

ST. LOUIS WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION
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Spring Executive Committee Meeting

March 31, 2021 @ Bogey Hills CC

I. Meeting called to order @ 10:10AM

II. Board Members Present:

Bev Frein, BH; Barb Witbrodt, STA; Carol Bloss, LG; Margaret Farrell, WB (via Phone); Ronnie Burg, PW; Julie Villarini, WB; Sally Gordon, STL; Vickie Ressler, MB; Helen Bartelsmeyer, STA; and Lisa Schad, FH.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the Fall Executive Board Meeting of November 5, 2020 were distributed electronically to each member for review. Bev asked for comments, changes or questions. Vickie Ressler motioned to accept the minutes as written and Barb Witbrodt seconded the motion. Minutes of the November 5, 2020 Executive Board Meeting are hereby approved as submitted.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a) District Shirts have been embroidered and are available to be picked up by members after the meeting.

V. REPORTS

- a) Presidents Report: Reported by Bev Frein, BH
 - Spring Mailing was contracted with Ink Spot, which did a very professional and timely job. The mailing went out the day after it was received.
 - The Tournament Chair vacancy has been filled by Sally Gordon, STL. A huge thanks to Sally and also to Helen Bartelsmeyer, STA, who has accepted the position of Assistant Tournament Chair. Bev and Barb will be assisting in familiarizing both ladies with the positions.

- Spring Opening meeting to be held on April 15, 2021 at Bogey Hills Country Club. Julie Bossard will be the luncheon coordinator and has met with the Chef in choosing the menu. Please remember to make your reservations for lunch.
- The Tournament of a Lifetime will be on Thursday, May 13 at Bellerive. We will not be honoring Julie Spitzfaden despite this being her 50th year in District. Old Warson was not scheduling any events in 2021, so Julie has asked that she be recognized in 2022 at Old Warson. There will be no honoree this year.
- The Mixed Event is being held at The Country Club of St. Albans on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Sue Springmeyer will chair this event along with Bev Frein. We will set up a meeting with St. Albans to work out the details of the event.
- The Invitational Tournament will be August 2 – 6 at Algonquin. Carla Freund has agreed to be hospitality coordinator for this event.
- 2022 requests have been sent to all of the District Clubs. As of March 26, 2021; the following commitments have been received:
- Opening Meeting- STA, Opening Scramble- WH, 3rd day of Three Day Stroke –BH, Senior- SS, Mixed Event- BR. We are optimistic that St. Louis CC will agree to host the Invitational. There had been a verbal commitment in 2020 when they had to cancel the event schedule there.

The Presidents Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

b) Vice President Report: Reported by Barb Witbrodt, STA

- Dues: In October, 2020, letters and a club roster were sent to each member club's accounts payable/receivable contact and club manager. In the letter they were asked to verify that each lady listed was still a full golfing member with the club. They were also asked to notify us of any roster changes, and send that information along with their check, to Janine Fabick. The letter included a due date of January 31, 2021. All dues have been received.
- At our closing meeting on October 8, 2020 we had 344 members, and since that time we have lost 22 members, but gained 18 new members.

This number includes 16 new members from Winghaven. Our total membership as of March 31, 2021 stands at 340.

- Yearbooks: Corresponding Directors have been very helpful in getting updates sent back. They have sent me confirmation/update of their Club Manager, Golf Professional, 18 Hole Chair, Corresponding Director and New Member Coordinator for 2021. The Database, Golf Genius and the 2021 Yearbook have been updated.
 - Margaret Farrell provided the Team Schedule and the divisions. They have been updated in the 2021 Yearbook.
 - Vickie Ressler, Bev Frein, and Barb Witbrodt met in mid-March to review and edit the yearbook. The first draft was sent to Ink Spot and a hard copy of the draft should be in hand any day.
 - Database: The Database is updated on an ongoing basis. This is for an accurate listing of new and departing members.
 - Junior Invitational: At the present time, due to lack of participation, we will not be holding the Junior Invitational Golf Tournament. Should we receive increased interest in the event in the future, it could be brought back.
 - New Member Coordinator Meeting: Thanks to the WingHaven New Member meeting in the fall, the New Member Manual is ready for the upcoming New Member Coordinator meeting.
- c) Tournament Chair Report: no Tournament Chair report due to a new Tournament Chair being placed into the position March 30,2021.
- d) Team Chair Report by Margaret Farrell, WB (mobile attendance)
- Most preparations for team play in 2021 have been completed. Sections, Divisions and the Play Grid are done. Information will be entered into the Golf Genius (Tournament Management) Program shortly.
 - The Captains packet for our opening meeting is mostly complete, just waiting for the final list of Team Captains to finalize. All team captains will be contacted regarding cart requirements for their teammates for the upcoming season.

