

STLWDGA
FALL CLOSING MEETING MINUTES
ALGONQUIN GOLF CLUB
OCTOBER 5, 2018

Gerry Wisniewski called the 2018 Fall Closing Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

She welcomed everyone in attendance and extended a special thank you to Mr. Mass Shakiba, GM; Laurie Schwetz, Event Coordinator; Mr. Scott Sandfort, head golf professional and his staff; Nancy Davidson for taking care of the details, and Chef Brian Bernstein for the delicious food.

Gerry introduced the past presidents that were in attendance and thanked them for their years of service and continuing support of STLWDGA.

- Pattie Canter, NW
- Marsha Rheinnecker, OW
- Marian Sinnett, FH
- Kathleen West, GB
- Delores Williams, GE

ROLL CALL

Gerry reminded the directors and alternates from each club to sign-in. According to our by-laws “only members of the board may make motions and vote.” The Board consists of the officers, all past presidents and the three directors from each club.

The Recording Secretary, Sue Springmeyer confirmed that a quorum was present.

Gerry requested that everyone take a look at the minutes from the 2018 Spring Opening Meeting that were on each the table. There were no requests for changes. Nancy Davidson from ALG made a motion to approve the minutes and Amy Felton from MB seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

The President’s Report was given by Gerry Wisniewski.

She informed the ladies that Sunset Hills Country Club hosted the 2018 Invitational Championship July 30-August 3, 2018 of which 54 women participated. Ten of the participants were non-District members. Gerry thanked Vickie Ressler, Ronnie Burg and Bev Frein, Kathy Eardley and the Sunset Hills CC Staff for their help during the week. It was a great week and a great championship. She announced the winners of the 2018 STLWDGA Invitational Championship.

- Champion, winner of the Edward A. Faust Trophy is Barbara Berkmeier, NH. The runner-up is Carol Lietz, WM who was presented with the Mary Mason Scudder Trophy. The Championship flight plays 36 holes on the last day and the winning score was 8 & 7 by Barbara.
- The Medalist with the low score of Day 1 of 80 is Julie Frank, WW. Deb Lantz, SSH was the low putt winner on Day 1 with 26 putts.

Flight winners are:

- Red flight – Debbie Marx, STA defeated Deb Lantz, SSH 6 & 4.
- Blue flight – Margaret Jakel, SSH defeated Kristin Volmer, NW 3 & 2.
- Green flight – Beth Schasteen, NW defeated Susan Suggs, MB 1-up.
- The Team Award was won by SSH. Their combined four lowest scores totaled 341. The scores were shot by Jackie Dezort, Kathy Eardley, Margaret Jakel and Deb Lantz.

Gerry expressed her congratulations to all the winners and runners-up as well ladies who participated in the event.

Norwood Hills Country Club will host the 2019 Invitational, August 5-9. The event will be played on the West Course.

Gerry reported that the 66 couples participated in the Mixed Event that was hosted by Bogey Hills CC. Due to rain delays, the morning and afternoon rounds were only able to play 9 holes. Participants had a lot of fun and enjoyed a wonderful dinner in Bogey's new clubhouse. She thanked Bev Frein for her help in organizing the event. Next year the Mixed Event will held at Greenbriar Hills CC on Thursday, August 29.

She reported that the Susan E. Shepherd Charity event was held at Sunset CC on September 28. Our charity this year, was "The Women's Safe House". Gerry believes that donations reached a new record high with a total donation of \$7,485. The SES Foundation donated \$3,000 in addition to member donations of \$4,485. Sylvia Jackson, Executive Director of the Women's Safe House attended the luncheon and expressed sincere thanks to the ladies for their generous donations.

Gerry reported that next year the Tournament of a Lifetime will be held at Sunset CC on Friday, May 17th where we will celebrate our newest Honorary Life Member, Peg Amendola. Peg became a District member in 1969.

She concluded that the 2018 season has been a huge success thanks to the board; Historians, Amy Felton & Janine Reed; prize chairs, Boobie Light and Laurie Merchant and the webmaster Ronnie Burg and her committee. She expressed her thanks for everyone's effort, their support and doing a great job for dedication STLWDGA.

The Vice President's Report was given by Vickie Ressler.

