

# ST. LOUIS WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1920

## FALL CLOSING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2019

Bogey Hills Country Club

President, Gerry Wisniewski, NW, called the St. Louis Women's District Golf Association (hereinafter referred to as "STLWDGA") 2019 Fall Closing Meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

Gerry welcomed all and thanked the staff of Bogey Hills, namely, Angel Walters-Likens, General Manager; Chris Tsevis, Clubhouse Manager; Neely Robertson, Head Golf Pro, along with his staff for their hospitality and assistance with the tournament, and also recognized Jane Quast BH, who coordinated with Chef Jay to serve an outstanding luncheon.

Gerry recognized the following past presidents that were in attendance: Belinda Green (2007-2008) BH; Marsha Rheinnecker (2009-2010) OW; Kathleen West (2011-2012) GB; Pattie Canter (2013-2014) PW; and Marian Sinnott (2015-2016), Parliamentarian (2017-2019).

### **ROLL CALL**

Gerry stated directors and alternates were to sign in upon entering dining room. She 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. Gerry then asked Recording Secretary, Jan Miles, if a quorum was present. She confirmed such.

Gerry announced copies of the 2019 Spring Opening General Meeting minutes were distributed for review and asked for corrections or additions. None were given, and a motion to accept the minutes as presented was given by Pat Fuqua, NW, and seconded by Judy Tindall, BH.

Gerry then stated the minutes are approved and shall be preserved and become part of the minutes of this meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **President's Report by Gerry Wisniewski, NW**

#### Norwood Hills CC – 97<sup>th</sup> Invitational Championship August 5-9,2019

- Gerry thanked the 59 participants of which 8 were non-district members
- Gerry thanked Vickie Ressler, Bev Frein and Peggy Linsin for their assistance with the tournaments
- Gerry thanked Norwood's clubhouse and pro shop staff
- Gerry announced the following winners:
  - Champion, Barbara Berkmeier of Norwood Hills CC received the Edward A. Faust Trophy for the 12<sup>th</sup> time
  - Runner –up, Cindy Penning of Sunset CC , received the Mary Mason Scudder Trophy
  - Day 1 Low Score (80) Medalist, Barb Berkmeier, NW
  - Day 1 Low Putt (28) winner, Beth Schasteen, NW
  - Red Flight winner, Marian Sinnett, PP; runner-up Kathy Linsin NW
  - Blue Flight winner, Kathy Eardley SSH; runner-up, Karen Hughes, NW
  - Green Flight winner, Joyce Bishop, LG; runner-up Esther Schmid NW
  - Team Award won by Norwood Hills Country Club with total of 354 consisting of Barb Berkmeier, Beth Schasteen, Kathy Linsin and Kristin Volmer
- Gerry reported the 98<sup>th</sup> Invitational will be held at St. Louis Country Club on August 3-7, 2020

#### Mixed Event

- Greenbriar Hills Country Club hosted 64 couples at this event on August 29, 2019
- Gerry thanked Greenbriar Hills member, Sherrie Wehner, for organizing this event
- Gerry commended Greenbriar for a great day and an outstanding dinner
- Gerry announced the 2020 Mixed Event will be hosted by Bellerive Country Club on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

### Susan E. Shepherd Charity Event

- Forest Hills Country Club hosted this event on September 20, 2019
- Join Hands ESL was recipient of \$3000 from the Shepherd Foundation and \$2,863 from STLWDGA members, for a total donation of \$5,863.
- Margaret Farrell, WB, recommended this charity
- Sheila Burton, Executive Director, and Abby Cole, Development Director, at Join Hands ESL thanked STLWDGA for this donation at our luncheon

### Tournament of a Lifetime

- Greenbriar Hills Country Club will host on Friday, May 15, 2020
- Jayne Watson, a District member since 1970, will become an Honorary Life Member at this event

Gerry reported 2019 season was a huge success and thanked the Board Members; Historians, Amy Felton and Janine Reed; Prize Chairs, Boobie Light and Laurie Merchant; and Webmaster, Ronnie Burg, for their time and dedication to doing a great job

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

### **Vice President Report by Vickie Ressler**

- Vickie thanked the Executive Board for their work in achieving a successful year

### Membership

- Vickie reported 355 members at start of season, with 8 members leaving and 13 new ladies added for a total current number of 360 members
- Vickie processed thirteen (13) new members with handicaps from 6.0 to 17.4. The following new members were added:  
Michelle Ryan (LF), Kelly Wuennenberg (LF), Kelley Robson (WB), Patti Ortyl (MB), Julie Miller (GB), Miranda Sander (WM), Lauren Lacey (WM) – reinstated, Tricia Bolster (STL), Barbara Heftel (WM), Hope Welles (STL), Annie Beattie (STL), Annette Choate (LG), Karen Brengard (SSH)

