



March 7, 2009
SeaTac Community Center

SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Mary Owen at 9:15 a.m.
2. Roll Call: All members were present and introduced themselves.
3. Prior Minutes:
 - a. Board approved waiving a formal reading of the minutes from the November 2008 meeting.
 - b. Mary Owen called for any corrections to the November 2008 minutes. Sue Shields, Treasurer, requested a correction be made to the ending account balance. The actual dollar amount was \$5,590.71.
 - c. Board approved the November 2008 meeting minutes with the correction as stated in item b. above.
4. Updates and Executive Board Reports:
 - a. President Mary Owen thanked the board members for coming and invited board members to provide reports as follows:
 - b. Treasurer Sue Shields provided the 2009 WSWPLA budget. See budget scanned and attached. The board unanimously approved the 2009 budget.

Sue reported that there are some unclaimed checks. There was some discussion about postage and mailing of checks. It was suggested that we look into on-line bill-pay to facilitate prize distributions to trustees and save on mailings. Another suggestion was to buy "forever" stamps at Costco which will still be good even as postage rates rise.

ACTION ITEM: Sue Shields will research on-line bill pay for the 2009 playing season.

- c. Vice President Sharon Caldwell explained that the WSWPLA is not, at this time, actively recruiting new members. This will be a "test" year to see how the



fields are attended in a down economy and the board can evaluate whether we should be actively recruiting new members at the next meeting.

- d. Secretary Stacy Minnig reported that three clubs from 2008 dropped their membership: Harbour Pointe (since they are no longer part of GHIN), Leavenworth (since they had low participation) and Jackson Park (Jackson Jills will still be a member). One new club has joined: Tumwater Valley. Three clubs are unpaid and presumed undecided at this time: Highlander, Similk Beach, and Suntides.

Stacy Minnig asked for clarification concerning the Social Chair and Ways and Means Positions. It was noted that Gerene Lombardini has stepped down from the board entirely and Sue McKinney will cover Ways and Means as well as Social Chair. Stacy will update the board roster.

There was also an inquiry about how much information from the board and trustee rosters should be published on the WSWPLA website. The concern was that since the website is open to the public at large, some trustees may not want their home addresses shown. The Board decided that for the website, we will just show names, email addresses and phone numbers. Complete rosters, however, will be emailed to the Executive Board Members.

ACTION ITEM: Stacy Minnig will email complete board and trustee rosters to all board members once they are updated from today's meeting. Mary Ryan will publish on the website names, email addresses and phone numbers only from the rosters.

- e. Tournament Director Rita Wilson reported that complete packets are ready to pass out to trustees today. Included in the packet is a hotel sheet for the Canyon Lakes, Lake Padden and Sun Country tournaments.

It was noted that the White Horse sweeps is only a one-day tournament because it was really expensive for two days.

It was announced that the Lake Padden Championship will be an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament schedule in the packet lists it as a "shotgun and modified shotgun start."



- f. Rules Committee Chair Judy Wolinski and Assistant Chair Diane Clavin reported that they both attended an intensive 3-1/2 day course on rules through the WSGA. They felt the course was very beneficial and they both scored 90+ percent on their 70 question exam.
- g. Historian Committee Chair Sue Caulkins reported that she would be asking trustees and their members to bring cameras to the tournaments throughout the year and take pictures and then email them to Sue for compilation and retention into the historical record. Sue will also facilitate forwarding pictures to the Webmaster for posting. Sue will not be able to attend April, June and August sweeps and will need helpers at these events.
- h. Webmaster Committee Chair Mary Ryan reported that she is re-designing the home page of our website to be more user-friendly. If any member clubs have an invitational, Mary would be glad to post it on the web. She asked Secretary Stacy Minnig to forward information already received on the annual dues forms.

Mary Ryan suggested that the WSWPLA submit an article about the Association to be published in the Pacific Northwest Golfer Magazine. Sharon Caldwell and SueEllen Hamm volunteered to pursue this. If any board member has any content suggestions, please send them to Sharon. It was also suggested that we see if the PNGA will put the WSWPLA on their website.