Vickie reported that STLWDGA started the season with 353 members, added 31 new members with a handicap index of 0.8-17.4 and lost 7 members. The new members are:

Colliean Haynes (WM)	Janet Weber (PW)	Anne McDonald (GB)
Cece Strand (GB)	Kathleen Burns (WB)	Mary Koomar (PW)
Sherrie Wehner (GB)	Ashley Lewis (LF)	Debra Kurt (WM)
Kristin Ward (WM)	Rebekah Kingston (GE)	Beth Castaneda (GE)
Julie Villarini (SS)	Alex Anderson (STC)	Harriet Marshall (STL)
Ellen Ploeger (STA)	Jane Sehnert (OW)	Sandy Jost (WB)
Jean Bennett (BH)	Kallie Harrison (NW)	Lisa Brady (SS)
Deborah Lantz (SSH)	Kristin Volmer (NW)	Pat Hitchens (LF)
Kelly Osborne (BH)	Jan Kessler (MB)	Rema Holland (SSH)
Christine Mikesell (STA)	Kim Fisher (LF)	Linda Yates (ALG)
Ann Fiordelisi (OW)		

She concluded that as of today, we have 371 members.

The 2018 Junior Invitational Tournament was cancelled due to low participation. In looking at prior Junior Invitationals, she discovered that the tournament was combined with the Men's District Golf Association. As a result Gerry, Wisniewski, Kathleen West and Vickie met with Tony Miller, Todd Burchyot (STLDGA) and Curt Rohe (Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association) to discuss combining future tournaments possibly as soon as 2020.

She advised everyone that the STLWDGA Board is accepting nominations for a new charity to benefit from our Susan E. Shepherd Tournament. The Women's Safe House was the charity that was selected this year. They provide safe shelter and transitional living services to battered women and their dependent children. We are looking for an organization that primarily benefits women and/or children. The board will discuss the applications and vote on the 2019 recipient during the Fall Executive Board Meeting.

Vickie informed everyone that the 2019 Year Book will be updated during the off season. Corresponding Directors will receive a current list of the members from their respective club to review and return to Vickie with updated information. She stressed how importance it is to have the correct contact information and email for every member in addition to Club Information (Club Manager, Club Professional, etc).

She advised each club CD to meet with their respective District Members and choose:

- A Corresponding Director (CD)
- Team Captain
- New Member Coordinator (NMC)
- Two (2) Directors for 2019

The Tournament Chair Report was given by Joyce Jackson.

Joyce thanked the ladies who were present for attending and Algonquin CC for hosting the closing event and meeting.

She expressed her pleasure of serving as 2018 Tournament Chair. She continued by thanking the following people:

- Bev Frein for serving as Assistant Tournament Chair. 20 Corresponding Directors who worked behind the scenes.
- STLWDGA members of the board

Joyce commented, “that STLWDGA is one of the finest women’s golf organizations I have encountered.” She continued by reporting the following:

- We had over 125 ladies sign up for the Opening Scramble at Lake Forest.
- 106 ladies signed up for the TOL to honor Helen Shopmaker. Unfortunately, it was rained out on the original date and 80 members signed up for the re-scheduled event.
- 80+ members competed in the Three-day Tournament at Whitmoor, Persimmon Woods and Greenbriar Hills.
- The Senior Tournament was rained out but was rescheduled at Forest Hills.
- 100+ ladies signed up for the Susan E. Shepherd Tournament competing in 5 flights at Sunset CC. She noted that STLWDGA raised over \$7400 for The Women’s Safe house.
- 118 ladies signed up for the closing scramble at Algonquin Country Club.
- The Merit System was used twice during the 2018 season for the Opening and Closing Scrambles.

She summed it up as, “a very successful year.”

Joyce added that STLWDGA awarded over \$11,000 in pro shop credit this year, not including the prizes given out at the Three-Day or Invitational Tournaments.

STLWDGA used a new component of tournament scoring this year called the Tournament Management live scoring app. She thanked the ladies for downloading the app and learning how to use it. She is receiving positive feedback.

She thanked the 20 of participating clubs for their support and serving as hosts for STLWDGA in 2018.

The Assistant Tournament Chair, Bev Frein had no report.

The Recording Secretary, Sue Springmeyer had no report.

The Corresponding Secretary Report was given by Bev Frein.

Bev reported that as of today the following correspondence was sent from STLWDGA.

- 6 Thinking of You cards to Bob Shogren
- 1 Get Well Card to Sharon Dillaha
- 1 Get Well Card to Marian Sinnett
- 1 Sympathy Card to the family of Sharon Dillaha

The Treasurer Report was given by CJ Evans

CJ informed the membership of STLWDGA that the organization is in good standing with the bank. The Reserve is \$2500, 100 Anniversary at \$9,000 and Lorette MedArt Fund at \$200. She estimated a balance of \$7,000 will be forwarded to 2019.

