

ST. LOUIS WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION
Organized in 1920

FALL CLOSING MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2020
Country Club of St. Albans

President, Vickie Ressler, MB, called the St. Louis Women's District Golf Association (hereinafter referred to as "STLWDGA") 2020 Fall Closing Meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

Vickie welcomed all and thanked the staff of the Country Club of St. Albans for their hospitality today and thanked General Manager, Andy Crowe, and Event Manager, Laura Hodges, and Chef Chris for a delicious lunch. She also thanked Joe Schwent, Head Golf Professional, and his staff for their help with the tournament.

Vickie recognized the following past presidents that were in attendance; Laurie Merchant (2005-2006) STA; Marsha Rheinnecker (2009-2010) OW; Kathleen West (2011-2012) GB; Pattie Canter (2013-2014) PW; and Marian Sinnett, PW, (2015-2016).

ROLL CALL

Vickie stated directors and alternates were to sign in upon entering **the** dining room and explained, according to our by-laws "only members of the Board may make motions and vote." and that the Board consisted of the officers, all past presidents and three directors from each club. Vickie then inquired of Recording Secretary, Jan Miles, if a quorum was present to which she confirmed it was.

A number of our members were not comfortable attending in person today in light of the COVID situation. Yet, they wanted to participate and vote on the matters we are addressing today. Some of them are participating by virtual technology and we welcome them. Hello to those ladies. They will be counted in the votes.

Other members are participating by proxy. If you are not familiar with proxies, they are very standard for corporations and associations, and they permit people who cannot attend a meeting to appoint a person to vote on their behalf. They are similar to an "absentee ballot." We have collected

proxies from a number of voting members and they are here on the table. The proxies count the same as if those voting members were sitting here with us, both for a quorum and their votes.

The 2019 Fall Closing Meeting Minutes held on October 4, 2019 at Bogey Hills Country Club were then discussed. Prior to this meeting, these minutes were distributed electronically to the officers, past presidents and directors of each club for their review. Vickie asked for additions or corrections for which there were none. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was given by Pattie Canter, PW, and seconded by Janet Weber, PW.

Vickie then announced the minutes are approved and shall be preserved and become part of the minutes of this meeting.

REPORTS

President's Report by Vickie Ressler, MB

Vickie described the 2020 season as one of cancellations and rescheduling because of **the** COVID-19 pandemic

The following were cancelled:

- Opening Meeting at Meadowbrook on April 17th
- Opening Scramble at Westwood on April 24th
- All Team events cancelled
- Three-Day Stroke Tournament became Two-Day due to Persimmon Woods **cancelling**. Day-One played at St. Albans on June 2 and Day Two at Westborough on June 3
- 98th Invitational Championship at St. Louis County Club on August 3-7th cancelled at last minute after modifying for a 4 day format. Much preparation by Bev Frein, Barb Witbrodt and Sherrie Wehner for 64 participants hoping to play was appreciated along with the staff at St. Louis Country Club and member Linda Whitelaw as hostess
 - 99th Invitational will be held at Algonquin on August 2-6th, 2021
 - 100th Invitational will be held at St. Louis Country Club on August 1-5, 2022

- Mixed Event - first scheduled for Bellerive Country Club on September 25th was changed to Glen Echo for September 10th and cancelled due to COVID
 - 2021 Mixed Event will be held at St. Albans on Thursday, September 23, 2021
- Susan E. Shepherd at Algonquin on September 17th cancelled

The following events were rescheduled:

- Susan E. Shepherd and Best Ball events were combined and played at Sunset Country Club with great success
 - Kids In The Middle received \$3,000.00 from The Shepherd Foundation along with \$,7490.00 from STLWDGA This charity was recommended by Gerry Wisniewski, NW
- Tournament of Lifetime **was** rescheduled **to** October 1, 2020. Jayne Watson was the 50-Year Honoree
- 2021 Tournament of a Lifetime is scheduled at Bellerive Country Club on May 13, 2021. We will not have an honoree. Julie Spitzfaden, OW, our 2021 Honoree, will be honored in 2022 as Old Warson is not scheduling outside events for 2021

Vickie described 2020 season as challenging but Zoom allowed Friday meetings with Bev, Barb and Sherrie to address safety issues to allow members to play golf

Vickie thanked the Board and Historians, Amy Felton, MB, and Janine Reed, MB, Prize Chair, Boobie Light, MB, and Webmaster, Ronnie Burg, PW, for their great jobs

A copy of the Report of President, Vickie Ressler, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Vice President Report by Bev Frein, BH

Bev thanked the Members for their understanding with schedule changes throughout the year due to COVID and reported on the following:

Membership

- On October 4, 2019, STLWDGA had 360 members with 30 members leaving and 14 new ladies added for a current total of 344 members

- New members are: Tracy Coffman, FH; Lila Witte-Renfro, LF; Katrina Clark and Chris Mason, LG; Taylor Brengard, Gina Dell Camera, Susan Weissman and Patty Madras, NW; Jenny Reed, Peggy Ahern and Elaine Archibald, STA

