

2023 WSWGC BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2023 (1:00 pm)

West Seattle Golf Course

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Kelly Larson, Captain

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary:

Board Members In Attendance:

Kelly Larson - Captain
Kim Depew – Assistant Captain
Shari Lewis – Treasurer
Becky Pierce – Secretary
Diane Lasko – Membership Chair
Jennifer Broadstone - Handicap Chair
Barb Strecker - Weekly Competition Chair
Sachie Nitta - Tournament Chair
Wendy Gapp - Website Chair
Maggie Anthony - City/State Representative
Ruthi Winter – Sunshine Chair

Not in Attendance:

Phoebe Mendes - Online Sign Up Chair
Nicole Stone - GSWPGA Team Rep
Roma Rowland - WAGolf Representative
Pam Lang - Social Chair
Maureen Kennelly - Past Captain

Old Business

Minutes from the last meeting on 7/25/2023 were reviewed and approved.

Jennifer - Handicap Chair - had follow up from the last meeting regarding members utilizing gold vs purple tees. The question was whether the club should propose a maximum handicap to compete from the gold tees. After discussion of the data, it was decided not to create handicap requirements for the different tee boxes.

New Business

Budget

Budget update was provided by Shari. After calculation of the end of year awards, including recognition of members who had a hole in one (at any course) this year, the budget will have an \$82.66 positive balance going into next season.

Captain Comments

- All Board positions have been filled for next year.
- Kelly shared the new suggestion box to be mounted in the locker room.
- The Year End luncheon planning is well underway. An email with the luncheon details will be sent out soon.
- Kelly informed the Board that she will distribute a portion of her Captain's Stipend to all Board members (\$10 each). The money will be credited to their pro-shop accounts as a thank you gift.

Member Feedback / Suggestions

Kelly has received significant feedback from members and would like to create a process for managing the issues/concerns that may require action by the board and/or revisions to the WSWGC governing documents. After discussion, the following motion was passed unanimously:

- Solicit feedback/suggestions from all club members via the new suggestion box in the locker room and/or members can email their suggestions to the Captain and Assistant Captain.
- Create a survey with general questions on overall club operations and specific questions based on member feedback. Shari has access to the on-line “Monkey Survey” program and offered her assistance in creating the survey.
- It was suggested that members will have 14 days to respond to the “comment” period and then 14 days to respond to the on-line survey.
- If there are significant issues raised that require action, it was suggested a committee be formed composed of several Board Members and volunteers from the membership. To keep the process manageable, it was suggested the committee will have the goal to meet for a limited duration to create proposals to share with the entire 2024 Board for action.
- Kim has volunteered to lead the process, but a Committee Chair will be requested from the group of committee volunteers.
- The entire process should be completed prior to the start of the 2024 season (March 1st).

USGA Model Local Rule for “Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens”

The Board voted unanimously to adopt this rule.

Officer/Chair Roundtable

Membership - Diane let the group know there were 24 new members this year. This is too many for a single person (membership chair) to meet for an introductory round and orientation. There was discussion of the best way to welcome new members - a “Big Sister” program might be helpful, pairing a new member with an active current member for orientation. It was decided to remind all existing members that it is up to all of us to be welcoming and informative regarding how our club works and what the rules of competition are. Everyone is encouraged to register for membership via WAGolf this year. As voted on and approved by the 2022 WSWGC Board, dues will increase by \$5 (plus a \$5 WA Golf transaction fee or \$5 processing fee if paying by check) for the 2024 season. The dues increase was communicated to all members in Kelly’s Summer Newsletter.

Website - Wendy encouraged feedback regarding what information should be included on the site.

City/State - Maggie informed the group that the City Council is again reviewing the possibility of closing Jackson Golf Course to support affordable housing initiatives. Feedback from the golfing community is encouraged. She said the GSWPGA basket is coming along nicely.

Tournaments - Sacchie said that she had not received much feedback and felt the tournaments went well this year. She thanked Wendy and Debbie for their support while she was ill.

Sunshine - Ruthie asked everyone to let her know when a member is in need of a get well/encouragement card.

Treasurer - Shari let the group know that in addition to continuing as WSWGC Treasurer, she will also be the GSWPGA Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn carried at 2:25