

STLWDGA
SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
March 2, 2018
Norwood Hills Country Club

CALL TO ORDER 9:38 AM

Present: Gerry Wisniewski, NW; Vickie Ressler, MB; Joyce Jackson, FH; Ronnie Burg, PW; CJ Evans, LF; Bev Frein, BH; Sue Springmeyer, STA; Laurel Palmer, ALG; Marian Sinnett, FH. Participating by phone was Daveann Degenhart, LG.

MINUTES FROM THE FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

- minutes have been reviewed
- Joyce approved the minutes and Vickie second
- minutes were approved

OLD BUSINESS

Embroidered Shirts

- Gerry picked up the shirts
- The lady who embroideries the shirts, Jane, is moving to Festus but can still do the work
- She charges \$12.00 per shirt
- STLWDGA paid for the logo
- Joyce suggested that we ask for a digital copy of the logo

Stationary needs

- Gerry asked if anyone needed stationary.

Mixed Event

- The Mixed Event will now have its own section in the yearbook instead of a page associated with the entry form.
- Per the discussion at the fall meeting, we will clarify eligibility for partners. They will have to have golfing privileges at one of our 20 member clubs.

Pace of Play

- Gerry, Ronnie, Laurel, Joyce, Pattie Canter and Jane Hayo met to discuss, the good and bad with last years approach using red and yellow flags.
- Laurel will explain the details of the plan for this year in her report.

NO ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY Gerry Wisniewski, NW

- Gerry thanked the board for their attendance.
- She informed the board that the spring mailing information is ready and Bev Frein will send it out to the membership early next week.
- Last week Vickie, Gerry and Terri Hennessey met with Lynn Butler at Bellerive to plan the Opening Meeting and luncheon on Friday, April 13th.
- Gerry informed the board that the The Tournament of a Lifetime will be on Friday, May 18th at St. Albans. We have a 50-year honoree who joined STLWDGA in 1968, Helen Shopmaker. A letter was sent to Helen. If there is enough space, non-district members who are friends of Helens can come to the luncheon.
- Bev Frein is working with Gerry to plan the Mixed Event that will be on Thursday, July 19th at Bogey Hills Country Club. They will arrange a planning meeting with Angel Walters-Likens and Neely Robertson.
- Gerry reminded the board of the Invitational Tournament that is scheduled on Monday-Friday, July 30-31 and August 1-3 at Sunset Hills Country Club. Kathy Eardley has agreed to serve as the hospitality coordinator. Gerry is concerned about participation due to the long drive to Illinois. She encouraged the board to participate, asked everyone to encourage members at each respective club.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY Vickie Ressler, MB

- Vickie informed the board that as of February 24, dues have been received from 17 clubs. She will contact Greenbriar Hills, Sunset Hills, and Whitmoor to solicit dues payment. We have a net loss of 18 paying members for 2018. In 2017 we lost 26 members making our memberships down 44 members in two years. Our current membership is 353.
- Vickie advised the board that the 2018 yearbook has been updated and is ready to be printed. She worked with CD's, called the clubs and/or members to secure membership information.
- As of April 1st, Vickie will send an updated database once a month to the board. Members of the board commented that once per month is fine unless we have a new member since Joyce will need updated membership information. Ronnie will continue to update the database on the web.

- Vickie updated the Junior Invitation event registration. She is considering the use of the Premium Tournament Pairing in Golf Genius for signups. She spoke with Maggie, Curt Rohe's assistant, about registration, refunds, etc. and was informed that players can sign up without a GHIN Handicap. She will contact high school coaches and junior golf contacts at our clubs to encourage participation. Norwood Hills will be a good venue so sign ups should be strong. She mentioned that she will need help from the board during the tournament. She will need spotters, scorers and shuttle drivers. Gerry questioned using golf genius for registration using credit cards etc. Vickie responded that they are doing everything on line. Discussion continued in regard to CJ who needs to be involved so the money gets to our bank account. CJ suggests that it could work like PayPal. Vickie informed the board that there will be an STLWDGA administration fee for any player who cancels 10 days before the tournament. It was discussed to have something on the application that there will be no refunds after a certain date. Vickie expressed her concern that the sheet for contacts is that of private high school coaches. Marion added that, when it comes to public schools, you have to go through the office of the athletic director. Vickie will work to contact public school athletic directors.
- Vickie has updated the materials for the New Member Coordinator meeting and will be assembling it before the Spring Meeting.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR REPORT BY Joyce Jackson, FH

