

**STLWDGA  
FALL CLOSING MEETING MINUTES  
ST. LOUIS COUNTRY CLUB OCTOBER 6, 2017**

Gerry Wisniewski called to order at 1:40 p.m. the 2017 Fall General Meeting of the STLWDGA.

She welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Mr. Dennis Byrne, General Manager and Mr. Grant Masson, head golf professional at St. Louis Country Club. She extended her gratitude to Nancy Gulick for taking care of the details for today.

Gerry introduced the past president's that were in attendance and thanked them for their years of service and continuing support of our organization.

- Kathy Reid – FH
- Cinn Sams - FH
- Pattie Canter – NW
- Laurie Merchant – STA
- Marsha Rheinnecker – OW
- Marian Sinnett – FH
- Kathleen West - GB

Gerry reminded the directors and alternates from each club to sign-in. She reminded everyone that, according to our by-laws “only members of the board may make motions and vote.” The Board consists of the officers, all past presidents and the three directors from each club.

The Recording Secretary, Sue Springmeyer confirmed that a quorum was present.

Gerry requested that everyone take a look at the minutes from the 2017 Spring Opening Meeting that were on the tables. There were no requests for changes. Lucy Kraus ALG, made a motion to approve the minutes and Carol Kelleher STA seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

The President's Report was given by Gerry Wisniewski.

Gerry informed the ladies that we had 89 participants for the 2017 Invitational Championship August 7-11, 2017 at Westwood Country Club. She thanked Marian Sinnett and Ronnie Burg for their help during the week. She, also, thanked CJ Evans and Bev Frein for coming out to help with scoring. Julie Frank was our hostess and she did a great job organizing the spotters and taking care of all the luncheon details. The Westwood Country Club staff were very helpful and accommodated all our needs. Gerry announced the winners of the 2017 STLWDGA Invitational Championship.

- Champion, winner of the Edward A. Faust Trophy is Kathy Glennon of The Country Club of St. Albans. Runner-up is Diane Chancellor of The Country Club of St. Albans was presented with the Mary Mason Scudder Trophy. The Championship flight played 36 holes on the last day and the winning score was 4 & 3 by Kathy.
- The Medalist with the low score of Day 1 is Barbara Berkmeier of Norwood Hills CC with a score of 78. Julie Frank of Westwood CC also had a Day 1 score of 78. Barbara won the medalist title on the first playoff hole in a sudden death playoff.
- Julie Frank of Westwood CC was the low putt winner on Day 1 with 27 putts.

Flight winners were:

- Red flight – Amy Felton of MB defeated Mary Freund of WB in 19 holes.
- Blue flight – Carol Kelleher of STA defeated Janine Reed of MB 3 & 2.
- Green flight – Sue Petru of LG defeated Jill Keach of NW in 19 holes.
- Purple flight – Jennifer Ott of GE defeated Joyce Bishop of LG 1-up.
- Yellow Flight – Dolores Boehmer of NW defeated Cheryl Povich of WM 2 & 1.
- The Team Award was won by STA. Their combined four lowest scores totaled 328. The scores were shot by Diane Chancellor, Kathy Glennon, Carol Kelleher and Jennifer Webb.

Gerry expressed her congratulations to all the winners and runners-up.

She informed the ladies that the Sunset Hills Country Club will host the 2018 Invitational, July 30 thru August 3.

Gerry reported that the Mixed Event was hosted by Old Warson Country Club. We had 81 couples, the course was in great condition and we enjoyed a delicious dinner. Gerry thanked Marsha Rheinacker and her committee for planning and organizing the event. Gerry expressed her desire that as many members as possible join us for the Mixed Event next year at Bogey Hills Country Club on Thursday, July 19.

Gerry reported that the Susan E. Shepherd Charity event was held at Norwood Hills Country Club on September 22. The charity this year was “Gateway to Hope”. The SES Foundation donated \$2,000 to our chosen charity and our members donated \$3,270 for a total donation of \$5270.00. Susan Ittner, Susan E. Shepherd’s granddaughter joined us for lunch and Jackie Rosen, a founding member of Gateway to Hope’s Board of Directors and a District member from Meadowbrook played and attended lunch as the charity spokesperson. On behalf of Gateway to Hope Jackie thanked everyone for their donations.

She reported that the Tournament of a Lifetime will be held at the Country Club of St. Albans on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> where we will celebrate our newest Honorary Life Member, Helen Shopmaker. Helen became a District member in 1968.

She concluded that the 2017 season has been a huge success thanks to the work of the ladies at the head table along with our Historian, Debbie Manne, our prize chairs, Boobie Light and Laurie Merchant and our webmaster Ronnie Burg and her committee. She thanked everyone for their time, effort and dedication to STLWDGA.

The Vice President's Report was giving by Gerry Wisniewski.