### Junior Invitational Golf Tournament

- Vickie reported the Junior Invitational Golf Tournament at Meadowbrook Country Club scheduled for Thursday and Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to low interest

### Susan E. Shepherd Charity Recipient

- Vickie announced we are accepting nominations for a 2020 SES recipient and suggestions may be sent to any Executive Board Member
- All nominations will be discussed and voted upon at the Fall Executive Board Meeting
- Previous recipients are listed in Yearbook or on STLWDGA website
- Vickie requested the charity should benefit women and/or children
- 2019 recipient – Join Hands ESL received approximately \$5800

### Yearbook

Vickie reported 2020 yearbook updates have begun and asked CDs to procure accurate names and numbers from each member, along with updated club information and submit this information to her by email

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

### **Tournament Chair Report by Bev Frein**

- Bev thanked all for help and support throughout the year as she learned Golf Genius and her duties
- Special thanks given to her assistant, Barb Witbrodt, and all Corresponding Directors from the 20 clubs
- Bev reported the following participation at this year's events:
  - Opening Day @ Old Warson – 112
  - TOL @ Sunset – 95
  - Three Day Tournament @ Lake Forest, Glen Echo & Westwood - 79
  - Best Ball @ St. Clair – 59
  - Senior Tournament @ St. Louis Country Club – 104
  - Best Ball II @ Westborough – 104
  - SES @ Forest Hills – 79
  - Closing Scramble @ Bogey Hills – 112 (122 for lunch)
- Bev reported merit used only at Opening and Closing events
- Bev awarded over \$11,000 in Pro Shop credit not including prizes awarded for Three Day or Invitational

- Bev again thanked all for making STLWDGA a great association and for participating in tournaments
- Bev also thanked all 20 participating golf clubs that comprise our membership and reminded everyone to thank each club during our events
- Bev thanked Gerry for the wonderful job she has done as President

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

### **No Report by Assistant Tournament Chair, Barb Witbrodt**

### **No Report by Recording Secretary, Jan Miles**

### **Report of Corresponding Secretary, Oanh Wieland**

Oanh reported sending get well cards and flowers throughout the year and sympathy cards to the families of previous members of STLWDGA, Rosalie Spinner and Ruth Forsman

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

### **Treasurer Report by CJ Evans**

- CJ referred to the distributed copies of her report on the tables
- CJ stated this report covers April 12, 2019 through September 30, 2019
- CJ reported a March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 bank balance of \$40,150.22, with Receipts of \$11,370 for a September 30, 2019 total balance of \$51,520.22
- CJ reported disbursements from March 31 to September 30 of \$19,134.17, leaving a September 30, 2019 bank balance of \$32,386.05
- CJ further reported a Reserve Fund holding \$2,500 in a Reserve Fund, \$10,000 in Anniversary Fund, \$200 in the Lorette MedArt Fund and \$10,000 in Dorothy Gould Fund
- CJ reported funds available for the rest of 2019 season as of September 30, 2019 are \$9,768.05
- CJ also reported 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 copy of the Treasurer Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

## **Team Chair Report by Margaret Farrell**

- Margaret thanked all Team Captains for their excellent communications throughout season
- Margaret also thanked Lucy Kraus, ALG; Karen Wind, PW; Terri Harris, WH; Jan Trigg, LG; Kathy Glennon, STA; and Julie Frank, WW, for assistance with team events held at their clubs
- Margaret thanked Carol Bloss for accepting Assistant Team Chair position and thanked the Foursome Captains who served this year at team events to promote pace of play goals
- Margaret announced the following Team Winners and she and Gerry presented trophies to the following teams:

### **Gross**

White Section – Augusta Division – Old Warson

Green Section – St. Andrews Division – Whitmoor

### **Net**

White Section – Firestone Division – Greenbriar Hills

Green Section – St. Andrews Division – St. Clair

### Division and Section Winners:

#### Gross Runner-Up

White Section - Firestone Division – Sunset

#### Net Runner-Up

Green Section – Muirfield Division – Norwood Hills

#### Gross Champions

Green Section – Muirfield Division- St. Albans

#### Net Champions

White Section – Augusta Division – Westborough

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

## **No Report from Assistant Team Chair, Carol Bloss**

### **Rules Chairman Report by Laurel Palmer**

- Laurel reported pace of play improvements for the year and recommended it should continue to be a focus in the future. Foursome Captains and Pace of Play posters should continue to be used to enhance this effort
- Laurel has prepared our incoming new Rules Chairman by providing updated Local Rules for each club in the District and passing along to her the notebook and electronic files
- Laurel expressed her enjoyment of serving as Rules Chairman for 5 years and encouraged others to serve on the Board.