Joyce is working on familiarizing herself with the Tournament Management Software, assembling the Corresponding Director packets and organizing the tournament correspondence to ensure a smooth tournament season for 2018.

In regard to the Tournament Management Software - St. Louis Women's District Golf Association has access to the premium version of Tournament Management (previously known as Golf Genius). She is taking every opportunity to have training. After she completes a couple of tournaments and has a clear understanding of the upgraded software, she will bring discussion to the executive board in regard to any use of new functionality that we should incorporate. She would like to try scoring component, perhaps use the old and new for tournament with low attendance. Vickie suggested that we could have one person in the cart on golf genius and one person using score card. Joyce is thinking she could use the score entered into the program to determine the tournament winners.

- Joyce informed the board that the packets with a timeline for all of the tournaments for the Corresponding Directors will be ready for the Opening Meeting. She plans to contact the CDs prior to the start the season.
- She is organizing the tournament correspondence, letters to the golf pros, pre-event checklists, tournament to do lists, and thank you letters.
- She will help Daveann prepare for her responsibilities for this tournament season. They plan to get together and review Daveann's binder and timeline.

ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT CHAIR Daveann Degenhart, LG gave no report.

TEAM CHAIR BY Ronnie Burg, PW

- Ronnie informed the board that most of the preparation for team play in 2018 has been completed. Sections, Divisions and the Play Grid are ready and information has been entered into the Tournament Management Program.
- She is just about finished with the Captains packet for the Opening Meeting. She is busy incorporating the Pace of Play policy into the packet.
- She has verified all of the names, cell phone numbers and email addresses for the 20 Team Captains.
- The five competition courses for 2018 are Norwood Hills, St. Clair, Westborough, St. Louis and Glen Echo.

ASSISTANT TEAM CHAIR Margaret Farrell, WB had no report.

TREASURER REPORT BY CJ Evans, LF

- CJ distributed 2018 Proposed Operating Budget. She reminded the executive board that she needs receipts or a copy of a check to create a paper trail. When it is time to close the books, she does not always have the invoices and/or requests for reimbursement.
- We expect to collect \$25,600 in dues for 2018 and have a carryover balance from 2017 of \$3,695.70.
- Gerry led the discussion in regard to the Junior Tournament which has an allotment of \$200 but is supposed to be self-funded. CJ commented that Sunset His only had ten participants and yet we still have to do the same amount of preparation (snacks, score board, water) so we lost money. Vickie inquired as to whether or not we could raise the entry fee to \$50. Gerry recommended we don't raise the entry fee as it was raised within the last 2 years from \$40 to \$45. We will keep the \$200 in the budget to help the event.
- CJ will send an up-dated spreadsheet each month.
- Gerry commented that we had a lot of non-district members play in the Invitational which covered some of our other expenses
- Gerry led a brief discussion to clear up confusion in regard to the category of "Board expenses." The category for board expenses are those expenses allowed for the board to meet it's responsibilities such as for paper, ink and flowers
- There is \$3,695.70 in the checkbook to start the 2018 Season.

