



**March 7, 2009
SeaTac Community Center**

TRUSTEE SPRING MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Mary Owen at 11:05 a.m.
2. Roll Call: 35 clubs answered affirmative to the roll call. During roll call, tournament packets were passed out as was a ballot for the proposed constitutional amendment.
3. Prior Minutes:
 - a. Trustees 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. Trustees 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 introduced herself and the board.
 - b. Treasurer Sue Shields provided the 2009 WSWPLA budget. See Appendix A to view the budget. She also told the trustees that she would be looking into on-line bill-pay to facilitate prize distributions to trustees.
 - c. Vice President Sharon Caldwell explained that the WSWPLA is not, at this time, actively recruiting new members; however, Sharon would appreciate receiving information on any clubs who have expressed an interest in joining.

TRUSTEE ACTION ITEM: Email Sharon Caldwell if you know of public clubs expressing an interest in joining the WSWPLA.

During this report, the trustees inquired about the status of the club membership renewal. Secretary Stacy Minnig reported that three clubs from 2008 dropped their membership: Harbour Pointe, Leavenworth and Jackson



Park. One new club has joined: Tumwater Valley. Three clubs are unpaid and presumed undecided at this time: Highlander, Similk Beach, and Suntides.

- d. Secretary Stacy Minnig explained that all trustees should have been receiving emails from her recently. If any trustee has not received emails, they were urged to check their “junk email” as some trustees’ accounts have been filtering these. Feel free to call Stacy if emails are not coming through. Cell phone is 425-218-6058.

Stacy also requested that trustees send her updated contact information during the season if anyone changes their address, phone or email.

TRUSTEE ACTION ITEM: Inform Stacy Minnig of any changes throughout the season in your contact information.

- e. Tournament Director Rita Wilson discussed the trustee packets and requested that trustees email to her the sign up lists to assist her in setting up the pairings. Trustees can then send the check to Rita along with a printout of the sign up.

Included in the packet is a hotel sheet for the Canyon Lakes, Lake Padden and Sun Country tournaments. Rita urged trustees to tell their members to book their hotels right away for Canyon Lakes, Lake Padden and Sun Country as the number of rooms in our block is limited. Trustees from Lake Padden mentioned that the Silver Reef hotel that is on the list is also a casino.

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.”

For those tournaments where carts are NOT included in the green fees, Rita requested that trustees still be sure to indicate on the sign up whether the person is walking or riding. This will assist with the pairings. Treasurer Sue Shields requested that trustees be sure NOT to send in fees for the carts on those tournaments where carts are optional.

TRUSTEE ACTION ITEMS: Email sign ups to Rita Wilson. Send checks by mail. Be sure to indicate on the sign ups whether the player is



walking or riding for those tournaments where carts are optional. Do not, however, send in dollars for the carts on these events as the players will pay for them personally at the pro shop.

- 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.

Judy mentioned that she met a man from Lake Padden at the rules course who said he would be interested in putting together volunteers for the Championship to help oversee the event. Judy will pass this information on to the trustees of Lake Padden.

- g. Historian Committee Chair Sue Caulkins reported that she would appreciate 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.

TRUSTEE ACTION ITEM: Take pictures at the events throughout the season and email them to Sue Caulkins.

- h. Webmaster Committee Chair Mary Ryan reported that she is re-designing the home page of our website to be more user-friendly. She also requested that trustees email her with suggestions. 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.
- 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 trustees voted 16 to 12 by a show of hands that they would prefer a Saturday if an alternative venue with a central location could be found at a comparable price.



- 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.

- 5. Old Business: President Mary Owen noted the only item of old business was the proposed constitutional change. A discussion was held concerning whether each club's individual vote should be published. The majority felt that it should be public information to show member clubs that their trustees voted the way they were instructed to by their members. See Appendix B to these minutes for the published vote.

For the benefit of the trustees who held an open proxy from their clubs to vote how they wish, Mary invited a 5 minute presentation for the pro and con positions to the vote. Sue Caulkins provided commentary for voting for the proposed amendment and SueEllan Hamm provided commentary against the proposed amendment.

A question arose during this discussion concerning 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 and given this circumstance some trustees asked for a postponement of the vote to the fall meeting.

A discussion was held concerning postponement. Secretary Stacy Minnig noted that the minutes from the November 2008 meeting said "It (the proposed amendment) will be voted upon at the March (2009) meeting." In addition, a blog was set up for debate and discussion over the past four months and official email notices were provided to trustees and absentee ballots had already been submitted by member clubs not able to be present.

It was decided to hold a vote and board members and trustees were invited to "abstain" from the vote if they didn't feel comfortable voting yes or no and if a quorum wasn't met, then the vote would be postponed. A quorum constituted two-thirds of the member clubs and executive board.

Voting was held via written ballots and tabulated by Judy Wolinski and Lucinda Thompson. They reported the following: 27 No; 23 Yes; and 3 Abstain. A quorum was met and President Mary Owen announced that the amendment was not passed.

6. New Business: President Mary Owen asked for any new business. It was announced that the date of the fall meeting will be sent out via email notification to give Social Committee Chair Sue McKinney time to look at options.
7. Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Mary Owen at 1:00 p.m.

PROPOSED 2009 WSWPLA BUDGET

INCOME

50 CLUBS	\$2500.
\$100/BASKETS	500.
<hr/>	
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>
<hr/>	
TOTAL	\$5530. <i>6030</i>

	Club Name	Vote
1	Alderbrook	Didn't Vote
2	Auburn	No
3	Bellevue	Yes
4	Brookdale	No
5	Camaloch	No
6	Capitol City	Didn't Vote
7	Cascade	Yes
8	Cedarcrest	Yes
9	Columbia Super Range	Yes
10	Downriver	No
11	Dungeness	Didn't Vote
12	Enumclaw	No
13	Foster	No
14	Gleneagle	No
15	Gold Mountain	No
16	Hawks Prairie	Yes
17	High Cedars	No
18	Jackson Jills	No
19	Jefferson Park	No
20	Kayak Point	No
21	Lake Chelan	No
22	Lake Paddens Twilight	Abstain
23	Lake Paddens Womens	No
24	Lake Wilderness	Yes
25	Lynnwood	Yes
26	Madrona Links	No
27	Maplewood	Yes
28	McCormick Woods	No
29	Meadow Park	No
30	Mt Si	Didn't Vote
31	Olympic Hills	Didn't Vote
32	Olympic View (Walterhall)	No
33	Port Gardner (Legion)	Yes
34	Port Ludlow	No
35	Riverbend	Abstain
36	Rolling Hills	Yes
37	Snohomish	No
38	Snoqualmie Falls	Yes
39	Sudden Valley	No
40	Sun Country	No
41	The Home Course	Yes
42	Tumwater Valley	Yes
43	Wayne	Yes
44	West Seattle	Yes
45	Whispering Firs	No
46	Wilderness Weekend	Yes

	Clubs	Executive Board	Total
Yes	16	7	23
No	23	4	27
Abstain	2	1	3