Susan E. Shepherd Charity Recipient

- 2020 recipient was Kids In the Middle, receiving \$7,490.00 from SES Foundation and STLWDGA donations
- Nominations currently being accepted for the 2021 SES recipient and may be sent to any Executive Board Member by the end of October
- Nominees should benefit women and/or children, and previous recipients are listed in Yearbook on page 51 or on STLWDGA website

Yearbook

Updates began soon after Bev became Vice President as early as October 2019 and continuous updates are required throughout the year

Constitution and By-Laws

- A committee was formed, at the request of President, Vickie Ressler, to review STLWDGA Constitution and By-Laws
- Committee members, who met via ZOOM and in person, were Marsha Rheinnecker, OW; Gerry Wisniewski, NW; Vickie Ressler, MB; Barb Witbrodt, STA; Sherrie Wehner, STA; Lisa Reichert, STC; and Gail Walters, BH
- The Committee deemed the Constitution and By-Laws were good but required reordering of various Articles and Section to improve the flow but no material content was changed
- 2021 Yearbook will contain the reordered Constitution and By-Laws

Corresponding Directors

- Corresponding Directors will receive a request during fall/winter for updated Club and District member information
- CDs should understand the critical nature of communicating changes for the Database to remain accurate
- Updated information may be emailed with the most current and correct information, including Club Manager, Club Professional, etc.

- CDs should meet with District Members to select a 2021 Corresponding Director, Team Captain, New Member Coordinator and Two (2) Directors

A copy of the Report of Vice President, Bev Frein, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Tournament Chair Report by Barb Witbrodt, STA

Barb reported on the following:

- Schedule changed often due to COVID and was thankful for all being flexible with a shout out to the Corresponding Directors for dedication in passing along evolving information, especially first time Corresponding Directors, CJ Evans, LF; Susan Kilo, OW; Stephanie Jones, STC; and Cindy Penning, SS
- Opening Meeting and Scramble cancelled
- Three-Day Tournament (which became a Two-Day) June 2-3, was first event with 67 golfers starting at St. Albans, finishing at Westborough
- Best Ball at Whitmoor on June 26th hosted 83 ladies who could “bring their own team” instead of using ABCD pairings, to allow players to feel more comfortable riding in carts with familiar girls
- The Senior Tournament at Sunset Hills Country on August 21st was modified for 51 players to pair with same club members for sharing carts
- SES Tournament, originally scheduled on September 18 at Algonquin, was combined with the Best Ball tournament at Sunset Country Club on September 3rd hosting the biggest turnout with 86 players
- The Tournament of a Lifetime at Greenbriar Hills was pushed back to October 1st with 58 golfers and a luncheon for 50 year Honoree, Jayne Watson
- Barb announced today was her last day as Tournament Chair and thanked St. Albans for hosting two events this season
- Despite cancelling 3 tournaments, \$9000 paid in prizes monies for the year and Janine Fabick was thanked for distributing the monies to the home club of each winner
- Barb thanked Vickie, Bev and Sherrie who spent most Friday mornings on ZOOM figuring out their next move in this crazy year

A copy of the Report of Tournament Chair, Barb Witbrodt, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Report by Assistant Tournament Chair Sheri Wehner, STA

Sherrie reported COVID sucks and on the following

- A thanks in advance was given for a forthcoming response to an online survey to be sent to all members in March to identify special dietary needs or food allergies of members for meal planning purposes at our events in 2021
- Trophies have not been engraved this year due to COVID, so the trophies have been distributed to the winners to display
- Sherrie will personally collect trophies in February or March to have them engraved and return them

A copy of the Report of Assistant Tournament Chair, Sherrie Wehner, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

No Report by Recording Secretary, Jan Miles, FH

Report of Corresponding Secretary, Oanh Wieland, GB

Oanh reported sending get well cards to Bob Shogren throughout the year and reported he passed away in March 2020

A copy of the Report of Corresponding Secretary, Oanh Wieland, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Treasurer Report by Janine Fabick, SS

Janine reported the following on the distributed copies of the 2020 Budget:

- Fiscal year began with \$32,386
- Budgeted expenses of \$39,550 from a forecast of 318 members, but year ended with 324 members
- Limited number of events held this year created significantly lower actual expenses of \$27,203.04
- Year-end projections of \$10,750 of designated reserves and \$6,256 additional reserves
- Actual ending balances have \$11,798.00 of designated reserves and \$17,835 of additional reserves for a total of \$29,633, which is \$12,627 over budget
- All funds reside in US Bank account and district records are held at Life Storage #307, Meramec Station Road, Ballwin, MO 63021; Locker Number 3353.

