

**STLWDGA
SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, March 15, 2019
Norwood Hills Country Club**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 9:31 AM

Present: Gerry Wisniewski, NW; Vickie Ressler, MB; Barb Witbrodt, STA; CJ Evans, LF; Jan Miles, FH; Oanh Wieland, SS; Laurel Palmer, ALG; and Denise Wareham, LG. Margaret Farrell, WB, participated in the entire meeting via speaker phone. Bev Frein, BH, and Marian Sinnett FH were not present.

MINUTES FROM THE FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 16, 2018

- Gerry previously sent copies of minutes to Board Members by email and asked for comments, changes and/or questions. None were made.
- Laurel Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes and Barb Witbrodt seconded
- Minutes of the November 16, 2018 Fall Executive Board Meeting are hereby approved as submitted

OLD BUSINESS

Embroidered Shirts

- Gerry thanked Barb for having shirts embroidered and asked for company name for our records. Barb reported our shirts can be embroidered anytime during the year

Stationery Needs

- Gerry has linen letterhead sheets and a few notecards which are available for Board Members' use
- Printing company has proof of the notecard and Invitational brochure and these materials will be available by the Opening Meeting

Job Descriptions

- Gerry recommended each Board Member keep their job descriptions current throughout the year by updating as they perform their duties. Vickie will need all job descriptions in the Fall.

New Rules Books

- Gerry ordered many copies of two different sets of 2019 USGA Rules of Golf for the cost of shipping only
- The bigger version, USGA 2019 Edition of the Rules of Golf, is written for rules officials and individuals who run events. Margaret and Bev will receive copies of this book and anyone else who wants one.
- The smaller version, USGA Players Edition of the Rules of Golf 2019, will be distributed to district members at the Opening Meeting via their CDs

End of Old Business

REPORTS

President's Report by Gerry Wisniewski, NW

Spring Mailing

- Gerry reported 2019 spring mailing sent out the week of March 11th

Opening Meeting

- Opening Meeting set for Friday, April 12th at Norwood Hills requires members to call ahead for lunch reservations

TOL

- Tournament of a Lifetime will be held on Friday, May 17th at Sunset Country Club.
- Peg Amendola was originally scheduled to be honored at this event but she resigned from Sunset Country Club effective January 1, 2019. Discussion on this will be held during New Business portion of this meeting

Mixed Event

- The Mixed Event is scheduled for Thursday, August 29th at Greenbriar Hills Country Club. Sherrie Wehner from Greenbriar will serve as Chair for this event.

Invitational

- The 2019 Invitational Tournament is scheduled for August 5th-9th, Monday through Friday, at Norwood Hills Country Club on the West Course. Beth Schasteen from Norwood will serve as hospitality coordinator.

Term of Board Offices

- Gerry discussed the length of time Board Members serve in each position as stated in Bylaws is one year or until successors elected. Traditionally, members are recruited to serve 2 years in given positions which could involve up to a 10-year commitment. Gerry discussed this topic with the Past Presidents and it was recommended the Assistant Tournament Chair, Tournament Chair, Vice President and President positions will serve one year before moving up in their positions, thus shortening their service to a 5-year commitment. This policy may encourage more volunteers to serve on Executive Board.

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

Vice President's Report by Vickie Ressler, MB

Dues

- \$75 dues have been collected from all 20 clubs
- Correspondence concerning dues and roster were sent to each club manager, accounts payable contact and our treasurer, CJ, which allowed for a cross check of resignations and changes in membership numbers
- At closing meeting on October 2018 we had 371 members. Since then, 16 members left and 6 new members joined. Our current total stands at 355 members.

Yearbook

- Vickie continually updates the yearbook, with information received from all CDs and CJ
- Yearbook sent to Ink Spot for proofing
- The old yearbook, last edited on 11-19-2018, has been retired but is available for reference if needed
- Joli Wilson's husband, Bob, assisted in proofing our updated yearbook

Database

- Vickie continues to update monthly

Junior Invitational Tournament

- Meadowbrook will host event on July 18-19, 2019
- Vickie mailed Carol Fromuth the event description, flyers and applications for distribution to golf coaches
- Past participants and club golf pros also received these materials
- Vickie will recruit spotters, scorers and shuttle drivers for this event

New Member Coordinator

- Updated materials will be given to the New Member Coordinators at the Spring Meeting

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

Tournament Chair Report by Bev Frein, BH

- In the absence of Bev due to illness, Barb read Bev's report
- Bev has been studying the Tournament Management Software during the winter and has participated in Webinars
- Bev has used Gerry, Vickie and Joyce as a major resource for information, as well as past tournament chair's manuals to create her own material for this year's Tournament Chair manual and will continually update it as a guide for her successor

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 read her report by speaker phone
- 2019 sections, divisions and play grids are ready with some information entered into the Tournament Management Program
- Captains' packets are ready for Opening Meeting
- Current names, phone numbers and email addresses of all Captains verified
- Gerri asked Margaret how she felt about Golf Genius and Margaret responded Ronnie left fabulous notes and was confident she and Denise could figure everything out
- Margaret will be back in town at least a week before the first Team event on May 3 and will be back for Opening Meeting