- We look forward to working with the Golf Professionals, Club Managers and Team Captains from our five competition courses: Bogey Hills, Lake Forest, Westborough, The Legends, and Forest Hills. It has been confirmed with each of the hosting clubs, that our team events are scheduled to be played. As of this writing, all clubs will allow guests.
 - Safety issues discussed for keeping everyone safe during Team Events: Possibly having no check in table, masks requirements in public areas and clubhouses, and lunch safety options. Procedures are still evolving at this writing.
 - Team Chair report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.
- e) Assistant Team Chair, Carol Bloss, LG: No Report
- f) Treasurer, Janine Fabick, SS; Not Present; Printed report distributed to Committee Members.
- Last year was an extraordinary year due to Covid. The shutdown of all activities impacted our financial position in a positive manner. Because we were not able to host the majority of our events, the dues collected for 2020 were largely unspent. Instead of ending the year with a projected balance of approximately \$14,000, we ended with approximately \$26,000. The good news is the flexibility this provides us to make 2021 a memorable year. In addition to purchasing 36 new and long-lasting tee markers, prizes are being adjusted as well. For 2021 only, third place and ties will be awarded, in addition to the usual first and second place awards. These and a few other additional expenditures will bring the balances down to a level close to what was projected before Covid.
 - We are projecting ending the year at \$16,498, which consists of the following balances:
 - Reserved for Operations: \$2,500, Lorette MedArt Fund \$500, Dorothy Gould \$7,690, Unreserved \$5,808.
 - We are budgeting for 319 members, which is one more than budgeted in 2020. All funds reside in our checking account at US Bank. All board and treasurer records of the District reside in a locked storage at Life Storage #307, 301 Meramec Station Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021.

- Motion was made to approve the 2020-2021 budget by Barb Witbrodt. Carol Bloss seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
 - The Treasurer's Report along with Spreadsheets are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.
- g) Communication Chair: Ronnie Burg, PW, No Report
- h) Rules Chair Report: Julie Villarini WB, No Report
- i) Recording Secretary, Lisa Schad, FH, No Report
- j) Honorary Past President/Parliamentarian, Vickie Ressler, MB, reported as follows:
- 2021 Schedule is near completion, and awaiting final confirmation for 2 Clubs.
 - The Past Presidents Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Board Changes: As stated above, our new Tournament Chair is Sally Gordon STL, and Assistant Tournament Chair is Helen Bartelsmeyer, STA.
- b) Carts: Responses from each of the each of the Club Teams indicate the all participants for Team are okay with 2 persons to a cart. For those individuals, requesting a cart by themselves, need to understand that they will be required to pay the cart fee included in the club charge, and an addition charge for whatever that club is charged to have that additional cart available. Last year District picked up that additional charge, but are unable to continue absorbing that expense.
- c) Opening Meeting/Spring Mailing: The opening meeting will be held on April 15th, 2021 at Bogey Hills CC. All precautions will be taken as to social distancing, and spacing in a dining room that can accommodate 500 people. Tables will be set for 6 persons. The lunch will be plated since we are still a bit leary of buffet-style.
- d) Yearbook/Spring Mailing: as described in above text

- e) Ladies National Golf Association: Flyer will be set out at Opening meeting in the case that any members would be interested in volunteering. They did request a sponsorship, which we do not do as an organization.
- f) Centerpieces will be put together with the New Tee Markers so the membership will have the opportunity to see what they look like.
- g) Tentative 2022 schedule: Proposed schedule handed out, with some confirmed dates and some continue to be tentative.

Helen Bartelsmeyer STA, made a motion to adjourn. Sallie Gordon seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schad, STLWDGA Recording Secretary