RULES REPORT BY Laurel Palmer, ALG

- During the winter months, Laurel reviewed the Local Rules for each club and made the necessary changes. Each of these will be ready to send to the Club Professional prior to each of the events. She is going to have the Pace of Play Guidelines professionally made into signs that will be used at all of our events. She shared the information that will be on the signs and requested comments from the board. She will have the signs ready to share with the STLWDGA membership at the Opening Meeting. Laurel plans to give one sign to the Team Chairman and the Tournament Chairman so they will be on display at every event. Laurel will introduce the new Foursome Captain Policy to the membership at the Opening Meeting and prior to golf at the Opening Scramble. She will make the following points with the STLWDGA members
 - 1) This is a group effort. It is for the best interest of all members that we focus on improving Pace of Play and try to play District golf in 4 and ½ hours or less.
 - 2) Every District member will be a Foursome Captain at some time and we can learn from each other.
 - 3) The Foursome Captain's job is not to criticize or police the women in her foursome. Her purpose is to make observations, to make positive suggestions when confronted with Pace of Play issues, and to guide her group to move faster as needed.
- Board discussion in regard to the Foursome Captain Policy included comments:
 - concern for getting the word out because of the small number of members who attend the opening meeting.
 - Laurel will tell the ladies when they are in their carts
 - Bev suggested that the CD could have a meeting with district players each respective club
 - Ronnie, will put the information in the team captains' packet
 - Joyce will discuss with CDs
 - Ronnie will send reminder that we will have Foursome Captains
 - Gerry suggested that we send the information to members who are playing in the event
 - people who don't play feel like they are not in the loop.
- Vickie introduced conversation in regard to the Provisional ball rule. It takes a lot of time and is not always played correctly. Ronnie commented that it is important to know the reason you are hitting a provisional.

- Marian confirmed that Laurel will have a poster easy to read and on a stand at the sign in area. Laurel asked for suggestions as to where to purchase the signs and which account to apply the charges. A variety of local businesses were suggested.

RECORDING SECRETARY Sue Springmeyer, STA had no report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Bev Frein, BH

- Bev sent 12 Thinking of you cards and two Get well cards were sent.

HONORARY PAST PRESIDENT/PARLIAMENTARIAN Marian Sinnett, FH had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Yearbooks

Gerry sent an email to CDs to see if our membership would like a printed version of the yearbook of which 149 responded that they do not need it. Gerry led the discussion in regard to cost and distribution of the yearbook. Discussion items included the following:

- should we print one for every member of STLWDGA
- should we print it this year & form a committee to study how to reduce the size of the book
- next year members who wish to have a printed version will request it
- Joyce suggested that we put parts of the yearbook on the webpage as “stand alone” items so that our members can print a specific part
- Bev inquired as to whether or not we know how many members do not use the computer
- Vickie is going to change the PDF format to that of a 8x11
- Gerry asked several pros if they use and/or need the yearbook and they responded it is not a big deal. They have access to the website.
- Marian likes to have a book with her if she has to look up a member. Vickie commented that is where the app would be good.
- We could say, from now on, you have to tell CD if you want a yearbook
- Joyce suggested we print 1/2 (200) the number, have them available at opening meeting and tell CDs if members want more, we can get them at a later date.
- no reason to have names printed on the book
- Marian suggested that we contact the printer and find out the break down for printing costs. Vickie will find out if there is a difference in cost.
- The size, binder and format is expensive.
- plan to have at least one for each locker room
- Board members need 2 copies

Gerry brought the discussion to a close by saying that we will make a decision on the printing for this year after Vickie gets information from the printer on the cost to print X number of books and if it would cost more per book if we decide to print additional books. Either way we will get a committee together to discuss printing the yearbook for next year. The board gave suggestions to Vickie for the committee to have a past president, Gerry and CJ.

Membership

- Gerry informed the board that she asked the new member coordinators to give her the potential for new members if we change the handicap index. It looks as though a raise to 17.4 would bring in eight new members. The following items were discussed:
 - the index has to be raise a minimum of .4 and 16.4 is not enough
 - we need new members who are willing to come and play regardless where it is
 - new players really want to play
 - Gerry commented that inter-club is struggling
 - clubs do not want to host because not enough participants
 - CJ a lot of conflict with district dates & inter club
 - Joyce added that a lot of our members have higher index
 - the idea of having more members is better
 - incredible opportunity to play great courses supporting our member clubs to open it up to more members
- Sue made the motion to raise the index to 17.4 and CJ made the second.
- Vickie will announce the change during her meeting with the new member coordinators.
- Gerry will announce at the opening meeting that the higher index will be as of the start of the opening meeting. Gerry requested that the board not tell anyone at this time.
- The information will be in the yearbook.