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 a revised 2018 STLWDGA Report at the meeting with a 2019 Proposed Operating Budget
- CJ reported proposed budget was prepared with receipts being comprised of 331 members, but we now have 6 new members for a total of 337
- CJ reported Board expenses will increase this year because Margaret and Bev will need new printers and ink
- CJ mentioned ink prices are better online, at Sams, Walmart or ebay if buying multipack
- Gerry discussed ink expenses could be cut if the clubs print out the cart signs and scorecards

- CJ mentioned the Junior Tournament has been over budget in the past and has allocated a \$200 expense this year
- CJ reported \$10,000 in anniversary reserve. Gerry discussed Pattie now directing attention to anniversary details and may report at Opening Meeting – thought is to have for members only – no spouses
- Gerry expressed her wish to cover cost with District funds since it came from members' dues
- CJ asked if we have extra money to put in anniversary fund, since there was a lot left over from 2018 budget. Gerry said she wanted to wait until year end as we have extra expenses this year, that we should be prudent with our funds, but, if possible, would like to cover cost of anniversary for all members by not charging
- Barb suggested charging a small fee, because when there is no fee, generally people will not show up or cancel ahead
- CJ mentioned she keeps Board expenses by month in case anyone wants to check with her about spending and this type of accounting allows for adjustment throughout the year
- Gerry asked for a motion to approve the proposed budget. Jan made a motion to approve as submitted and Laurel seconded the motion

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

Rules Report by Laurel Palmer, ALG

2019 USGA Rules Changes

- Laurel reported on the January 2019 rules changes and the importance of informing members of these changes
- In addition to receiving a copy of Players Edition of The Rules of Golf book at the Opening Meeting, Laurel lists the following websites which provide videos to assist in learning the rules
 - Google USGA – Rules of Golf Explained
 - USGA Rules of Golf Home
 - Google Expert Golf – Expert Golf on You Tube – New Rules 2019–20 Most Important Change is easy to understand

- Laurel distributed a printout of “The 20 Most Important Rule Changes of 2019” to Board Members which is attached to these minutes
- Another hands-on guide in a booklet form is “Golf Rules Quick Reference 2019: The Practical Guide for Use on the Course – For Stroke Play & Match Play” by Yves C. Ton-That. This booklet is available on Amazon, Expert Golf or Golf Galaxy for approximately \$15
- Laurel discussed the Accidental Movement of Ball on Green, which is Rule 18-2, 18-3 & 20-1 which states there is no penalty if a ball accidentally moves on the green

Pace of Play

- Pace of play continues to be an issue for improvement
- Providing information on rules changes could aid players with their pace of play
- Foursome Captains will again be used at all events

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

Corresponding Secretary – Oanh Wieland, SS

- Oahn reported Rosalie Spenner’s family and Brook Unger’s family received sympathy cards from District (Brook’s husband passed away)
- Bob Shogren received a note from District and Oahn will continue to send him a thinking of you card each month

Recording Secretary – Jan Miles, FH, - No Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

Yearbooks/Spring Mailing

- Gerry reported spring mailings were sent
- Gerry reported yearbooks are not yet being printed

Opening Meeting Information

- Gerry requested from Zina that a screen be available for showing rules video at Opening Meeting and asked if Windows or Mac laptop was necessary – no response yet
- Gerry reported flyer for Invitational will be given out at Opening Meeting for CDs to share at their clubs with non-District members.

New Rule Changes

- Gerry questioned Laurel about #6 on handout sheet regarding taking stance on a wrong green not being permitted. Discussion ensued and it was explained that a ball may land on a wrong green and must be removed before hitting so player may not take stand on green (this is to prevent damage being done to the green)
- Discussion began about creating a laminated index card with the 20 most important rules changes to distribute to players at our events
- Barb will research the cost of creating this card herself and Gerry will check with Ink Spot for pricing
- Gerry discussed that Model Local Rule E-5 entitled “Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds” be reviewed and consideration given to adopt this rule and that adoption of this rule would be beneficial for pace of play purposes
- Gerry encouraged Laurel to talk to other rules committee members to review this rule which would provide an extra relief option that allows players to play on without returning to location of the original spot
- It was also discussed that #11 of "The 20 Most Important Rule Changes for 2019" be adopted as a district rule, which should be a club by club decision. This rule states "Option for unplayable lie in bunker is to lift out behind bunker, line up with flag for 2 stroke penalty"

- Gerry expressed that once the local rules are determined by the committee, we should present these rules to the participating clubs, on a club by club basis for approval and adoption

Golf Genius Seminar

- Gerry announced a Golf Genius seminar will be held on Monday, March 18th at Creve Coeur Golf Course

TOL

- Gerry began discussion about honoring Peg Amendola as a 50 year member at our Tournament of a Lifetime at Sunset Country Club on May 17
- Peg resigned from Sunset at the first of the year and may not be eligible for this recognition
- Vickie asked if the constitution states a person must be a member of district club to receive this honor
- Suggestion to invite her to lunch was given as possibility
- Gerry will check through past records to determine protocol on this

Miscellaneous New Business

- Denise asked if Board Members must play with each other at events
- It was determined it was not mandatory to do so, but if merit had to be implemented then Board Members could be asked to fill in when needed
- President, Vice President, Tournament Chair and Assistant Tournament Chairs generally play together

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Barb and seconded by Margaret.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:23 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Miles

Recording Secretary

Converted FINAL 2019 SPRING EXECUTIVE MINUTES