One other suggestion for future years in promoting the WSWPLA would be to host a booth at the golf show, although this could be expensive. Mary Ryan suggested splitting the cost up with the Greater Seattle Women or other groups.

ACTION ITEM: Stacy Minnig to fax Mary Ryan information from the dues sheets containing member club Invitationals. Sharon Caldwell and SueEllen Hamm to work on write-up for possible article in Pacific Northwest Golfer Magazine. SueEllan Hamm to look into whether the PNGA will add the WSWPLA to their website.

- i. Social/Ways and Means Committee Chair Sue McKinney reported that a tentative date has been set for the fall luncheon which is the first Wednesday



of November at Fairview Golf and Country Club. The cost of the room at Fairview is \$250 but we are not committed to this venue at this time.

There was some discussion about having it on a weekday versus a Saturday. The board decided to let the trustees vote on this preference.

- j. Trophies Committee Chair Felicia King provided a brief update and noted Kathy Woodburn would be assisting her this year.
- k. PNGA/WSGA Committee Chair SueEllen Hamm reported the WSGA has an electronic scoreboard which they loan out. SueEllen will put in a request for its use at our Lake Padden Championship.

SueEllen announced that the USGA is looking for volunteers for the following two events:

- (1) U.S. Amateur Championship at The Home Course on August 23 – 29, 2010. If interested, contact John Saegner at 206-399-8391.
- (2) U.S. Senior Open Championship at Sahalee Country Club, July 26 – August 1, 2010. If interested, contact Mike Zinga at 425-868-8800.

SueEllen announced that the WSGA is having the member club team championship at Suncadia again this year and is having 50% of the field women's teams which is up from 40% in years past.

ACTION ITEM: SueEllen will contact the WSGA to see if we can use their electronic scoreboard for the Championship at Lake Padden.

- 5. Old Business: President Mary Owen noted the only item of old business was the proposed constitutional change. A discussion was held concerning whether individual votes should be published in the minutes. President Mary Owen recommended that we let the trustees decide this issue.

The board held a discussion about what, if any, discussion or debate should be held prior to the vote. President Mary Owen indicated that for the benefit of the trustees who held an open proxy from their clubs to vote how they wish, that some limited discussion would be warranted. Mary invited board members for a 5 minute



presentation for the pro and con positions. Historian Committee Chair Sue Caulkins volunteered to provide commentary for voting for the proposed amendment and PNGA/WSGA Committee Chair SueEllan Hamm volunteered to provide commentary against the proposed amendment.

SueEllan Hamm raised the question about whether the adoption of the proposed amendment would impact our Association's champion in meeting the USGA eligibility rules. The majority consensus was that the USGA eligibility rules have to be met by a player individually and that whatever the WSWPLA decides to do regarding this vote wouldn't change that. However, it was felt that a firm answer should be obtained.

Secretary Stacy Minnig indicated that ballots are pre-printed with clubs' names on them. It was recommended by President Mary Owen, that a formal roll call be held with the trustees at the opening of the meeting and the ballots can be passed out along with the packets at that time. Stacy asked for volunteers to pass out the ballots and to tabulate the vote during the meeting so that Stacy could continue to take minutes. Rules Committee Chair Judy Wolinski and Advisor Lucinda Thompson volunteered.

6. New Business: President Mary Owen asked for any new business. No new business was noted.
7. Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Mary Owen at 11:05 a.m.

PROPOSED 2009 WSWPLA BUDGET

INCOME

50 CLUBS	\$2500.
\$100/BASKETS	500.
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TOTAL	\$3500.

ADDITIONAL INCOME WILL COME FROM THE ENTRY FEE CHARGED EVERY PLAYER TO HELP PAY FOR THE TROPHIES.—
EST. \$1500-1800.

EXPENSES

PRESIDENT	\$30.
VP	50.
SECRETARY	100.
TREASURER	0.
SOCIAL	500.
TROPHY	3000.
STATE HOST	800.
WEB HOST	50.
TOURNEY DIRECTOR	500.
LUNCHEON	300.
\$100 BILL PAYOUT	200.
<i>2 persons to Rules</i>	<i>500.</i>
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TOTAL	\$5530.
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