A copy of the Report of Rules Chairman, Laurel Palmer, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes

### **No Report from Parliamentarian/Honorary President, Marian Sinnett**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Audit Report by Vickie Ressler**

- Vickie reported she reviewed 2019 finances and all figures are valid and correct as entered in ledger as well as \$2500 reserve and \$10,000.00 anniversary fund amounts

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

### **No Report from Historian/Publicity, Janine Reed/Amy Felton**

### **No Report from Prize Chair Committee by Boobie Light**

### **No Report from Rules Committee Laurel Palmer, Pattie Canter, and Jayne Hayo**

### **No Report from Webmaster Ronnie Burg**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Gerry asked if any new member was present that needed their pin and awarded Annette Choate, LG,
- Gerry then announced the passing of the following former members:

Rosalie Spenner –BR- member since 2012

Ruth Forsman –SS – member since 1955, an Honorary Lifetime Member and Past President (1989-1990)

Dorothy Gould – WW – member since 1950, Honorary Lifetime Member and Past President (1969-1970)

- Gerry then spoke about Dorothy Gould being one of the first Tournament of a Lifetime honorees in 2001 and that she donated the Gould Perpetual Trophy and other trophies which are given to overall low net winners each year
- Gerry stated James Gould, Dorothy's son, contacted her in July, after Dorothy's passing, regarding a contribution to STLWDGA in his mother's memory and to preserve the Tournament of a Lifetime. Gerry read his letter which showed her love for STLWDGA. A copy of James Gould's letter is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.
- Gerry then reported James Gould enclosed a check to STLWDGA for \$10,000.00
- Gerry reported this will be held as a separate fund to replenish the supply of individual trophies for the TOL, and also fund upkeep of the Perpetual trophy and provide the low net winners awards each year
- Gerry reported STLWDGA was on its last trophy and Dorothy's memory will live on through the TOL
- In response to Sara Crook's question, Gerry mentioned we should let membership know when members or former members of STLWDGA pass away
- She noted Nancy Schlueter, WB, and Alice Sampson, GB, had passed away this year



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- Pattie Canter reported that 10 years ago Kathleen West suggested we start putting money away each year for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We now have \$10,000 to use. Ginny Orthwein also suggested we schedule the Invitational at St. Louis CC since they were one of the original clubs and this has happened. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party is scheduled on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Old Warson Country Club
- This celebration is for district women only and will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and a complete unfolding of the history of STLWGA with the old records and slide shows on display for all
- Pattie also asked that anyone who wanted to be part of the planning for this event contact her

### **Report from Nominating Committee by Marian Sinnett, Parliamentarian**

- Marian reported that she, Gerry Wisniewski and Julie Frank comprised the Nominating Committee, and that the following names were presented to serve on the 2019-2020 Executive Committee:

President: Vickie Ressler MB

Vice President: Bev Frein LG

Tournament Chair: Barb Witbrodt STA

Assistant Tournament Chair: Sherrie Wehner GB

Treasurer: Janine Fabick SS

Recording Secretary: Jan Miles FH

Corresponding Secretary: Oanh Wieland SS

Rules Chairman: Julie Villarini WB

Team Chair: Margaret Farrell WB

Assistant Team Chair: Carol Bloss LG

Parliamentarian/Honorary President: Gerry Wisniewski NW

- Marian informed the ladies of the process for selecting a new board as set out in Article III, Section I of the Constitution and By-laws
- Marian opened the meeting to nominations from the floor of which there were none. Pam Atteberry, FH, made a motion to accept the slate as presented and Amy Felton, MB, seconded the motion.

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

Gerry then asked if there was any other new business to discuss

- Daisy Schrader, FH, expressed her concern about the clubs who did not have enough members to field a Team Event. She suggested that members from other clubs be allowed to substitute for the club to qualify it to compete
- No other new business was discussed

Gerry then thanked CJ Evans, Treasurer, and Laurel Palmer, Rules Chairman, for their five years of wonderful service on the Board.

Gerry then thanked Marian Sinnett for her service of eleven years on the Board, holding the following positions:

Treasurer (2009-2010)  
Tournament Chair (2011-2012)  
Vice President (2013-2014)  
President (2015-2016)  
Parliamentarian/Past President (2017-2019)

Gerry then thanked the Executive Board and Past Presidents and all members who assisted her since 2014 when she joined the Board. She was honored to hold this position.

Gerry then presented Vickie Ressler as the new President of STLWDGA. Vickie presented Gerry with a gift and thanked Gerry for her time and talent and hoped to fill Gerry's shoes

With no further business to discuss, Vickie asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Judy Belew, FH, and seconded by Judy Tindall, BH

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Miles, Recording Secretary

Converted 2019 FALL CLOSING GENERAL MINUTES