Gerry reported that one of her primary responsibilities this year was to run the Jr. Invitational that was held at Glen Echo Country Club on Monday, July 31st and Tuesday, August 1st. We had 20 participants ages 11 to 18. She reported that the overall Champion was Claire Solovic of the Gateway PGA Jr. Golf Club. She shot 73/71 for a two day for a total of 144. Claire was the Day One Medalist. In Second Place, only 1 shot behind, was Shanon Gould from Persimmon Woods. She shot 74/71 for a two day total of 145. Although it was not a large field, there were impressive young golfers participating. Gerry thanked Vickie Ressler, Ronnie Burg, Marian Sinnet, CJ Evans, Bev Frein and Glen Echo volunteers for their help.

She reminded STLWDGA membership that we are accepting nominations for a new charity to benefit from our Susan E. Shepherd Tournament. The organization that we support should primarily benefit women and/or children. She told the ladies to send nominations to any member of the board. The board will compile a list, discuss the nominations and vote on the 2018 recipient at the fall executive board meeting.

Gerry reported that we added 9 new or returning members in 2017. As of today, we have 372 members. The new members are:

- Sandy Mathes, BR
- Mindy Dull, WM
- Jenny Pettinga, NW
- Catherine Ketler, LF
- Karen Klar, LF
- Debbie Kozyak, SSH
- Daisy Shrader, FH
- Sophia Roth, LG
- Carol Stapley, WM

Gerry reported that the 2018 Yearbook will be completed during the fall and winter months. Each CD will be sent a current list of members and information sheet for their respective club. Vickie Ressler has a printed copy of our database for members to review to make sure the current information is up-to-date. She reminded everyone that it is time for District Members from each club to meet and choose a Corresponding Director, Team Captain, New Member Coordinator and two Directors for 2018. She requested that any changes in club management are immediately passed along to the President and Vice-President.

The Tournament Chair Report was given by Vickie Ressler

Vickie thanked everyone for attending the Closing Scramble and Fall Meeting.

She mentioned that being Tournament Chair this past year has been exciting, challenging and satisfying. She thanked everyone who supported her while she became familiar with her responsibilities. She commented and thanked the Corresponding Directors who serve as an important link between the members and the Tournament Chair to ensure that everyone is informed about each event.

Vickie thanked the ladies who signed up and played in the events that we had this year and reported the following numbers for participation:

- 137 entries but could only accommodate 108 for the Opening Scramble at Westborough for the Opening Scramble. The event was rained out after the ninth hole.
- 79 for the TOL at Whitmoor
- 64 for the Three-day Tournament at Lake Forest, Meadowbrook, and St. Clair
- 85 for the first Best Ball at Sunset
- 106 for the Senior Tournament at Meadowbrook
- 100 for the second Best Ball at the Legends
- 75 for the SES at Norwood where we donated over \$3000.00 for Gateway to Hope.
- 99 for the Closing Scramble at the St. Louis Country Club

The Merit System was used for the Opening Scramble and for the Best Ball in September.

Vickie informed the ladies that she used the new Golf Genius tournament pairing system to correspond with all of the members about each of the events and after each event announcing the winners. She received encouraging emails about how nice it was to know who won from the members who did not play in the events. Use of the program made it easier to inform players about tournament details and weather. She reminded everyone that it is important to have current information in the Master Roster.

Vickie reported that over \$10,000.00 in Pro Shop credit was awarded this year. The amount does not include the prizes awarded at the 3-Day or Invitational.

Vickie concluded by thanking the 20 participating clubs and their staff for supporting STLWDGA and serving as hosts in 2017.

Joyce Jackson, Assistant Tournament Chair had no report.

Sue Springmeyer, Recording Secretary had no report.

Corresponding Secretary's report was given by Bev Frein.

- Bev reported that 12 “Thinking of you” cards were mailed to Bob Shogren.
- One “Get Well” card was mailed to Jane Ellen Kuenzle.
- Two Sympathy cards mailed were mailed to the families of Mary Lee Britt and Julia Schnuck
- The Spring Mailing was on March 14, 2017. We mailed 367 President letters, Luncheon invitations and 2017 Invitational invitations and programs. In addition, there were 20 letters mailed to the current CDs' from the twenty district clubs

The Treasurer’s report was given by CJ Evans.

CJ reported good financial shape with no surprises this year. The checkbook balance as of September 30, 2017 is \$17,190.07 with a reserve of \$2,500.00. The 100 Anniversary is at \$8,000.00. The Lorette MedArt Fund is \$250.00. This leaves a balance of \$6,440.07 for 2017.

She estimated costs for the Closing scramble and meeting \$1,600.00, Team awards \$600 and Miscellaneous \$1,000.00. Total \$3,200.00 with an estimated balance forward of \$3,240.07

The Team Chair’s Report was given by Ronnie Burg.

Ronnie reported that she and Margaret worked on learning the new Tournament Management (TM) program in addition to implementing a Pace of Play system. The TM program allowed them to streamline a few procedures and to have more flexibility in report design and communication. They receive program updates every one to three months.