Handicap and STLWDGA Membership

- Gerry informed the board that our bylaws require a player to have 20 scores entered into the GHIN system to have a valid index for STLWDGA membership. In previous years STLWDGA required 25 scores. There was an inquiry from one of the NMC's about a member who only had 7 scores but otherwise would qualify based on index. Some of the clubs require 10 scores and the USGA requires five scores to establish a HI. The USGA is taking a look at changing to a new world handicap system designed to welcome new golfers. But their purpose is to grow the game of golf whereas STLWDGA is to support our member clubs and member participation in all of our tournaments. Marian commented that the USGA takes the best 10 out of 20 scores to

determine the HI. Gerry added that this is in the bylaws and would require a vote if we were to change it.

- Gerry wrapped up the discussion by commenting that our goal is to get new members so that we have more people to play in our events. At this time there is no reason to change the requirement to have 20 scores.
- Marian added that 20 scores is a good indicator of the person's ability to play.

Invitational

Gerry informed the board that, this year, the Invitational will be at Sunset Hills and she is concerned about the location and getting enough participants for the tournament. It is difficult to get a commitment for members to play five days in a row. She encouraged board members to play and encourage other STLWDGA members to participate. The following comments were made:

- it is such a long tournament and a lot on the body
- encourage members of STWDGA to distribute the flyer to non-district players
- it is important for us to continue the event
- non-district players must be a member of a District club and they pay \$40 with no handicap requirements. In addition, they pay a cart fee.
- Daveann suggested that we make a list of and publish the "reasons to play"
- Marian suggested to put one in each packet for the CDs to post

Three-day stroke play breaking ties

Ronnie brought up item g. in the Three-day Stroke Play Tournament in regard to breaking ties. The current rules require an 18 hole play-off for overall low gross and low net.

- Joyce added that the USGA is using sudden death and eliminated the 18 hole play off. Discussion included the following comments:
 - Three day is the only tournament where we have an 18 hole play-off
 - it is not in our bylaws
 - The players can meet at a mutually agreed upon time and place. And, if, they continue to tie after the 18 hole play-off, it becomes sudden death.
 - Should we use sudden death in the case of ties?
- Marian will send an email to past presidents to see if they have any objections.
- Gerry will check the USGA tournament rules.

Opening Meeting information

Gerry informed that board that the spring mailing will go out on Monday. And she reminded, board members to call Bellerive to make reservations for lunch.

Bev made a motion to adjourn and CJ seconded the motion.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:40

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Springmeyer
Recording Secretary

			St. Louis Women's District Golf Association						
			2018 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET						
INCOME									
		2018 dues						\$25,600.00	
		2017 carryover money						\$3,695.70	
			TOTAL INCOME					<u>\$29,295.70</u>	
EXPENSES									
		BOARD							
		100-year anniversary	\$1,000.00						
		Yearbook	\$1,500.00						
		Storage/insurance	\$1,500.00						
		brochures/mailing	\$1,200.00						
		Board expenses	\$6,795.70						
							Subtotal	\$11,995.70	
		EVENTS							
					Prizes	Expenses			
		Team	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00				
		Opening scramble	\$1,800.00	\$1,775.00	\$25.00				
		TOL	\$1,800.00	\$1,600.00	\$200.00				
		3-day	\$2,100.00	\$1,800.00	\$300.00				
		Invitational	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00				
		Senior	\$1,900.00	\$1,800.00	\$100.00				
		Junior	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00				
		SES	\$1,800.00	\$1,600.00	\$200.00				
		Best Ball	\$1,800.00	\$1,775.00	\$25.00				
		Closing	\$1,800.00	\$1,775.00	\$25.00				
				\$13,625.00	\$3,675.00			\$17,300.00	
			TOTAL EXPENSES					<u>\$29,295.70</u>	