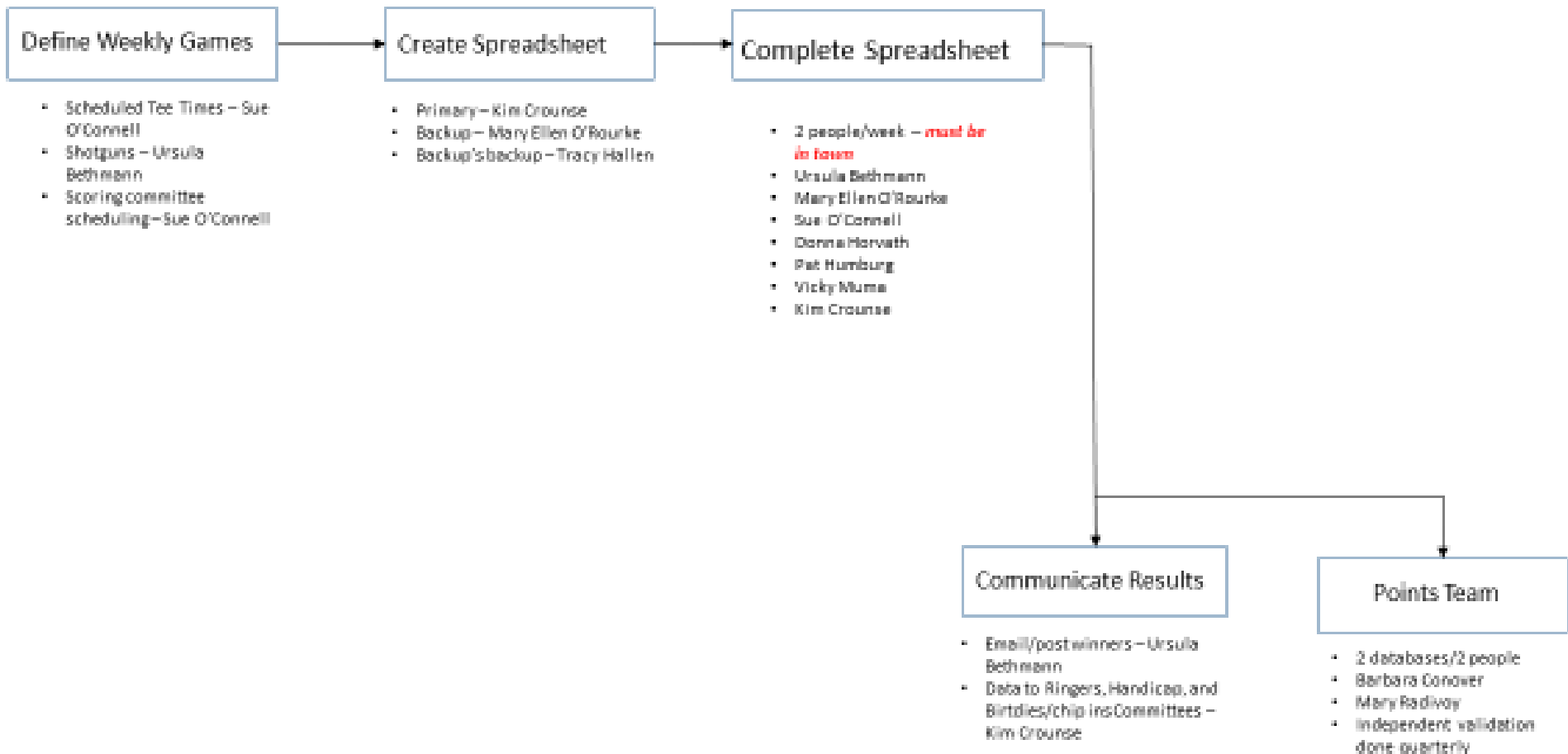
T42: Debbie Koon--There are currently 19 teams, 5 Azalea.

#### MISC:

- There will be a niners shotgun on 4-30, so our tee times will be adjusted. Maybe starting on the back or later tee times.
- Partee on the Range from 11-5 March 28th
- Will put in procedures that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the money goes to chip in and birdies, and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the money will go to points ( ie games)
- March 17, Woodside is having a "Find Baskets of Gold" for St Patrick's Day. As you play, there will be 3 baskets of gold hidden on the course, which will be exchanged for a box of ProV 1s.

Respectfully submitted  
Dotty Hartnett

# Scoring Committee Responsibilities



## Future Scoring Committee Responsibilities

