

**STLWDGA
FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

November 16, 2018
Norwood Hills Country Club

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 10 AM

Present: Gerry Wisniewski, NW; Vickie Ressler, MB; Bev Frein, BH, Barb Witbrodt, STA, Jan Miles, FH, Margaret Farrell, WB, CJ Evans, LF; Laurel Palmer, ALG; Marian Sinnett, FH.

Gerry welcomed all board members and introduced new members, Barb Witbrodt, STA, and Jan Miles, FH

Gerry distributed the 2019 STLWDGA Schedule and an Executive Board Roster

**MINUTES FROM THE SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OF MARCH 2, 2018**

- Gerry sent copies of minutes by email and at this meeting asked for comments, changes and/or questions on them
- CJ Evans made a motion to approve the minutes and Laurel Palmer seconded
- Minutes of the March 2, 2018 Spring Executive Board Meeting are hereby approved as submitted

OLD BUSINESS

Job Descriptions

- Gerry requested all job descriptions be updated by Spring of next year

Pace of Play

- Pace of Play changes implemented last year were deemed a success
- Laurel heard no complaints about this system
- It was determined captains did make a difference
- Margaret Farrell reported times were improved
- Pace of Play will continue for all tournament and team events next year

Luncheon Thank You Notes

- The full sheet thank you notes placed on the tables at the clubs hosting our events were well received
- Bev reported the Pros appreciated them and found them to be efficient
- Gerry directed this practice should continue and be adopted for next year and be written into the Assistant Tournament Chairman's job description

Yearbooks

- Last year all 200 books which were printed were distributed to members who requested one
- Vickie reported some people who did not want a book last year have requested one this year
- The CDs will poll their members to determine how many printed books are needed for 2019
- It was decided to leave the policy the same as last year – to print books only for those who request them from their CD

Membership – Handicap Requirement

- Gerry reported since our handicap requirement changed to 17.4 from 15.4, 37 new members joined
- Currently membership is 360 members
- 400 members is ideal number
- Merit system used twice last year
- Usually events are attended by 100 top people playing and about 250 not participating
- Handicap requirement of 17.4 will remain for 2019 and Board will review enrollment and participation numbers for determining if change is needed

End of Old Business

REPORTS

President's Report by Gerry Wisniewski, NW

2019 Schedule

- Gerry reported 2019 Schedule has been finalized
- Following review by board members, no questions nor objections were voiced

Stationery Needs

- Letterhead was sent to all board members via email and Gerry has hard copy of letterhead and envelopes for board members to use
- Notecards with District insignia are available and will be ordered by Gerry for distribution to board members
- Scorecard and cart sign stock was also ordered for the year
- Margaret has leftover scorecard stock and will give to Bev along with cart signs

Shirts

- Gerry reminded board members to get 2 shirts to her for embroidering by end of December and District pays for 2 items, and \$13 for additional items
- Marian recommended getting digital copy of emblem
- Gerry will contact last year's lady, but she may have moved too far away
- Barb Witbrodt has an embroidery place in mind if needed

Board Member Uniforms

- Gerry reviewed uniform requirement - a white logo shirt and black bottom - which must be worn by "all" board members at all events including tournaments, except during Team play, the Mixed Event and the Invitational. A black jacket is required at the Opening and Closing meetings, TOL, SES and the Invitational Semi-Finalist luncheons

The President's report is attached hereto and made of part of these minutes

Vice President's Report by Vickie Ressler, MB

Dues

- Vickie sent letters to all 20 clubs requesting \$75 dues be billed to each STLWDGA member at their club along with a list of such members
- Vickie requested an updated list for resignations and changes in membership
- CJ Evans was copied on all letter to Clubs
- Checks from clubs for dues will be mailed to CJ Evans by January 31, 2019

Yearbook

- Vickie contacted all CDs requesting updates of their Club Information and Member Rosters by November 19
- Yearbook Committee consisting of Gerry Wisniewski, Ronnie Burg, Susan Suggs, Carl Ann Jones, Jane Hayo, Jackie Dezort, Marian Sinnett and Vickie Ressler, met twice to reduce Yearbook size
- 2019 Yearbook reduced to 102 pages – full size is approx. 156 pages
- Matt Laufketter of The Ink Sport priced books
- Pages will be 4 x 6 – approximately 100 pages

New Member Coordinators

- Vickie processed three (3) new members since Closing Day on October 6, Jolene Storms, PW, Heather Hey, WM and April Westerhold, WM
- Vickie updating materials for the New Member Coordinator meeting and will be assembling it before the Spring Meeting.

