

2024 West Seattle Women's Golf Club Board Member Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2024 – 2:00 PM
West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Kim DePew, Captain
A roll call was conducted by Diane Lasko, filling in for Becky Pierce, Secretary

Board Members in Attendance

Kim DePew, Captain
Kelly Larson, Past Captain
Shari Lewis, Treasurer
Diane Lasko, Membership Chair
Sachie Nitta, Tournament Chair
Jane Sogge, On-Line Sign-Up Chair
Representative
Wendy Gapp, Website Chair
Roma Rowland, WAGolf Representative

Not in Attendance

Margaret Smith, Assistant Captain
Becky Pierce, Secretary
Yolanda Christianson, Handicap Chair
Barb Strecker, Weekly Competition Chair
Lindy Gaylord, City/State Representative
Nicole Stone, GSWPGA Team

Maureen Kennelly, Social Chair
Ruthi Winter, Sunshine Chair

1. Meeting Protocols - Kim

Kim went over basic meeting protocols – everyone has a chance to speak in an orderly fashion, and assumption is all contributions have a positive intent to improve the club.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes – Kim, Kelly

Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting held October 8, 2023, were distributed and approved by email last fall.

3. Membership Report- Diane

Current membership is at 97, including 13 new members, a new high for this early in the year. Encouragement to renew on WaGolf has been successful, with only a handful paying by check. The first member directory will be distributed end of February.

Diane was granted admin rights to the USGA club site to reconcile membership numbers and performed the end of January club update/purge on their web portal. She and Yolanda agreed this task should shift from Handicap to Membership Chair and they will update Club Website job descriptions accordingly.

Diane will update the legacy new member introduction and information material to better align with the streamlined WA Golf sign-up process and add emphasis to GHIN on-line posting and weekly competition and tournament participation.

Kim offered to organize a new member orientation early in April; Shari will continue to offer Weekly Competition and Eccie instruction Saturday mornings.

4. Budget Report – Shari

Shari presented the budget \$10,155.00 based on 105 members. She explained the budgets for Weekly Competition and Tournaments are separate. She will update these budget numbers for Tournament and Weekly Competition Chairs by the end of March before Weekly Competitions and Tournaments start based on additional February and March membership renewal and new member sign-ups.

Based on the membership survey, Saturday tournaments are popular and desirable. They will be organized outside of the club budget. Participation fees will be set at \$20, based on survey comments. Resulting payouts will be more generous than Tuesday competitions and awarded as book money to the pro-shop. Wendy is looking into using Venmo for participation fees. Shari will also look into Venmo for GSWPGC tournaments fee collection to get away from the current check relay payment process.

5. Tournament Schedule- Sachie

Sachie and Wendy presented the proposed Tuesday and Saturday Blind Draw Tournament Schedule for 2024. Last year's Saturday October Tournament was a great success and will be expanded to 5 in 2024. The Tuesday Par 3 and one Saturday tournament will allow members to choose who they play with; all others will be assigned based on Handicaps. Diane moved to accept, Kelly seconded, and all voted in favor.

6. Survey Committee Results- Kim, Wendy, Sachie

Survey results and recommendations were extensively discussed by the committee (see membership below) and their recommendations were presented by Kim, Sachie and Wendy at this meeting. Any changes to current club by-laws were voted on for approval.

A: Weekly Competition Recommendations.

i. Competition Season Start

April was the preferred start for Weekly Competitions.

ii. Green Tee participation – Sachie. If there are a minimum of 5 members playing from the Green Tees, those participants will be flighted together. If fewer than 5, they will be grouped with the Purple Tees. No change from last year.

iii. Schedule for recording Chip-ins and Birdies

Chip-ins, Birdie and Holes-in one payouts is a separate budget line-item from the Weekly competitions and will start at the beginning of the season in March and run through October, same as in 2023. These will still require attestation by a fellow Women's Club member. A separate \$100 budget line item has also been

added to the budget for Wine and Nine Chip-Ins and Birdies. Diane moved to accept, Roma seconded, and all voted in favor.

iv. **Number of Weekly competition cards**

If you play on both Tuesday and Saturday, either submit your best score; if you submit 2 cards, only the better score will be counted. You must play from the same tee box for both rounds. Card scores must be attested by a fellow Women's club member in all cases. Wendy moved to accept, Shari seconded, and all voted aye with 1 abstention.

v. **DQ (Disqualified) competition cards**

A new DQ box will be added to the locker room for rounds that cannot be included in the weekly Competition results. They will be counted toward the 5 competition/tournament event minimum required for Club Championship eligibility. DQ's occur if competition cards aren't completed correctly, the member forfeits or doesn't complete 18 holes. The card will still need to be attested. Kim moved to accept, Wendy seconded, and the motion was approved.

B: Tournament and Club Championship (CC) Recommendations.

i. **CC Eligibility**

Recommendation was to leave as is, as a combination of 5 weekly competitions or Tournaments. Kim will make an effort to alert people by mid-July to check on their event numbers to avoid surprise ineligibilities.

ii. **CC Dates**

Recommendation is to leave as is, consecutive Monday and Tuesday in August as preferred by the membership survey..

iii. **CC Eligibility for prizes**

Eligibility for prizes will be limited to those members who who are eligible for Club Champion, playing from the purple tees. Other members will be able to play either or both days, after qualifiers on Monday, before qualifiers on Tuesday. Note: this is note the same as 2023.

iv. **CC Gold Participant prizes**

Eligibility for prizes will be limited to those members who qualify to participate in the Club Championship.

v. **Electronic Scoring for Tournaments**

Golf Genius can be set up to allow individual members (one per foursome) to post scores electronically for their group's round. A paper score card is also required as back-up. This will speed up determination of tournament winners. Everyone agreed to pilot this year.

Survey Committee: Kim DePew, Wendy Gapp, Sachie Nitta, Laurie Shank, Yolanda Christianson, Barb Strecker, Maggie Anthony

7. Other suggestions – Kim:

- A. Start Wine & Nine in Mid-April: - will allow an earlier start for new members, newer golfers, who aren't ready to play 18 holes. Kim will discuss with Colin.
- B. The next board meetings will be held every other month on Tuesdays, after the weekly competition.

8. Adjournment – Kim: Meeting ended at 4:00 PM.