She reported that the Pace of Play system was met with favorable results and comments. For this to succeed, every player has to step up and play faster.

She thanked the Club Team Captains for their hard work and Sunset Hills Country Club and Bogey Hills Country Club for hosting both a regular team competition and semifinal or final team competitions.

She reported that we had exciting Semifinal and Final matches this year with several of the competitions coming down to the last hole.

Ronnie made the presentation of plaques and trophies.

In the Gross Category awards are as follows:

- Firestone Division winner is Whitmoor Country Club
- St. Andrews Division winner is Algonquin Golf Club
- Muirfield Division winner and Overall Gross Runner Up is Sunset Country Club
- Augusta Division winner and Overall Gross Winner is The Country Club of St. Albans

In the Net Category awards are as follows:

- Firestone Division Winner is The Legends
- St. Andrews Division Winner is Meadowbrook Country Club
- Augusta Division Winner and Overall Net Runner Up is Westborough Country Club
- Muirfield Division Winner and Overall Net Winner is Norwood Hills Country Club

Assistant Team Chair, Margaret Farrell had no report.

Rules Chair, Laurel Palmer had no report.

Parliamentarian, Honorary President; Marian Sinnet had no report.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

An Auditor's Report was presented by Gerry Wisniewski

- Gerry reviewed the 2017 year-to-date finances and stated that the figures are valid and correct as entered in the ledger. The reserves of \$2500.00 and the 100th Anniversary fund of \$8000.00 are at the proper level.

Course Rating: Jayne Watson had no report.

Historian/Publicity: Debbie Manne had no report.

Nominating: Gerry added that Nominating report will be read in New Business

Prize Chairs: Boobie Light, Laurie Merchant had no report.

Rules: Laurel Palmer, Pattie Canter, Jane Hayo had no report.

Web Master: Ronnie Burg thanked the ladies who worked on updating the website during the golfing season. The homepage on the website is changed to "What's New" and will have more recent things for a short period of time.

Gerry, thanked everyone for the reports and stated that they will be filed. She commented that she appreciates all the time and effort that the ladies give to District serving on the Standing Committees.

There was no response when Gerry asked if there was any additional old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Gerry asked if there are there any members here today who have not received their new member pin. Debbie Kozack from Sunset Hills Country Club received her pin.

Gerry reported that Barbara Berkmeyer of Norwood Hills CC recently won her 13<sup>th</sup> Missouri Senior Amateur Title played at Hillcrest Golf Club in Kansas City, MO on September 26-27. Diane Chancellor of the Country Club of St. Albans came in second only 2 shots behind.

She announced that Diane Chancellor, a member of the Country Club of St. Albans and District member since 1999 is leaving us and moving south. She expressed her regrets to see Diane leave, thanked her for being a dedicated STLWDGA member for the past 18 years and wished her good luck.

STLWDGA lost the following members in 2017:

- Mary Leigh Britt from Norwood Hills CC and a District member from 1991 thru 2013 who passed away this past December.
- Julia Schnuck from Bellerive CC and a District member from 1994 thru 2016 passed away in February of 2017.

Gerry introduced Marian Sinnett representative of the Nominating Committee.

Marian informed the ladies present that as stated in Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws, "...the immediate Past President shall be a member of the Executive Committee with the title of Parliamentarian/Honorary President" so she requires no nomination. Marian Sinnett from Forest Hills is that member.

Marion stated, the Nominating Committee for St. Louis Women's District Golf Association places in nomination the following names for the 2017-2018 Executive Board.

- President: Gerry Wisniewski NW  
Vice President: Vickie Ressler MB
- Tournament Chair: Joyce Jackson FH  
Asst. Tournament Chair: DavieAnn Degenhart LG
- Team Chair: Ronnie Burg PW  
Asst. Team Chair Margaret Farrell WB
- Corresponding Secretary: Bev Frein BH
- Recording Secretary: Sue Springmeyer STA
- Treasurer: CJ Evans LF
- Rules Chair: Laurel Palmer AG
- Parliamentarian/ Honorary President: Marian Sinnett FH

Marian requested nominations from the floor. She informed the ladies present, if nominated, to rise, after recognition from the Chair, state your name, club and your nominee and for which office. (If there is nominations from the floor, a piece of paper will be given to all those with voting privileges i.e. the Past Presidents, the Executive Committee, and the three Directors from each Club. Three people will then be asked at random to count the votes.)

There were no nominations made from the floor. Pat Blassie GE made a motion to accept the slate as presented. The motion to second was made by Cindi Herron GE. The motion was accepted.

Gerry expressed her thanks to Marian Sinnet, Past President.

She thanked everyone for participating in the Closing Scramble and attending the Closing Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Gerry requested a motion from a director to adjourn. Judy Tindell BH made a motion to adjourn and Marilyn Steinbeck WW seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Springmeyer  
Recording Secretary  
October 6, 2017

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