Junior Invitational Tournament

- Meadowbrook will host event on July 18-19, 2019

The Vice President's Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes

Tournament Chair Report by Bev Frein, BH

- Bev is becoming acquainted with Golf Genius and will meet with Joyce and Margaret who will assist in explaining its use
- Gerry mentioned that there are great tutorials and a chat page online
- Bev presented a report of the number of players at each event this year, along with statistics on participation of ladies and clubs

The Tournament Chair Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes

Assistant Tournament Chair By Barb Witbrodt , STA– No Report

Team Chair by Margaret Farrell, WB

- Margaret met with Ronnie who has everything organized and passed along the flash drive with 2018 information
- Margaret will use Golf Genius Tournament Management this year
- Pace of Play will be same as last year as this was successful in keeping times under control
- Yardages for team will stay within 5000-5200 yards for this year
- Margaret asked if starting times for Team could begin at 8:00 a.m. if that time was offered by the hosting club and Gerry indicated that would be agreeable
- Margaret also requested a printer be purchased for Team Chair

The Team Chair Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes

Assistant Team Chair Report - Denise Wareham, LG – No Report

Treasurer's Report by CJ Evans, LF

- CJ distributed 2018 STLWDGA Board Expenses spreadsheet and the 2018 EVENTS Budget vs. Expenses spreadsheet
- CJ reported 2018 season was in good standing, with \$2500 in reserve, \$9000 reserved for 100 year anniversary and \$200 in MedArt fund
- CJ reported a \$6863.39 surplus from 2018 will be carried over to 2019 budget. This surplus partly came from 37 new members' dues who joined in 2018
- Cancellation of the Junior Tournament also added to this year's surplus
- Gerry asked Margaret if locker room attendants received cash gifts during Team events – and she responded they did not
- CJ mentioned Rules Officials have their lunches covered by District
- CJ will notify tournament directors of yearly amounts budgeted for their tournament
- Miscellaneous expenses this year included binders and tabs and monies for organization of storage unit

The Treasurer's Report and spreadsheets are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes

Rules Report by Laurel Palmer, ALG

- Laurel stated Pace of Place improved this year due to Foursome Captains
- This method provided accountability by players since they knew someone was actually watching their times
- Laurel would like to have Guideline Poster at starting table this year to give Foursome Captains additional ideas to use for their group that day
- Laurel suggested any changes to Guideline Poster could be sent via link and/or sent to CDs
- Laurel will present updated poster at Spring Executive Board meeting
- USGA provides a 10 minute video on "The 20 Most Important Rule Changes for 2019" which Laurel wishes to show at Opening Meeting and Scramble

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

Corresponding Secretary – Oanh Wieland, SS – No Report

Recording Secretary – Jan Miles, FH, - No Report

Parliamentarian/Honorary President – Marian Sinnett, FH – No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Changes – 2019/New Rules Books

- Gerry reported District has previously provided USGA Rule Books (400) to its members. In order to cut the cost of this expense, she suggested giving a condensed version of the rules book and would research its cost
- Further consideration should be given to determining if members receive this book from their club or other sources, so District is not merely providing a duplicate
- Regarding new rules changes for 2019 – discussion was to have Laurel show the 10 minute video at the Opening Luncheon and Opening Scramble
- Laurel will need technical help to set up for these meeting to show video