The Team Chair Report was given by Ronnie Burg.

Ronnie thanked the Team Chairs for their help in addition to a special thanks to the ladies who helped maintain the Pace of Play. She reported that 114 ladies served as Foursome Captions.

She presented awards and took pictures of the following clubs that won their Division in Net or Gross play:

GROSS

- White Section - Firestone Division = Legends CC
- Green Section - St Andrews Division = Old Warson CC
- Gross Runner Up
- White Section – Augusta Division = Norwood Hills

NET

- White Section - Firestone Division = Westborough CC
- Green Section - Muirfield Division = Bogey Hills CC
- Net Runner Up
- White Section – Augusta Division = Algonquin CC

Gross Champions

- Green Section – Muirfield Division = Persimmon Woods

Net Champions

- Green Section – St. Andrews Division = Glen Echo

Assistant Team Chair, Margaret Farrell had no report.

Rules, Laurel Palmer had no report.

Parliamentarian, Honorary President, Marian Sinnett had no report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Auditor Report was given by Vickie Ressler.

She stated that the, "... 2018 finances and figures are valid and correct as entered in the ledger." The reserves are at the proper level.

The Historian/Publicity Committee, Amy Felton and Janine Reed had no report.

The Nominating Committee report will be read in New Business

The Prize Chairs Committee, Boobie Light and Laurie Merchant had no report.

The Rules Committee, Laurel Palmer, Pattie Canter and Jane Hayo had no report.

The Webmaster, Ronnie Burg had no report.

Gerry thanked the ladies for their respective reports and commented that she appreciates all of the time and effort that they have given serving on the Standing Committees.

Old Business

There was no response when Gerry asked the STLWDGA membership if there was any additional old business to discuss.

New Business

Gerry recognized new members who have not received a STLWDGA pin. The new members as listed below:

DID I MISS ANYONE?

- Linda Yates, AG
- Ann Fiordelisi, OW
- Catherine Ketler, LF
- Beth Castaneda, GE
- Carolyne Baker, LF

Gerry informed the ladies that 3 of our members qualified to play in the 32nd US Women's Mid-Amateur Championship that was played at Norwood Hills CC on September 22-27. The members were:

- Kallie Harrison – NW
- Kellie Kirchoff – PW
- Ellen Port – SS

She reported that Ellen was in the top 64 after stroke play, won her match in the round of 64 but lost in the round of 32 on the 17th hole to the eventual champion. Ellen will play in the 57th US Women's Senior Amateur Championship in Vero Beach, FL and compete for her 8th USGA Championship. Gerry thanked District members who volunteered during the event.

Gerry recognized and congratulated Kathy Glennon from the Country Club at St. Albans who won the MGA 2018 Senior Women's Amateur Championship, September 26-27 at Franklin County CC in Washington, MO. And Melanie Trimmer, from the Country Club at St. Albans won 1st place in the Super Senior A Division.

She asked if there was any additional new business.

The following comments were noted:

Kathy Glennon from the Country Club at St. Albans is playing in the 57th US Women's Senior Amateur Championship in Vero Beach, FL.

A request was made by Jeannie Fahrenhorst to include email addresses in the yearbook.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Marian Sinnett.

Marian presented the following names for the 2018-2019 Executive committee:

- President: Gerry Wisniewski NW
- Vice President: Vickie Ressler MB
- Tournament Chair: Bev Frein BH
- Assistant Tournament Chair: Barb Witbrodt STA
- Treasurer: CJ Evans LF
- Recording Secretary: Jan Miles FH
- Corresponding Secretary: Oanh Wieland SS
- Rules Chair: Laurel Palmer ALG
- Team Chair: Margaret Farrell WB
- Assistant Team Chair: Denise Wareham LG
- Parliamentarian/Honorary President: Marian Sinnett FH

She 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. Lynn Hill, GB made a motion to accept the slate as presented and Casey O'Brien, OW seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Gerry thanked the new members of the Executive Board Denise Wareham, Barb Witbrodt, Jan Miles and OLAN Weiland for volunteering to serve as board members.

In addition, she thanked and expressed her appreciation to the following ladies who are leaving the Executive Board:

- Ronnie Burg for 4 years as Assistant and Team Chair
- Sue Springmeyer for two years as Recording Secretary
- Joyce Jackson for two years as Assistant Tournament Chair and Tournament Chair

In conclusion she thanked everyone for participating in the Closing Scramble and Closing Meeting.

A motion was made from Amy Felton, a Director from MB and a second from Beth Schasteen, NW to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:16.