- A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Ronnie Burg, PW, and seconded by Marian Sinnett, PW, and the 2020 budget as submitted was deemed a permanent record of this meeting

A copy of the Treasurer Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Team Chair Report by Margaret Farrell/Carol Bloss

Carol Bloss, LG, Assistant Team Chair, reported the following on behalf of Team Chair Margaret Farrell, WB

- All Team events were canceled due to COVID restrictions
- In Spring 2020, Team Chairs were asked to devise plan if WingHaven were admitted and a solution was devised
- Westwood Country Club's Team Captain, Julie Frank, recently advised they will not participate in 2021 season due to shortage of players, leaving 20 team format intact
- In the event Westwood rejoins Team, a plan for 21 teams will be implemented
- 2021 schedule planning has begun

A copy of the Report of Team by Margaret Farrell, Team Chair, and Carol Bloss, Assistant Team Chair is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

No Report - Rules Chairman, Julie Villarini, WB

No Report - Parliamentarian/Honorary President, Gerry Wisniewski, NW

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Report by Bev Frein, BH

- Bev reported a review of 2020 finances shows figures are valid and correct as entered in ledger and the reserves and 100th Anniversary Fund reserve are at the proper level

A copy of the Report of Auditor, Bev Frein is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

No Report - Historian/Publicity, Janine Reed, MB/Amy Felton, MB

No Report -Prize Chair Committee, Boobie Light, MB

**No Report -Rules Committee Laurel Palmer, ALG, Pattie Canter, PW,
Jayne Hayo, SS**

No Report from Webmaster Ronnie Burg

OLD BUSINESS

Vickie asked if there was any other old business to discuss. None was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members

- Vickie asked for new members who had not received their pin to be recognized and welcomed
- Jenny Reid, STA and Lila Witte-Renfro, LF received their pins, Patty Madras, NW, was not present to receive hers

WingHaven Country Club

- Vickie reported WingHaven Country Club petitioned becoming a member of STLWDGA for several years
- The Board considered this request starting in Fall of 2019 and presented the members with correspondence concerning this matter
- STLWDGA members were informed that a vote would be taken at the closing meeting
- Ballots were distributed to the Executive Board, Past Presidents and the Directors of the 20 Clubs comprising STLWDGA
- Vickie announced votes were counted with 70 YES votes and 4 NO votes
- Vickie asked for a motion to accept the votes as counted and Lisa Reichert, STC, made said motion, while Jane Quast, BH, seconded it
- WingHaven Country Club was thereby accepted as a member of STLWGA
- Vickie would notify WingHaven of such vote
- We will ask a few of our members to serve as their “big sisters” for the first few events

- Vickie stated that adding WingHaven is exciting, as the last club to join was Persimmon Woods in 2013

100th Anniversary

Pattie Canter explained a Committee for the 100th Anniversary had been formed over ten years ago consisting of past presidents and volunteers and presented the following information regarding the history of STLWDGA

- 10 clubs in 1920 comprised STLWDGA
- 244 members in 1937 and 344 members today
- 72 Three-Day Tournaments held, 18 Susan E. Shepherd Tournaments held; and 20 Tournaments of a Life Time held
- Most important are memories and stories which Pattie and Marian and Kathleen described
- Patti asked that we celebrate by reflecting on our own memories as STLWDGA is still going strong

Report from Nominating Committee by Gerry Wisniewski, NW, Parliamentarian

- Gerry informed members about the process for selecting a new board as set out in Article III, Section I of the Constitution and By-laws
- Gerry opened the meeting to nominations from the floor of which there were none
- The slate presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President: Bev Frein BH
 Vice President: Barb Witbrodt STA
 Tournament Chair: Sherrie Wehner GB
 Assistant Tournament Chair: Sally Gordon STL
 Treasurer: Janine Fabick SS
 Recording Secretary: Lisa Schad FH
 Communication Chair: Ronnie Burg, PW
 Rules Chairman: Julie Villarini WB
 Team Chair: Margaret Farrell WB
 Assistant Team Chair: Carol Bloss LG
 Parliamentarian/Honorary President: Vickie Ressler MB

- Marian Sinnett, PW, made a motion to accept this slate and Pattie Canter, PW, seconded the motion

These officers shall be duly appointed to serve as the 2020-2021 Executive Committee and a copy of the Report of the Nominating Committee is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes

Vickie then asked if any other new business should be discussed and there was none

Vickie thanked Gerry Wisniewski for her years of service on the Board, holding the following positions:

Assistant Tournament Chair (2014-2015)
Tournament Chair (2015-2016)
Vice President (2017-2018)
President (2018-2019)
Parliamentarian/Past President (2019-2020)

Vickie thanked all of the members who supported her throughout the year and remained flexible with the schedule changes. She also thanked the Executive Committee for their support and friendship and for their common goal of remaining proactive during the year for doing **the best** what was best for STLWDGA

Vickie presented the gavel to Bev Frein as the new President of STLWDGA

Bev spoke about Vickie's dedication to STLWDGA and thanked her for her devotion to getting things done during the pandemic and presented a gift to her on behalf of STLWDGA

With no further business to discuss, Bev asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Judy Belew, FH, and seconded by Carrie West, GB

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Miles, Recording Secretary

Fourth DRAFT MINUTES (10 22) 2020 FALL CLOSING MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2020 AT STA