Hardware Purchases

- Gerry asked Bev, our Tournament Chair, and Margaret, our Team Chair, if they required a new computer this year to which they both indicated they would use their own laptops
- Both Bev and Margaret are in need of a good printer and it was discussed that a Brother printer would be an efficient choice for their tasks.
- CJ will enlist her tech hubby's help to research printers for Margaret and Bev
- Barb Witbrodt discussed board members sharing documents with each other through Drop Box, an online cloud service. She will research the cost. This service would provide a secure method of communicating with each other

Invitational – Championship Flight Final Match

Gerry began discussion as to whether the final match for championship flight should remain at 36 holes

- Gerry cited USGA and Mid-Amateur use 18 hole format
- Past presidents were asked their opinion and they suggested asking players themselves
- A poll was taken of players with an 11 handicap or under and majority favored 18 hole format for final match
- Gerry was in favor of adopting 18 hole format
- Gerry requested a formal vote be taken to incorporate the rule that the District's Invitational Championship Flight Final Match be played as an 18 hole event
- A vote was taken of the members of the Executive Committee and IT WAS VOTED UPON AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THAT THE DISTRICT'S INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT FINAL MATCH SHALL BECOME AN 18 HOLE FORMAT

Cancellation Policy

- Discussion began about the 48 hour cancellation policy for events
- Bev reported many cancellations (17 for final year's event) which created more work for the tournament chairs
- Bev also reported many cancellations were by the same members for other events
- Gerry suggested a personal phone call to members who repeatedly cancel to discuss our policy
- Also suggested to discuss matter with CDs who would contact girls
- Marian and Gerry recommended to finalize the pairings approximately two days before tournament instead of 5 days to eliminate extra work
- Margaret asked who should be contacted at the host club when a cancellation necessary for luncheon
- Vickie responded the name of the person to call for Opening Meeting is sent with the email announcement

Yearbooks - Reduced Content

- Vickie reported the committee attempted to reduce the content of the yearbooks which will be printed
- A full size version will be available online and a smaller version will be available for printing
- Vickie reported yearbook changes and additions as follows:
 - Constitution and Bylaws were taken out
 - Handicaps removed from roster
 - Past champions removed
 - Previous year's winners removed
 - Emails and mobile numbers added
 - Entry forms revised to portrait format
 - Conditions of Competition removed
 - Schedule presented in middle of booklet only
 - Team Rules removed
- Gerry advised the Constitution and Bylaws should remain in the yearbook
- After discussion, Gerry also advised to leave in just the previous year's winners
- Vickie will maintain full size yearbook throughout year which will be published online
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Storage Locker

- Vickie reported she and Ronnie spent many hours organizing storage locker at Life Storage on 141 & Manchester
- Labeled boxes by years and took pictures of organized shelves
- Vickie reported there are 2 boxes of vases
- Vickie asked if anyone had other items for storage units
- Gerry has radios
- Marian asked that yellow markers be cleaned up before next Spring and have new numbers put on them

SES Charity Selection

- Sheets describing 13 different charities had been sent to board members for review
- Gerry noted some of charities listed were suggested several years ago and that for future purposes, suggestions should remain on suggestion list for only two years
- These listed charities were removed:
Child Care Awake Missouri, Christian Activity Center, Eye Care Charity of Mid-America, Girls on the Run, Lemay Child & Family Center, Marygrove, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Team Activities for Special Kids (TASK), Tri-County Birthright in Eureka
- These remaining charities were considered: Join Hands ESL, Inc., Kids in the Middle, Little Patriots Embrace, Magdalene House
- Margaret shared her knowledge of history and purpose of Join Hands ESL
- A ballot was distributed to board members with Join Hands ESL, Inc., Kids in the Middle, Little Patriots Embrace, Magdalene House
- Votes were counted and JOIN HANDS ESL, INC. became our 2019 SES Charity

Gerry asked if there was any other new business to discuss. None was presented.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bev and Margaret seconded the motion.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:25

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Miles
Recording Secretary

Converted 2018 FALL EXECUTIVE MINUTES